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HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM

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## A word from the Co-Directors

Welcome and thank you for reading the Healthy Built Environments Program's (HBEP) inaugural newsletter. We will use our newsletter to give you an overview of the HBEP's activities, as well as let you know of upcoming events and links to information about 'healthy built environment' practice and research. We hope you find the newsletter both interesting and informative. Let us know your comments and ideas for future editions.

## Introduction to HBEP

The HBEP is an innovative collaboration that brings the built environment and health disciplines together. The Program is situated in the City Futures Research Centre, Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales. The NSW Department of Health is providing core funding of \$1.5m over five years for the Program. The Program formally commenced at the start of 2010.

The HBEP's vision is that built environments will be planned, designed, developed and managed to promote and protect health for all people. The HBEP has three core strategies to achieve its vision: (1) Research, (2) Leadership and Advocacy, and (3) Education and Workforce Development. The HBEP is supported by a team of partners and an Advisory Board of key stakeholders from the built environment and health professions. More details at: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/keycontacts/>

## HBEP Website – What's New?

Our website <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/> provides information on the HBEP's activities and a range of local and international publications. The web site has links to keep you up to date with different 'healthy built environment' initiatives. We welcome suggestions for inclusions on the web site.

## Spotlight Item – HBEP Staff profiles



### Co-Directors

**A/Professor Susan Thompson** is situated at the University of New South Wales and has over 30 years of experience as an urban planning practitioner, teacher and researcher. Susan is a full time academic in the Faculty of the Built Environment. You can find more on Susan here:

<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/staff/susan.thompson/>



**Professor Tony Capon** shares his time between the Australian National University, where he is full time, and the University of New South Wales, where he holds a visiting appointment. Tony is a public health physician with expertise in environmental health and health promotion. You can find more on Tony here: [http://nceph.anu.edu.au/Staff\\_Students/staff\\_pages/capon\\_tony.php](http://nceph.anu.edu.au/Staff_Students/staff_pages/capon_tony.php)



### Senior Research Officer

**Ms Joanna York** was recently appointed to this position and brings with her experience in local and State Government, a Masters in Social Development and a Bachelor of Business. Joanna plans to use her diverse experience to increase the efficiency of the HBEPs operations, as well as making valuable contributions to research and capacity building activities of the HBEP.



### Research Staff

**Ms Jennifer Manefield** is a UNSW PhD student working with the HBEP. Her primary responsibility is to undertake the literature review project under the guidance of the Literature Review Steering Committee.



**Mr Andrew Wheeler** is a Research Assistant and supporting Jennifer and Susan in their research. He is in the final year of his Planning degree at UNSW. Andrew will be with the HBEP until December.

## HBEP Publications

### NSW Public Health Bulletin Article

The HBEP Co-Directors and NSW Health's Andrew Whitehead collaborated to author an article for Volume 21(6) of the 'NSW Public Health Bulletin' entitled *The Healthy Built Environments Program: a joint initiative of the NSW Department of Health and the University of New South Wales*. This article describes how the HBEP will focus on improving health through the quality of the built environment by combining the efforts of researchers, educators, practitioners and policymakers across the disciplines. The complete article is available at: <http://www.publish.csiro.au/issue/5430.htm>.

Other HBEP publications and 'healthy built environment' related articles and reports can be accessed from our web site: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/>

## Upcoming Events

### Area Health Service (AHS) Listening Tour

The HBEP will be visiting all NSW AHSs from August to December to gain an understanding of the work they are doing, the challenges they face, their local stakeholders, geographical and socio-cultural contexts, as well as their capacity building needs. These meetings will establish ongoing and valuable relationships between the HBEP and the AHSs. At several AHSs we will be running workshops so please email [hbep@unsw.edu.au](mailto:hbep@unsw.edu.au) for details of what's on offer at your AHS.

### Other Events

See our website for other upcoming events: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>

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