A word from the Discipline Head, Urban and Environmental Planning, Griffith School of Environment

This is the 11th edition of the graduate profile booklet. It presents graduates from our undergraduate program that completed their degree requirements in 2008. With these recent graduates, the number of Griffith University urban and environmental graduates now totals more than 300.

In addition to presenting our recent graduates, I would like to update you with news from the planning discipline in 2008. Two new academic staff were hired to fill vacancies created by departing staff. Dr. Diana MacCallum (a Perth native) is now teaching at the Nathan campus and Dr. Aysin Dedekorkut (hailing from Turkey) at the Gold Coast campus.

Students, staff, graduates and past graduates were very successful at the 2008 PIA Awards for Planning Excellence. The 2008 Robert Swider Memorial Award for Queensland Young Planner of the Year was awarded to Kristy Albrecht (a 2003 graduate). The Award for Excellence in the Planning Scholarship, Research and Teaching category was received by a team led by Associate Professor Darryl Low Choy for the research “Change and Continuity in Peri-urban Australia”.

An Award of Merit in the Tertiary Students’ Project category was received by Joshua Leddy, Jessica Lisle, Damian Rigby, Jessica Hack, Ben Mountcastle, James Duncan and Peter Muldoon (students in the Strategic Planning Studio) for their project “Climate Solutions for a Growing Region”.

Another award winner in 2008 was Hayley Wells, who won the Minister’s Town Planning Prize for her honours thesis on “The Trade-offs between Water Sensitive Urban Design and other ESD and Planning Objectives: a Case Study of residential development in SEQ”. Finally, Julie Hunter, Tracy Clark, Nicolette Larder and Benjamin Cebuljak won PIA awards for academic performance.

In closing I would like to say that I, along with all staff, am proud of these graduates and I wish them well in their new careers as professional planners.

Associate Professor Neil Sipe
Associate Professor Scott Baum
Research Fellow, Urban Research Program
Scott’s research interests include understanding the socio-economic structure of cities and regions including issues of advantage, disadvantage and social exclusion, regional economic development and urban and regional labour market analysis. His current research projects include modelling the impacts of local urban, regional and community contexts on labour market outcomes; modelling the impact of social networks on labour market outcomes; studying the extent of local economic and social adjustment in Australia’s rural heartlands; and considering the implications of climate change on health outcomes in the Gold Coast region.

Dr Caryl Bosman
Lecturer
Caryl’s research interests focus on past and present urban development theories, practices and processes; including: housing studies, urban design, ideals of community and rationalities and practices of government in particular relating to suburban development, the ‘sea change’ and regeneration. Her research bias is for poststructural methodologies and qualitative methods.

Merrill Bowers
PA to Chair of Urban Management and Planning/Administrative Assistant

Lynne Bradshaw
Administrative Support Officer
Professor Lex Brown
Lex’s research interests in environmental planning include Environmental Impact Assessment of projects and Strategic Environmental Assessment of policy and plans; transportation; environmental management tools; and environmental noise. Current research projects include integrating environmental modelling with transport modelling; urban accessibility; linkages between environmental management tools; and soundscape design. Lex has worked on many international projects, including collaborating with the United Nations Development Program and the Government of The Netherlands on environmental appraisal of international development.

Dr Matt Burke
Research Fellow, Urban Research Program
Matt is a transport and land use planner with a keen focus on non-motorised travel and public transport. His research interests include travel behaviour research; transport planning and policy; physical activity and health; accessibility analysis; land use planning; urban geography; religious geography; gated communities; Asian cities; and, environment–behaviour research methodologies. Matt’s current research is on active travel and accessibility, and he is commencing an investigation into child travel behaviour and outdoor play.

Professor Paul Burton
Chair of Urban Management and Planning, Gold Coast
Paul has recently joined the School from the University of Bristol, UK where he was Head of the School for Policy Studies. His research interests include urban governance (leadership in local government; local regulation of behavioural adaptations to climate change), public participation in planning (evaluating the costs and benefits of various forms of participation) and in spaces for democracy (the significance of interior and exterior design on the everyday practices of democracy).

Dr Jason Byrne
Lecturer
Jason’s research interests focus on nature–society–health relations in the city, including urban political ecology, environmental justice, sustainable cities, racialised landscapes and (in) salubrious urban environments. Jason also has research interests in planning theory, planning practice and policy development. He favours mixed methods research.

