This is the tenth edition of our graduate profile booklet. Over the last 10 years we have profiled over 260 of our graduates many of whom remain active within our alumni network. This year, we present the latest graduates from our undergraduate and postgraduate programs who completed their degree requirements in 2007.

In 2007 the School of Environmental Planning was merged with the two other environment schools at Nathan and Gold Coast campuses to become the Griffith School of Environment. This change builds upon the strengths of, and synergies between, our teaching and research activities in environmental planning and environmental sciences. Environmental planning retains a strong focus on delivering well-prepared urban and environmental planning graduates to fill strong demand in the workplace.

Mirroring our success at Nathan, the Gold Coast urban and environmental planning program continues to go from strength to strength. Our students at the Gold Coast have completed first and second years, and by the end of 2009 we should see our 2006 cohort graduating. As a result of a strategic partnership between the Gold Coast City Council and Griffith University, earlier this year we also appointed a Chair of Urban Management, Professor Paul Burton, to the Gold Coast campus.

On the teaching front, over the last year we have had a number of noteworthy successes. Eddo Coiacetto received a High Commendation in Griffith University’s Teaching Awards of Excellence in the Individual Teacher Award category. Eddo also received the Environmental Science Faculty’s citation for his contribution to teaching. Dianne Dredge also won a prestigious Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. The Honourable Julie Bishop MP conferred this award in August 2007.

Our current students have also been very successful this year. Tracey Clark, Nikki Larder and Michelle Willemse won PIA awards for their academic performance. Past graduate Kylie Rolley won the Minister’s Town Planning Prize for her thesis, and past graduate and current PhD student, Donovan Burton was awarded a very prestigious Wentworth Scholarship to assist his studies in climate change.

Finally, I wish all our new graduates success and happiness in their careers. I speak for all staff when I say it has been a pleasure!
Dr Dianne Dredge
*Head of Discipline, Urban and Environmental Planning*
Dianne has over 20 years experience in private planning practice in Australia, Canada, Mexico and China. Her main research interests include planning and policy processes; the role of networks in collaborative planning; local governance arrangements and tourism planning.

Ms 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.

Dr Donna Houston
*Lecturer*
Donna’s research interests include planning and geographical thought, qualitative research praxis; urban environments and social justice; planning with native title and indigenous peoples; urban history, cultural heritage and redevelopment. Recent research projects include a case study on environmental justice and nuclear waste
disposal in Nevada; the politics of race and urban redevelopment in East Perth (with Jason Byrne); and labor activism and economic restructuring in Los Angeles.

**Dr Jenny Cameron**  
*Senior Lecturer*  
Jenny’s main research interest is in the community planning processes involved in building community-based economic enterprises. She primarily uses a participatory action research approach and has developed academic and general materials on her work, including a documentary video.

**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.

**Dr Neil Sipe**  
*Senior Lecturer*  
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; the challenges in implementing performance (or results) based planning.

**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.

**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.

**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.
**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.

**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 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.

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**Lynne Bradshaw**
*Administrative Support Officer*

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

**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.

**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.
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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, Principal Program Officer Infrastructure Coordination, 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

Personal best
What do graduates see as their personal best? Their answers say a great deal about their priorities and their future approach to their careers.

Robyn Hesse, Planning Manager SEQ South, Environmental Protection Agency

Referee
References are tremendously valuable in recruitment. In considering graduates for employment, we look to testimonials from Griffith University’s own lecturers and from the students’ work experience supervisors.

Peter Hutson, Senior Demographer, Planning Information and Forecasting Unit, Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation, Qld
Academic performance

- I received a range of grades, with high distinctions in varied subjects such as policy planning, atmospheric science, ecological economics and urban analysis.

Key work experience

- (2004) Assistant in e-Initiatives at Southbank TAFE.

Professional development and recognition

- Student member, Planning Institute Australia.

Core skills

- Ability to learn quickly on the job, manage my learning and take responsibility for my work.
- Ability to think independently and critically about projects/policies, and to contribute constructively.
- Ability to be results oriented at work.
- Strong communication skills.
- Excellent office admin and project support skills.

