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## A word from the Co-Directors

Once again it has been a busy quarter with progress made across all of the HBEP's Focus Areas. Of particular import is the completion of the Literature Review, and the ensuing plans to disseminate its findings. The HBEP will have a greater focus on the role of policy and practice in healthy built environments in 2011. This has already commenced with policy and network mapping exercises, and preliminary work on the Research and Workforce Development Strategies which will be completed in 2011.

## Introducing a new member of the HBEP team

### Ms Emily Mitchell

Emily is an urban planner, with a Bachelor of Planning degree and Master of Arts (Development Studies) from the University of NSW. She has several years of experience in urban planning in the private sector. Emily has a keen interest in how planning can be applied to address inequality and poverty, and improve living conditions. She has been employed as the full-time Research Officer working on the HBEP's ARC Linkage Project titled *Planning and Building Healthy Communities* (<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/research/>).



## Stakeholder Workshop

The HBEP held a Stakeholder Workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> February which involved participants from a wide range of organisations including NSW Health, PCAL, RTA, Landcom and Stockland. The aim of the workshop was to identify policy gaps in healthy built environments. The findings will feed into the HBEP Research Strategy to be released in 2011.

## HBEP Literature Review

The HBEP's Literature Review which examines the link between health and the built environment has been completed. The Review, and a series of fact sheets presenting its findings, will be disseminated in 2011. For more information please regularly visit the HBEP website or send an email to [hbep@unsw.edu.au](mailto:hbep@unsw.edu.au).

## National Urban Policy Discussion Paper

The Commonwealth Government's Major Cities Unit released a discussion paper entitled *Our Cities - Building a productive, sustainable and liveable future* in December 2010. The purpose of this paper was to frame the Government's policy approach to 'cities' as the basis for a National Urban Policy to be released later in 2011. It was open for public comment until 1st March 2011. The HBEP made a submission to bring attention to the role of health and wellbeing in national urban policy.

See the HBEP's website to read the full submission: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>.

## HBEP Annual Forum: *Be Informed and Inspired*

Preparation has begun for the 2011 Annual Forum targeted at the NSW Health workforce. It will take place on 18th May at UNSW. The agenda can be viewed on the HBEP website and includes a list of confirmed speakers for the day (<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>). The primary aims of this forum are information sharing, skill development in healthy built environments and networking.

This event will coincide with the HBEP's 'One Year On' celebration and the Utzon Lecture by Lars Gemzøe, Associate Partner of Jan Gehl Architects. Invitations will be circulated shortly to our mailing list. If you would like to join this list please send an email to [hbep@unsw.edu.au](mailto:hbep@unsw.edu.au).

## What's New on the HBEP Website?

**New Planner March Column:** <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/> (under 'New Planner')

The Co-Directors' latest 'New Planner' column is titled *Healthy Built Environments: Supporting planning policy and practice*. It looks at how planning policy and practice can best create environmentally sustainable environments that support human health as part of everyday living.

**Events:** <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>

**Lars Gemzøe Utzon Lecture:** On the 18th May Lars Gemzøe of Gehl Architects in Copenhagen will speak on 'Sustainable use of Public Transport: Cities for Walking and Cycling'. This event is part of the Utzon Lecture Series hosted by the UNSW Faculty of Built Environment. It is free and open to the public.

**World Planning Schools Congress 2011:** The third World Planning Schools Congress (WPSC) will be held in Perth in July 2011. The Congress will consider the diverse challenges for urban and regional planning in both developed and developing nations.

**State of Australian Cities National Conference 2011:** The State of Australian Cities is a national forum, held biennially, to share scholarship about urban issues, including healthy built environments. In 2011 the Conference will be held in Melbourne from 29 November to 2 December.

**Healthy Built Environment Student Theses:** <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/research/>

This is a new section on the HBEP website which showcases exemplary work of students investigating healthy built environments. The theses currently available are as follows:

**Free Range Kids: Independence and the Urban Child (2010)** by Ms Anna Russell

**Let's Get Physical: Planning for Outdoor Gyms in Australia (2010)** by Ms Ellen Caldwell

**Gastronomic Planning Policy: Planning for Food in Sydney (2008)** by Mr Mitchell Noble

**AHURI Essay:** [http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/attachments/Franklin\\_Housing%20and%20Health.pdf](http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/attachments/Franklin_Housing%20and%20Health.pdf)

**Housing, loneliness and health:** Professor Adrian Franklin (UTAS) and A/Professor Bruce Tanter (AHURI Southern Research Centre) co-authored this essay which investigates the connection between housing, loneliness and health in contemporary Australia

**Website Links:** <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/resources/>

**Bicycle Information for New South Wales:** is a NSW State Government website which aims to facilitate bicycle riding through the provision of relevant information such as maps, safety tips and FAQs.

**Across Latitudes and Cultures - Bus Rapid Transit (Santiago, Chile):** is a Centre of Excellence for Bus Rapid Transit planning, design, financing, implementation and operation in different urban areas

**Active Design Guidelines (New York, US):** provides architects and urban designers with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field.

The HBEP website (<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/>) 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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