Dr Eddo Coiacetto
Senior Lecturer
Eddo’s research and academic interests are in real estate development and planning; urbanisation; public land development; sustainability and real estate development; wetland management; cross cultural studies; urban history; and planning practice and work-based learning.

Professor Pat Dale
For over 20 years Pat’s research has focused on wetlands and mosquitoes and the diseases they transmit. She is part of the team which developed the runnelling method of salt marsh mosquito control in the mid 1980s, a method unique to Australia. The project resulted in Pat’s long-term monitoring of small impacts and her developing interest in environmental law. She is an expert adviser on mosquito management to local governments, mainly in South East Queensland. Her current interests include land management for biting insect control.

Dr Aysin Dedekorkut
Lecturer
Aysin has over ten years of experience researching and teaching planning in the United States and Turkey. Her research interests include decision making processes, specifically collaborative planning, consensus building, and alternative dispute resolution; environmental planning and natural resource management with particular focus on water resources management; regional planning and natural resource management linkage, and growth management. Recent research projects include intergovernmental collaboration for long range transportation planning in the United States and growth management in Southeast Queensland and Florida.
Dr Jago Dodson
Research Fellow, Urban Research Program
Jago’s research interests include social housing and housing markets; social dimensions of transport planning; urban governance and policy making; urban–health relationships; and urban economies and labour markets.

Professor Brendan Gleeson
Director, Urban Research Program
Brendan’s research interests focus on planning and urban governance; the political economy of planning; social policy and the city; the geography of disability; public land development; environmental policy and theory; and transport and urban governance.

Associate Professor Darryl Low Choy
Darryl’s research interests and areas of special expertise include environmental planning and management; cooperative regional planning and management, including catchment management; community–based planning at catchment and regional scales; regional landscape and open space planning; island environmental management; ecotourism and recreation planning; environmental impact assessment; growth planning in developing regions; rural planning; and the relationship between science and planning.

Dr Diana MacCallum
Lecturer
Diana gained her PhD from Curtin University in 2007, for her thesis on discourse and decision making in participatory planning committees. Her general research interests include governance and political practices, grass–roots action, planning theory and praxis. She also has an interest in qualitative research methodologies; her own work uses critical discourse analysis and ethnographic observation.

Associate Professor Neil Sipe
Discipline Head
Neil’s research and academic interests are focused on the influence of land use and urban form on travel behaviour; the use of geographic information systems to manage and control mosquitoes; the role of corner stores in neighbourhood sustainability; the role of mediation in resolving environmental and public policy disputes; and the challenges in implementing performance (or results) based planning.

Dr Deanna Tomerini
Lecturer
Deanna graduated from the School of Australian Environmental Studies in 1997. She has been involved in a variety of teaching and research tasks at Griffith University since 1995. Deanna’s current teaching responsibilities include Environmental Assessment and Environmental Noise. She also has expertise in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and is interested in the application of GIS in environmental planning, particularly in relation to health issues and environmental pollution. Recent research projects have included an investigation of the impacts of local government mosquito control programs on Ross River virus disease rates in Queensland, Australia.

Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock
Geoffrey is an urban sociologist based at Griffith University and is particularly interested in both indicators of social sustainability and the factors that contribute to child– and youth–friendly communities. His work with large–scale public and private sector organisations, including large private residential developers and several Queensland and interstate government departments, concentrates on developing measures of communities’ strengths alongside national and international efforts to measure well–being led by the OECD.
Academic performance
New graduates generally do not have a body of work experience to fall back on and as such their academic performance is an important indicator of how they are likely to perform in the workplace.
Kerry Doss, Acting Manager, City Planning Branch, Brisbane City Council

Work experience
As an employer I value the opportunity to engage graduates with quality degrees such as those offered by Griffith University coupled with relevant practical work experience.
Warren Rowe, Director Planning Environment & Transport
Gold Coast City Council

Career goals
Good environmental planning businesses operate with one eye constantly on the future. Our best employees plan their careers just as carefully.
Chris Buckley, Director, Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants
Academic performance
- I consistently maintained a high standard of results during my dual degree.
- I received distinctions in various courses including Planning Practicum, Field Ecology.

Key work experience
- Queensland Transport, Land Use Planning Team; My tasks involved validating and assessing development applications, and helping with other projects (Enquiry by Design tasks & Mapping updates tasks).
- Hospitality Industry – 4 years customer service.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society (2004).

