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HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM

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A Word from the Director

In our final newsletter for 2012, we take a moment to reflect on some of the Program's recent successes at the end of a productive year, before looking forward to the next 12 months. I am delighted to report that the HBEP was recognised at the recent Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) NSW Planning Excellence Awards! Meanwhile, the NSW Government has moved a step closer to a new Planning Act with the imminent release of its White Paper. The HBEP has been involved in every stage of the consultation process (read our submission [here](#)), putting sustained arguments for the inclusion of health and well-being in the new Act. 2013 will see the HBEP deliver a series of workshops on the operation of the NSW planning system, specifically designed to equip health professionals and related stakeholders to engage with the planning process. Read about these workshops as well as other news and events below. Thank you to all our stakeholders for their contributions to, and support of the HBEP during 2012.

HBEP Success at PIA Awards

The HBEP received several prestigious awards from [PIA NSW](#). HBEP Director [Associate Professor Susan Thompson](#) was elected as a Fellow of the Institute in recognition of her career length contribution to the planning profession. The HBEP's '[Healthy Built Environments: A Review of the Literature](#)' won the *Cutting Edge Research and Teaching Award*. The HBEP research team led by Jennifer Kent and designer, Jodi Lawton, were honoured for the scholarship and practical policy relevance of both the Review and the more recently released set of [Fact Sheets](#), both of which can be downloaded from the HBEP website. HBEP casual Research Assistant and urban planner, Andrew Wheeler, also received the *Outstanding Student Project Award* for his Bachelor of Planning thesis entitled '[Planning for Urban Health: An Analysis of Metropolitan Strategic Planning in Australia](#)'. And

over in Western Australia, the [State PIA branch](#) awarded a commendation for the second edition of '[Planning Australia: An overview of urban and regional planning](#)' edited by HBEP Director Susan Thompson and Paul Maginn.



Susan and Andrew proudly display their Awards!

In other awards-related news, HBEP Industry Partner and UNSW sessional lecturer Dr Danny Wiggins won the *UNSW Built Environment Sessional Teaching Award* in recognition of his exceptional contribution to teaching and learning in the Bachelor of Planning Program. Danny is co-presenting the HBEP workshops on the operation of the NSW planning system.

Congratulations Professor Peter Sainsbury

The HBEP is delighted to welcome Peter Sainsbury as a visiting Professor in the City Futures Research Centre (CFRC). Peter has made a significant contribution to the HBEP as Chair of the Program's [Advisory Board](#). He is a medical graduate with a PhD in sociology and has a long-term commitment to public health. Currently Peter is Director of Population Health in [South Western Sydney and Sydney Local Health Districts](#), NSW Health, and a life member of the Public Health Association of Australia. He has longstanding interests in inequalities in health, the social determinants of health, and social relationships and health. With colleagues in Population Health, Peter now works with organisations such as local councils, Housing NSW and Landcom to create healthier built environments. We look forward to working with Professor Peter Sainsbury in his new role with the CFRC.

Workshops for Health Professionals

Early this month HBEP presented the first workshop in a series to run throughout 2013 on the NSW Planning System. Designed to enable health professionals to better engage with a range of planning proposals, the workshops are being presented by HBEP Director Susan Thompson and Dr Danny Wiggins. For more information please visit our website or contact HBEP Director Susan Thompson.

LuminoCITY Exhibition

UNSW Built Environment's LuminoCITY Exhibition was a great success, with around 7,000 people passing through the historic doors of Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay in mid-November. On display was the visionary work of the Faculty's students and staff, as well as special lectures, panel discussions and other events interspersed throughout the eight-day program. The HBEP produced four posters for the Exhibition, which showcased key initiatives and research being undertaken by the Program. Have a look at our

[fantastic posters](#) about the HBEP's work designed by Andrew Wheeler.



What's New on the HBEP Website?

New Planner column: The most recent Healthy Built Environments Column in *New Planner* addresses the need for the NSW Government to embrace the evidence for healthy built environments and include health as a key objective of the new Planning Act. Click [here](#) to read the Column and find out what's happening in 2013.

LuminoCITY Exhibition posters: The HBEP's LuminoCity posters can now be downloaded from our website. There are four posters – two about the [HBEP's work](#), one about our ARC research on [planning and building healthy communities](#) and another poster about [Jennifer Kent's PhD research](#) on active transport.

E-Lectures: There are lots of new [e-learning resources](#) on the HBEP web site for you to download (audio with PowerPoint). Hear the HBEP team lecture on the following topics:

- The HBEP: An Interdisciplinary Way of Working
- Environmental Sustainability & Human Health
- Active Transport – Cycling

You can also access Dr Susan Parham's public lecture *Marketplace: how the rise of food quarters in contemporary London is transforming spaces and changing lives*.

Season's Greetings

From the entire HBEP team, we thank you for supporting the Program in 2012, and hope you have a safe, relaxing and healthy festive season!

The HBEP website (<http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/programmes/healthy-built-environments-program/about>) provides information on a range of local and international Healthy Built Environment initiatives. We welcome suggestions for inclusions on the web site.

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