

Planning and Health: Building Sustainable Links

15 April 2002

SEMINAR DETAILS

Date: Monday 15 April 2002

Time: 9:00 am – 3.15pm

Venue: Reception Room
Maribyrnong City Council,
Municipal Offices,
Cnr Hyde & Napier Sts.,
Footscray.
Melway ref: 42 C7

Cost: \$30 including GST
Registration includes morning
tea and lunch.

Places are limited so early
registration is recommended.
To secure a place, full payment
must be received with your
registration.

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Parking: some parking
available. The venue is
accessible by train and tram.

For further information about
this Seminar and the presenters
please log on to the website:
www.vichealth.vic.gov.au

This seminar builds on momentum and feedback generated at an inaugural seminar jointly held between VicHealth, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Royal Australian Planning Institute (RAPI) in November 2001. Topics will include:

- Local government case studies integrating health and urban planning
- A workshop on participation in planning, and
- A session on integrating health and planning related information.

A key aim of the forum is to enable planners from different disciplines to exchange ideas, and brainstorm strategies for dealing with challenges and enhancing collaboration. Three forums are planned for the remainder of 2002 across Victoria.

- 9.15am **Welcome** – Mayor, City of Maribyrnong
- 9.30am **Why Built Environment? Introducing the Relationship between Health/Well-being and Urban Planning**
- 10.00am **Showcasing Policy and Practice on Integrated Health and Urban Planning**
Concurrent session – case studies and workshop.
- Cultural Planning and the Built Environment**
Judy Spokes, Executive Officer, Cultural Development Network
Jenny Pemberton-Webb, Cultural Planner, City of Greater Dandenong
- Planning for a More Shady Future: Cancer Council Victoria, SunSmart Program**
Amanda Hilditch, Community and Industry Program Coordinator
Stephanie Harper, Schools and Childcare Program Coordinator
- 11.00am **Break**
- 11.15am **Urban Planning and Participation**
Presentation and workshop
Kelvin Walsh, Urban Designer, City of Maribyrnong
- 12.45pm **Lunch**
- 1.30pm **Integrating Information for Health and Urban Planning**
Presentation and discussion
- Burden of Disease Study**
Anne Magnus, Health Outcomes Section, DHS
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)**
Stephen Lake, Senior Business Development Manager, ESRI Australia
- ‘Know Your Area’ Database**
Christine Kilmartin & Christina Inbakaran, Research Unit,
Department of Infrastructure
- 3.00pm **Discussion / future directions**
- 3.15 pm **Close**



Why Built Environment?

A strong link exists between the built environment, health and wellbeing. The built environment impacts on our senses, our emotions, our opportunity to partake in physical activity, and the way we participate in community life. Built environments can vary across a range of characteristics, such as the quality of infrastructure, public spaces, a sense of safety and amenity, availability of healthy foods and services, which influence individual and collective behaviour. Our sense of community and general wellbeing are affected as a result.

As the focus of the planning profession is to design and create a sound built environment, and the emphasis of public health professionals is to increase opportunities for physical activity and improve community life, the two group's objectives are intrinsically linked. However, urban planning and health planning processes frequently occur in isolation.

Showcasing Policy and Practice on Integrated Health and Urban Planning

Case Study 1: Cultural Planning and the Built Environment

The City of Greater Dandenong takes an integrated approach to the revitalisation of its public places by combining urban design, community cultural development and public art. The impact on community pride will be discussed.

Case Study 2 Planning for a More Shady Future

Australia leads the world in skin cancer rates. Shade is not currently a key planning criteria at a state and local level. This case study challenges us to explore ways to integrate shade in planning and built environment.

Urban Planning and Participation

The Social Model of Health shows that participation, sense of community and empowerment are interdependent social factors contributing to individual and community well-being. Citizens, community groups, government departments and other agencies need to participate in health and urban planning, not only to ensure a match between local needs and priorities, but because participation itself promotes health. This seminar will cover participation theory, innovative techniques, and lessons for practitioners, for participatory processes and for public realm design

Integrating Information for Health and Urban Planning

The Burden of Disease Study

This is the first time world-wide that comprehensive information is available at a local government level on the health problems of communities and the underlying risk factors contributing to the burden of the disease.

This information includes the most important causes of death and disability as well as estimates of the number of people affected by the 50 most important diseases and injuries. Knowing that health is not distributed equally is important to Government and other planners in order to take steps to reduce the differences.

Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can be used to relate information about people, events, and places to a geographic location. They are becoming widely used within our society as a means of communicating information and as a business analysis and decision support tool, especially by urban planners, state and local governments, and increasingly within the health industry. For example the location of health programs, services and facilities and how well they serve the demographics of their local communities (planning, analysis, and reporting). This presentation will explain how GIS works, and provide examples of how it is being used in health planning and elsewhere.

'Know your Area' Data base

can be searched by locality. It provides data about the people of the area and how they live. It has current population estimates and future population projections, median house and land price data, current employment and other facts about local government areas.

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