Core skills
- Ability to work independently and in team environments
- Excellent communication, analytical, time management and organisational skills.

Personal best
- Consistently improving my results throughout my five year full time degree while concurrently balancing a retail job, part time work for Queensland Transport, a cross country coaching position and heavy involvement in my local church.
Zoe Bishop-Kinlysidge

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Career Goals
To gain experience in a range of challenging and rewarding environmental planning positions which will enable me to integrate and utilise both the planning and environmental science elements of my double degree.

I am particularly interested in working within the natural resources and mining sectors.

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Academic performance
• Consistently improved my results in all subject areas throughout the double degree. Achieved high distinctions in numerous subjects including environmental assessment, planning with native title and coastal systems management.

Key work experience
• Connell Wagner – Student Planner: 12 months (current). Key duties include: preparation of feasibility reports and development applications, coordinating public notification (Telecommunications) and providing general research assistance.

Professional development and recognition
• Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
• Excellent analytical, research, communication and time management skills.
• Highly motivated individual with a strong commitment to continual learning and professional development.
• Working knowledge of numerous Queensland planning schemes and South Australian development plans.
• Proven ability to work both individually and as part of a diverse professional team.

Personal best
Publication of my planning practicum journal article ‘Continuing Professional Development: The Role of the Professional Planner’ in the September 2008 edition of Queensland Planner.
Stephen Blore

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
I aim to pursue my passion for strategic and transport planning. Additionally I plan to expand my experience interstate and overseas.

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Academic performance
- I have maintained consistent results throughout my studies.
- I have excelled in the fields of Strategic Planning and Transport Planning.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Department of Main Roads – Network and Corridor Planning – Urban and Environmental Planner (January 2008 – present). Key roles include undertaking pre-concept planning, land use planning, public consultation, and mapping using GIS software.
- Sinclair Knight Merz – Student Environmental Planner (June – November 2004). Key roles included assistance in the development of Development Applications.

Professional development and recognition
- Student Member – Queensland Young Planners.

Core skills
- Highly developed research, written and analytical skills.
- Ability to work competently in both individual and group situations.
- Proficient in various software applications.

Personal best
Having a prominent role in the development of a Strategic Regional Transport Plan. Additionally, having an ever increasing role in project development and management.
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Career Goals
To work with communities and stakeholders to develop socially and environmentally sustainable strategic solutions to current transportation and related planning problems. Undertake postgraduate study.

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Academic performance
• Honours Research Project, ‘How Far Does Brisbane Walk to the Bus?’
• Planning Institute of Australia Award for Best Fourth-Year Performance at Griffith University (2007).
• Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2007, 2008).
• Many distinctions and high distinctions in subjects including: Transport Planning, Strategic Planning, Advanced Planning Law, and Public Involvement and Community Development.

Key work experience
Urban Research Program (Queensland, Australia) – Research Officer (2007–2008). Tasks included:
• managing research projects;
• developing relationships with strategic partners and Local Government;
• GIS technician;
• examining Natural Resource Management in Queensland’s local government; and
• examining open space planning at a strategic level.

Core skills
• Highly developed interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.
• Excellent research and analytical skills
• Computer literate, word processing, document layout, data analysis and GIS. Fluent on Windows, Mac and Linux platforms.

Personal best
Completing an honours thesis while working full time, and administering, running and coordinating a university club.
Emily Gamble

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Career Goals
As a town planner, I aspire to participate in a diverse range of planning projects that will equip me with the knowledge and experience to positively change our cities and living standards.

Referee
Ian Tong
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Academic performance
- I have consistently improved my grades throughout my degree, achieving distinctions in Remote Sensing, Environmental Governance and Business, Ecotourism and Planning Practicum.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Tong Town Planning and Development Services (Jan 2008–Present).
  Roles/Tasks: Preliminary research and the preparation of town planning reports and associated pre and post lodgement documentation for various development applications.
  Knowledge and skills gained: Understanding and the application of Brisbane City Plan and various planning schemes, IDAS processes and IPA.

Core skills
- Strong understanding of planning legislation and related practice and processes.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment or independently.
- Highly developed graphical and computer skills (use of Microsoft programs, ArcGIS, MapInfo, Idrisi, some CAD programs and hand drawing skills); analytical, problem solving, time management and research skills.
- Well developed skills in writing and presentation.