Personal best

Achieving a balance between completing assessment for grades and developing my interests. Assisting in the Brisbane Natural Disaster Risk Management Project and Industrial Land Monitoring Survey. Taking up the opportunity to work with a wide range of students during the numerous projects and practicals.
Antonia Bartels

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Career goals
To obtain a series of increasingly responsible planning positions that will utilise my knowledge, skills and experience.

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Academic performance
• Completion of Special Topic: Multinationals & Corporate Sustainability: An Examination of Contemporary Practices.
• Green Steps Program: Certificate in Environmental Change Management.

Key work experience
• Brisbane City Council, Development Assessment Branch - Urban Planner.
  • Dual roles: Assessment Manager for North Team and member of the Appeals Unit.
  • Tasks: partake in ‘Without Prejudice’ meetings and Coordination Panels, customer services, liaise with multidisciplinary teams, and assess development applications utilising relevant legislation.

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

Core skills
• Excellent leadership and team work skills.
• Effective written and oral communication skills.
• Well developed analytical and research skills.
• Excellent time management and multitasking skills.
• Trained in interpreting planning legislation.
• Operate relevant software.

Personal best
I am proud to have completed numerous business courses that have further enhanced my awareness of how to create a balanced and sustainable future.
Emma Coutts

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

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Career goals
To complete a post-graduate degree in urban design. Work overseas to gain greater insight into the world of planning. Seek involvement in community planning. Help plan and design a successful transit oriented development. Become a director of an urban planning/design team. And to become a highly recognized and prolific professional with a focus on quality work and life-long learning.

Referees
Dr Jenny Cameron
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Academic performance
- I am a conscientious worker with a dedication to perfection with a patient and hard-working attitude.
- I have strong academic results throughout my university studies.
- I received a Bursary from the School of Environmental Planning in 2004.

Key work experience
- PMM Brisbane – Student Planner: I have prepared a number of planning applications for a variety of developments. In this context, my duties have included correspondence with clients and council; preparation of due diligence reports and fee proposals; preparation and submission of planning applications; and responses to information requests.

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

Core skills
- Interpretation and application of the Integrated Planning Act 1997; the Integrated Development Assessment System; the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005–2026; and various city planning schemes.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to cooperate with others.
- Leadership skills.

Personal best
I have enjoyed a variety of subjects throughout my degree, but have most particularly excelled in and enjoyed Urban Analysis, Environmental Management Studio, Development Processes Studio, and Strategic Planning Studio.
Career goals
I am keen to discover the range of different employment opportunities that are available in the planning field. I aspire to gain a position where I can work towards promoting sustainable development, and influencing urban form to create more liveable cities. I am particularly interested in developing my skills in transport planning, land use planning, and community development.

Referees
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Dr Jenny Cameron
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Academic performance
• I received high grades throughout my degree.
• Achieved a distinction in the transport planning and planning practicum courses.

Key work experience
• GCI Pty Ltd – project officer: key tasks include assisting in preparation of technical reports, property impact enquiries and liaising with stakeholders on public transport projects; particularly the Northern Busway.
• TransLink – student planner: 9 months experience assisting in the planning and community consultation phases of the Eastern Busway project, preparing a research report for advice on parking requirements, and helping with property enquiries.

Core skills
• Communication and public engagement skills.
• Able to work independently or within a team.
• Highly developed research and analytical skills.
• Highly developed report and essay writing skills.
• Able to interpret and apply planning theory, policy and legislation to real life situations.

Personal best
I am proud of gaining professional employment in a field I am interested in, and successfully balancing work and study commitments. My work experience has enabled me to develop professional skills that I continue to enhance every day.
Academic performance
- I have been committed to my degree in environmental planning and consistently improved my results throughout my degree.