Personal best
Working well under pressure and being able to enjoy life whilst working part time and studying full time.
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Career Goals
I would like to experience a variety of work based opportunities to develop my professional and technical skills. I am particularly passionate about issues concerning sustainability, as well as natural resource management and design.

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Douglas Shooter
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Academic performance
• I consistently achieved good results throughout the course of my degree.
• I maintained a high credit average for all subjects over my final two years of study.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
• Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd (KBR) – Student Planner (March 2008 – Present).
  Key tasks include preparation of development applications, stakeholder engagement, attendance of client, team and management meetings, completing research and administrative duties.
• Obtained useful alliance-based project experience whilst undertaking various planning duties on Coal Connect and Logan Alliances.

Professional development and recognition
• Student member – Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
• Exceptional written and oral communication skills.
• High level analytical, problem solving and research skills.
• Ability to work individually or as part of a team.
• Motivated and enthusiastic individual.

Personal best
• Securing a position during my final year at KBR, an international engineering and construction firm employing over 60 000 people in 43 countries.
Academic performance
• Throughout my university studies I have applied myself to reach a high academic standard and have maintained a strong GPA.
• I have achieved several High Distinctions and Distinctions across a variety of study areas.
• Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2007).

Key work experience
• QLD Department of Natural Resources and Water – Water Allocation and Planning – scholarship student (2007 to current).
• QLD Department of Natural Resources and Water – Remote Sensing Centre – vacation student (2008).

Professional development and recognition
• Member, Golden Key International Honour Society.

Core skills
• Strong written and oral communication skills.
• Well developed research and problem solving skills.
• Ability to work effectively in both individual and team situations.
• Competent in GIS, Remote Sensing, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access and statistical software applications.

Personal best

Career Goals
I plan to continue learning and increasing my knowledge throughout my career. I aim to work towards improving a wide variety of environmental challenges which impact on natural resources, society and the economy. I plan to do postgraduate studies. I look forward to a challenging, diverse and fulfilling career in the environmental field.

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Academic performance
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• I have achieved several High Distinctions and Distinctions across a variety of study areas.
• Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2007).

Key work experience
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Professional development and recognition
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Core skills
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Personal best

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Academic performance
• Throughout my university studies I have applied myself to reach a high academic standard and have maintained a strong GPA.
• I have achieved several High Distinctions and Distinctions across a variety of study areas.
• Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2007).

Key work experience
• QLD Department of Natural Resources and Water – Water Allocation and Planning – scholarship student (2007 to current).
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Professional development and recognition
• Member, Golden Key International Honour Society.

Core skills
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Personal best

Career Goals
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Career Goals
To become a respected and valued member of the planning community. To honour and uphold personal values and beliefs in my professional role, establish areas of particular specialisation and continue to develop my knowledge and expertise as a lifelong learner.

Referees
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Academic performance
- Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2006).

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Social Planning, City Life, Brisbane City Council, Program Assistant.
- Urban Renewal, City Planning, Brisbane City Council, Program Assistant.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.
- Student Representative, Environmental Planning Professional Advisory Board 2008.
- Member of the Gold Key International Honour Society

Core skills
- Proven research and analytical skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills.
- Appreciation and understanding of planning at a national and international level.

Personal best
- Selected as Griffith University representative for the Australian student visit to Hong Kong University (2008).
- Took part in Griffith Exchange Program at the University of Waterloo, Canada (2007).
Griffith School of Environment

Academic performance
- Demonstrated a high level of achievement throughout my degree.

Key work experience
- Main Roads, Corridor Management Division – Graduate Town Planner (Current).
- Humphrey’s Reynolds Perkins – Student Planner (Practicum Placement).
- Brisbane City Council, Community Development Division – Student Planner.
- Nature Refuge Landholders’ Association Queensland Inc. – Volunteer.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, The African Forest Forum.

Core skills
- Excellent report writing and oral communication skills.
- Highly developed research and analytical skills.
- Ability to work independently and cooperatively within a team.
- Understanding of key planning legislation.
- Highly motivated and passionate about learning.

Personal best
Undertaking my honours dissertation research in East Africa and being able to complete it on time.

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Career Goals
As an urban and environmental planner, I am enthusiastic about gaining professional experience in a variety of fields in Australia and overseas. My passions within the planning discipline include policy and strategic planning, environmental protection and creating sustainable communities.

I also hope to further my knowledge and return to university for postgraduate study.

Referee/s
Available on Request
Justin Lamerton

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Career Goals
My goal is to become a responsible planner who actively contributes to the health and sustainability of the cities that we all know and love. I would also like to experience working in a range of areas in the planning field.

Referee/s
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Academic performance
• I achieved distinctions in; Planning Practicum, Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Politics and Policy, and Tourism Planning and Development.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
• Gold Coast City Council - Town Planner, Town Planning Advice Centre.
  Duties included: Responding to planning enquiries in relation to wide range of issues.
  This experience allowed me to liaise regularly with a range of stakeholders including; concerned neighbours, private town planners, other local and state government departments, local councillors, and property developers.
• I gained experience navigating and working directly with the Integrated Planning Scheme and Gold Coast Planning Scheme.

Core skills
• I have a good working knowledge of the IDAS process and the IPA.
• Highly developed written and oral communication skills.
• I am enthusiastic and motivated.

Personal best
I am proud to have obtained a university degree, and with relevant work experience in the field, I am well armed to enter the workforce!
Ursula O’Donnell

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Career Goals
I aim to develop skills necessary to function with diligence and confidence as a professional planner. In addition, I will strive to have sound planning practice skills, gained through new experiences and continued professional development programs.

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Academic performance
- Strategic Planning Studio (High Distinction)
- Ecotourism (High Distinction)
- Planning Practicum (Distinction)
- Environment & Development Studio (Distinction)
- Environmental Assessment (Distinction)
- Urban Infrastructure & Pollution (Distinction)
- Urban Analysis (Distinction)
- Environmental Planning (Distinction)

Key work experience or Community Involvement
Parsons Brinckerhoff – Planner
- Strategic Planning and Masterplans.
- Infrastructure Planning.
- Proposals and tenders.

Norris Clarke & O’Brien P/L – Assistant Planner
- Preparation of Development Applications, Submissions, Due Diligences.
- Thorough and comprehensive knowledge of QLD planning legislation.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Planning & Environment Griffith Students.
- Student Member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Strong communication skills, people and client oriented.
- Apt knowledge of planning legislation and terminology.
- Environmentally conscious.

Personal best
Achieving a high standard of grades throughout university and mastering how to balance work/uni demands.
Working as a ski school instructor in California, USA.
Mark O’Brien

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Career Goals
To become an environmental professional conscious of the fact that issues concerning land use, population growth, resource depletion and climate change will shape the world of tomorrow. My work will be premised on leading knowledge and research, integrity in decision-making and enthusiasm for success.

Referee
Professor Pat Dale
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Academic performance
• Bursary for Australian School of Environmental Studies and School of Environmental Planning (2004).
• Head of School Commendation for High Achievement (GPA 6 or Higher) (Semester 2, 2007; Semester 1, 2008).
• Spatial Sciences Institute Qld Remote Sensing Prize (2007).

Key work experience
• Lambert and Rehbein Pty Ltd – Environmental Scientist (Student): undertook environmental impact assessments for key clients. Duties included report writing, mapping and fieldwork.

Professional Memberships
• Student Member, Spatial Sciences Institute.

Core skills
• Interpersonal – strong ability to communicate precisely, concisely and confidently.
• Numerical – proven ability in mathematics, statistics and spatial sciences.
• Professional – highly developed analytical and research skills.

Personal best
Exelled in ‘Remote Sensing’, a course introducing students to the many fields of spatial science. Received a Spatial Sciences Institute Prize for this achievement.
**Career Goals**
I look forward to an exciting and diverse career in the planning profession.

I aim to achieve the highest quality of work in my chosen field.

**Referee/s**

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**Academic performance**
I have been a committed and enthusiastic student. This is evidenced through my achievement of commendable grades throughout the degree and the achievement of distinctions in the Planning Practicum course and Planning with native title.

**Key work experience or Community Involvement**

**Professional development and recognition**
- Student Member - Planning Institute of Australia (2006-08).

**Core skills**
- Strong communication and dispute resolution skills.
- Ability to work individually or as part of a team.
- A working knowledge of key legislation.

**Personal best**
Balancing sporting, cultural and work commitments whilst maintaining a focused approach to my studies. The completion of my first university degree is one of my greatest achievements to date.
Kamaya Pillay
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Career Goals
I am keen to discover the range of different types of planning, both here and overseas. Ultimately, I seek to gain a position where I can work towards promoting sustainable development, and influence urban form to create more sustainable cities.