Key work experience
- Redland Shire Council, Land Use Planning Group: As a Student Strategic Planner my key tasks included the provision of strategic planning advice to internal departments. I was also involved in the implementation of the RiskSmart program and the development of local laws within Council.
- Brisbane City Council, Active Transport: As a student planner I have been involved in the delivery and promotion of cycling and pedestrian facilities within council. This includes working with other organisations, such as Translink, who deliver large infrastructure projects within Brisbane to ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are adequately catered for.

Professional development and recognition
- Conflict Resolution Course, Griffith University.
- Griffith University Industry Mentoring Program.

Core skills
- Strong communication and negotiation skills.
- Proven ability to work with a diverse range of people.
- Exceptional time management skills.

Personal best
Balancing an active social, academic, and professional life throughout my studies at Griffith University and providing me with a solid base for my future career.
Ash Folster

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

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Career goals
To strengthen my experience working in development assessment, and further develop my project management skills. To gain first hand insight into the social, political, economic and environmental aspects of planning at all scales, in order to make sound decisions on matters that advance sustainable development.

Referees
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Academic performance
• A consistently high level of achievement throughout the degree, including Distinction grades in many courses.

Key work experience
• Urban Strategies – Development Assessment Planner: 18 months full time (current). Key tasks included preparation of development applications under both IDAS and IIDA processes, and liaising with a wide range of professionals and community members.
• Brisbane City Council – Development Assessment Planner: 3 months full time. Key tasks included assessment of development applications and provision of advice relating to development assessment and the Brisbane City Plan 2000.

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

Core skills
• Well developed project management and time management skills.
• Excellent research, analytical and problem solving skills.
• Ability to work in a team or individually.
• Strong written and oral communication skills.

Personal best
Gaining a full time position with Urban Strategies while undertaking my studies, and graduating with over 18 months experience in development assessment.
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Career goals
I look forward to an exciting career in the planning industry and the continuous development of my professional skills. I aim to pursue both interstate and overseas opportunities and I am excited to both undertake the challenges and reap the rewards these experiences will bring.

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Academic performance
- I have maintained a consistently high standard of work throughout my degree achieving credit grades and above, for all courses completed.

Key work experience
- Environmental Resources Management – Student Planner (Jan 2007–present). Key tasks include undertaking desktop and feasibility studies, preparing development applications, attending client and team meetings, completing research and administrative duties.

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

Core skills
- Ability to work individually or as part of a team.
- Exceptional written, verbal and research skills.
- Understanding of key planning legislation.
- Highly motivated.

Personal best
Securing a position during my final year at Environmental Resources Management, an international environmental consultancy with over 300 offices worldwide.
Elizabeth Giles

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Career goals
My career goal is to find employment in an area that focuses on environmental sustainability. Key areas of interest: Environmental Management, Environmental Protection, Habitat Restoration and Rehabilitation, Native Title, Strategic Planning, Sustainable Development, Water Sensitive Urban Design and Wildlife Management.

Referees
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Academic performance
• Throughout my degree I have consistently maintained good results.
• I have achieved a high credit average for both scientific and planning based subjects in the environmental science/environmental planning double degree.

Key work experience
• Redland Shire Council: 10 months – Student Advisor Environmental Protection. Key duties included Water sensitive urban design monitoring and case studies, assisting with State of the Environment Report, creation of project briefs, and annual report of environmentally relevant activities for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Professional development and recognition
• Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society.

Core skills
• Highly developed interpersonal skills.
• Competent in numerical skills such as statistics and mathematics.
• Highly developed computer literacy skills with experience in programs such as GIS, SAS, SPSS, Excel, Word, GAUSSAIR, and AUSPLUME.

Personal best
I feel privileged to have had a direct role in the creation of the Redland Shire Draft State of the Environment Report. To be able to have made a contribution towards this document gave me an introduction to the environmental planning profession.
Matthew Menzel

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Career goals
As a graduate environmental planner, I endeavour to use the skills I have acquired to create built environments containing high quality urban design features, based upon equitable social outcomes which embrace the principles of community development and environmental protection. I intend to achieve this goal by working within a variety of fields, both in the public and private sectors.