Referee/s
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Academic performance
- I am a conscientious worker and have consistently maintained high standards of work for all assessment pieces completed throughout my degree.
- Consistently achieving high grades throughout my degree, with credits and distinctions in many of my subjects.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants- Student Planner: I have gained invaluable work experience with preparing a number of planning applications in a variety of contexts. My duties included provision of planning advice, preparation of fee proposals for a range of planning projects, general collation of planning reports, and a sound understanding and working knowledge of the IPA.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia 2004 – to present.

Core skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to comprehend different planning schemes.
- Ability to work both independently and within a team.

Personal best
Consistently obtaining a credit average at university whilst maintaining high levels of involvement in other areas including a 20 hour working week, and other extracurricular activities.
Joshua Pownell

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
As a graduate planner, I will continue to strive for professional development across a wide range of planning-related disciplines, using skills that I have acquired from my university studies. I look forward to embracing the challenges and reaping the rewards of working within the planning industry.

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Academic performance
Consistent academic performance throughout my university studies achieving many credits & distinctions.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Kevin Holt Consulting- Student Planner (February 2007- current).
  Key duties: Development Application preparation, undertaking site visits, formulation of fee proposals, investigations into client enquiries, establish and maintain client relationships and the use of various local government planning schemes.

Core skills
- Able to work independently or as part of a team.
- Highly developed research, written and analytical skills.
- Articulated professional writing style and communication skills.
- Understanding of processes involved in development assessment.
- Understanding of strategic planning processes and methods of planning research.

Personal best
The ability to effectively co-ordinate the balance of working whilst undertaking my university studies is an achievement that I am immensely proud of. I have also consistently improved my results over the duration of the degree.
Luke Ritchie
Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
As an environmental planner I intend to put the knowledge and skills gained through my university studies into practice, to help create vibrant communities and a healthy environment. I aim to gain experience as a professional planner in a variety of fields. I look forward to the challenges and rewards of working towards a more sustainable future.

Referee/s
Mrs Elissa McConaghy
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Academic performance
- I have consistently improved my results throughout my degree.
- I received Distinctions and High Distinctions in: Planning Practicum; Understanding Environmental Issues; Society, Culture & Environment; and Public Involvement and Community Development.

Key work experience
- Moreton Bay Regional Council – Student Town Planner (Jan 2007 – present): key duties included reviewing the PineRiversPlan, writing and reviewing planning scheme policies, drafting reports to committee, and property acquisition reports.

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society.
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Flexibility to work collaboratively or independently.
- Excellent communication, time management and organisational skills.
- Highly developed research, written and analytical skills.

Personal best
Successfully completing a semester of my studies at the School of Geography, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Sarah Sanders

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
To obtain a position in which I can continually be challenged and learn from those already in the Planning Sector. To have the opportunity to obtain experience and knowledge in a range of planning and development sectors.

Referee/s
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Academic performance
I thoroughly enjoyed my degree and I am proud to say that I have consistently improved my grades and built my skills base throughout my time at Griffith.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
• FYFE Alliance: ongoing property developments ROLs and MCU, site & location analyses and client liaison.
• Urban Strategies: Development Applications.
• Community involvement in film, media & the creative arts industries and ongoing youth projects.

Professional development and recognition
• Member of Planning Institute of Australia.
• Member of Queensland Environmental Law Association.

Core skills
• Excellent communication and cognitive skills.
• Ability to work as part of a team, and independently.
• A positive and confident attitude towards both challenging and everyday tasks.

Personal best
Whilst studying full-time I have managed to successfully balance a healthy life of travel, social activities and working part time in the private sector of Planning.

Travelling has been a major part of my life, and it has helped me to mature and develop cultural understanding. A highlight of my degree was actively participating in community consultations and various involvements in community youth work.
Amy Schmidt

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning with Honours

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Career Goals

The continued growth and development of my knowledge of effective urban and environmental planning practices throughout a challenging yet rewarding career within the industry.

Specifically my career goal is to establish myself as a specialist in planning for entertainment and cultural precincts to ensure cultural diversity is encouraged and maintained within our cities.

Referees

Ken Ramsay
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Dr Matthew Burke
Urban Research Fellow
Urban Research Program
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Academic performance

I have achieved many distinctions and high distinctions throughout my degree. Acceptance into the Honours Stream is a clear indication of my determination and commitment to my academic studies and future career within the profession.

Key work experience or Community Involvement

• Norris, Clarke and O’Brien Pty Ltd (2 ½ years).

Professional development and recognition

• Student Member of the Planning Institute of Australia.
• Member of Golden Key International Honour Society.

Core skills

• Professional report writing.
• Independent research and analysis skills.
• The preparation and continued management of Town Planning Development Applications.
• Interpretation and comprehensive understanding of planning legislation and policy.

Personal best

Completion of my honours project entitled – “Planning for Music Based Entertainment in Australian Cities: A Comparative Review.”
Theodora Sotiris

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
As a result of my experience and studies to date, I am keen to further develop my career within the property field, especially strategic site development and projects management. I feel that I am a confident self-starter who is capable of tackling new challenges and making the most of new opportunities.

Referee/s
Mr Nick Montague
Principal Planner
Queensland Rail
07 3235 7749

Mr Eleas Nicholaou
Principal Urban Planner
GHD
07 3316 3000

Academic performance
Throughout my degree I have achieved high grades and have maintained a consistent level of performance.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
Queensland Rail (QR) (August 2005 – Current)
- Coordination of Development Application
- Dealing with adjoining land owner queries
- Coordinating Environmental Relevant Activity
- Reviewing and applying Planning Schemes throughout Queensland
- Lodging vegetation clearing permits under State and Local Laws
- Preparation of planning and environmental assessments for QR capital works projects
- Conducting planning feasibility investigations for QR land (value add identification)
- Acquisition of Land
- Preparing and Lodging Road Closure Applications.

Professional development and recognition
- Student Member Planning Institute of Australia.

Core skills
- Project and time management.
- Communication skills and customer service.
- Research and report writing.
- Excellent problem solving and negotiation skills.
- Proven ability to work well independently, under pressure and as part of a team.
- Knowledge of transport issues.

Personal best
Maintaining a permanent position at QR since 2005 whilst studying full time at university. My workplace has helped me develop professional and practical skills which I continue to expand upon every day.
Takuya Toyoura

**Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning**

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**Career Goals**
I would like to gain experience in the development assessment field whilst using the skills that I have developed relating to the usage of software programs. In the future, I would like to study urban design or interior design.

**Referee**
Dr Eddo Coiacetto  
Urban and Environmental Planning  
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**Academic performance**
I have gained Distinction grades in Interior Design CAD, Geographic Information Systems, Communications, Introductory Planning Studio, and Planning Practicum.

**Key work experience and community service**
- Student Internship at Japan Centre for a Sustainable and Environmental Society.
- Practicum Placement at Harvey Property Consultants.
- Captain and president of the Griffith University Baseball Club.

**Core skills**
- Competent in using ArchiCAD to draw site plans and architectural design plans.
- Knowledge and ability to use Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Indesign.
- Knowledge and ability to use Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Competent in using GIS.

**Personal best**
I have gained valuable work experience in both the private sector and at a NGO, becoming more familiar with environmental and societal issues as well as associated conflicts between different sectors. These experiences and others, including experience as a student from a non-English speaking background, has provided me with a unique perspective that will contribute to my overall performance at work in the Environmental planning field in the future.
Christine Whitfield

Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning

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Career Goals
I aspire to have a diverse planning career, gaining experience and developing my skills in a variety of planning fields. I look forward to pursuing new challenges and work in the public and private sectors, and will endeavour to gain experience overseas.

Referee/s
Luke Gillis
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Judy Spokes
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Academic performance
- Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence 2007.
- Griffith School of Environment Head of School Commendation for High Achievement Semester 2, 2007.

Key work experience or Community Involvement
- Redland City Council, Community and Social Planning Department - Quandamooka Knowledge Centre Project (2008): involved working on preliminary research and reporting for the Senior Cultural Planning Officer.

Professional development and recognition
- Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.
- Member, Golden Key International Honour Society.

Core skills
- Ability to work in a team or independently.
- Well developed analytical, problem solving, time management and research skills.
- Strong understanding of planning processes and practices.

Personal best
Balancing work commitments and university study, and the completion of reporting for the Quandamooka Knowledge Centre Project.
An active Professional Advisory board has guided the development of Griffith University’s Urban & Environmental Planning Discipline since inception. Current members of the Board are:

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Queensland Transport

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Gold Coast City Council

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Griffith University’s planning graduates are now working internationally as planners in England, Ireland and the Philippines, and locally for the industry’s best respected employers, including:

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