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Academic performance
- Throughout my studies I have been steadily emerging as the confident planner I am today.
- I have consistently produced quality pieces of assessment over a variety of planning areas.

Key work experience
- Brisbane City Council, City Planning and Policy Division (7 Months).
- I worked primarily on Brisbane’s RRIF program as well as on the production of various reports surrounding the Brisbane City Plan Review and other strategic and land-use planning exercises.

Core skills
- I have highly developed research, written and analytical skills.
- I have demonstrated my ability to work competently in both individual and group situations.
- I have a working knowledge of the Integrated Planning Act (1997) and IDAS procedures.

Personal best
I am proud of the fact that I have finished my first degree and can now work towards achieving some of my personal goals through planning practice.
Timothy Mitchell

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

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Career goals
My aim as a professional is to apply the knowledge and skills I have acquired to manage the environmental and social impacts of development. I wish to achieve a fulfilling and rewarding career as an environmental planner.

Referees
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Academic performance
• I have maintained consistent results throughout my studies.
• In particular, I have achieved high standards in Planning with Native Title, Development Processes Studio and Strategic Planning Studios.

Key work experience
• Aspect Studios Pty Ltd - Student Planner: Key duties included material change of use applications, research into land use issues, preparation of submissions and proposals and client liaison.

Professional development and recognition
• Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society.
• Student member, Queensland Young Planners.

Core skills
• Highly developed written and oral communication skills.
• Strong research and analytical skills.
• Sound knowledge of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 and relevant planning legislation.
• Ability to work independently or in a team environment.

Personal best
Graduating from Griffith University and having the continued support of family and friends. I am proud of gaining work experience as a consultant for Aspect Studios Pty Ltd.
Adam Noller

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Career goals
I aim to apply my environmental planning skills towards achieving innovative solutions which will promote ecological sustainable development within the built and natural environment. I look forward to establishing a diverse planning career by gaining experience in a variety of fields.

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

Key work experience
- Queensland Transport – Student Research Officer (2007–current): conducted research, developed planning documents, carried out strategic assessment using GIS software, and provided support and advice to branch members.
- National Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology – Research Assistant (2004–2004): assisted in scientific research.

Core skills
- Excellent analytical, research, communication and project management skills.
- Ability to work in a team or independently.
- Highly developed understanding of integrated transport and land use concepts.
- Exceptional graphic and design skills.
- Competent in the use of Microsoft Office, Photoshop, ArcGIS, MapInfo, AutoCAD and SPSS.

Personal best
Completing an honours research project whilst working part time and also attending University.
Tim O’Leary

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Career goals
To work in an environment that is challenging yet rewarding. I would like to apply the knowledge gained from my degree to real-life planning situations and help provide healthy and liveable cities. I look forward to further developing my skills and learning from other colleagues and professionals.

Referees
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Academic performance
- I have consistently improved my grades throughout my degree.

Key work experience
- Ipswich City Council, Planning and Development Branch: tasks included assessing development applications within Ipswich.

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

Core skills
- Ability to work effectively in group scenarios.
- Proficient in various software applications.

Personal best
Completing my degree while maintaining high levels of involvement in other areas including working and sporting commitments.
Nicole Polzi
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Career goals
I look forward to a diverse career in the planning field. I hope to undertake postgraduate study.

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Academic performance
- I maintained a high grade point average.
- Received distinctions in several courses, including: Advanced Environmental and Planning Law Development Processes Studio, and Environmental Politics and Policy.

Key work experience
- Department of Local Government, Planning Sport and Recreation, Statutory Planning – Planner (Nov. 2006 – Sept. 2007): key tasks include reviewing amendments to local planning schemes; assessment of appeals from the Planning and Environment Court; and drafting responses to Ministerial correspondence.
- Aspect Studios – Environmental Planner (Oct. 2007 – present): key tasks include assisting with land use planning, general report writing, liaison with clients and officers from local government, and preparation of detailed proposals.

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

Core skills
- Ability to work well in a team and individually.
- Well developed written, analytical, problem solving and research skills.
- Good design and graphical skills across a range of computer programs.

Personal best
Consistently received positive feedback during my practical experience. After completing my practicum placement in Statutory Planning, I was offered a part-time position.
Luke Robertson

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Career goals
I aim to use the knowledge and skills gained through my planning degree, both in Australia and overseas.

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Academic performance
• Honours Research Project: ‘Where to without transport? Public transport policy, planning and decision-making processes in SEQ’.
• Certificate of Merit in Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Division, Awards for Excellence in Planning 2006 for project entitled ‘A Spectrum of Opportunities towards a regional outdoor recreation strategy for SEQ 2006’.
• Griffith Award for Academic Excellence 2006.

Key work experience
• Gassman Development Perspectives: Student Planner
• School of Environmental Planning, Griffith University: Research Assistant to Dr Jenny Cameron (2005).

Professional development and recognition
• Student member, Planning Institute of Australia.
• Student Representative, Environmental Planning Professional Advisory Board 2007.
• Member, Golden Key International Honour Society.

Core skills
• Good understanding of Integrated Planning Act 1997, and associated IDAS processes.
• Working knowledge of Brisbane City Plan, Gold Coast City Planning Scheme & other Qld planning schemes.
• Proven research and analytical skills.

Personal best
The completion of my honours thesis. Receiving a Certificate of Merit in the Rural & Regional Planning group category of the 2006 PIA Qld Excellence Awards.
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Martin Scanlan

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Career goals
I am very passionate about the impacts of climate change issues and how it can be planned for, through local and state statutory and policy planning process.

Referees
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Academic performance
- Consistent academic performance throughout my university degree with primarily credits and distinctions in most of my subjects.
- I achieved a Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence (2005).

Key work experience
- Brisbane City Council Strategic Planning: tasks included annual amendments to the Brisbane City Plan and working on the City Plan review process.
- Vocational Work at Logan City Council Strategic Planning during holiday periods (2003 and 2004).
- Participated in the Caloundra Transit Oriented Community (CalTOC) Workshop (2005).

Professional development and recognition
- Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society (2004).
- Australian Schools of Environmental Sciences Student Mentor (2005).

Core skills
- Able to work well independently and as part of a team.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Leadership skills developed through the student mentoring program and taekwondo.

Personal best
Consistently maintaining a high level of achievement throughout my degree. Successfully balancing full time university, working at Brisbane City Council, a retail job and attending taekwondo regularly.
Maris Teske

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Career goals
I am looking forward to a challenging, diverse and innovative career. As a professional planner I would like to be involved in challenges like climate change, council amalgamations, and public empowerment. I aspire to learn new cultural planning ideologies from overseas and adapt them to Australian planning processes.

Referees
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Academic performance
• Consistently improved my grade point average throughout my university studies.
• Distinctions and high distinctions in: Urban Analysis; Anthropological Perspectives; Ecotourism; Public Involvement and Community Development; and Planning Practicum.

Key work experience
• Pine Rivers Shire Council – Student Planner: Projects.
• Involved with the Dawn Road Reserve Management Plan, Trail Bike facilities, Freshwater Creek North Corridor Management Plan, Dayboro Open Space Strategy, downhill mountain bike facilities. Including concept mapping of parks, presentations and meetings, site analysis, council briefs, public consultation and report writing.

Professional development and recognition
• Member, Griffith University Environmental Planning Society 2002 – 2004.
• Student member, Planning Institute of Australia 2007.

Core skills
• Advanced research, analytical and IT skills.
• Strong oral communication and presentation skills.
• Good understand of planning legislation and policies.
• Self-motivated – can work individually and with teams.
• Consultation and mediation skills.

Personal best
After completing my practicum at Pine Rivers, I was offered a casual position conducting various surveys.
Renay Weir

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Career goals
As a planner I am looking forward to gaining experience in a variety of fields and to further develop my professional skills. I am particularly interested in working with rural communities and also in natural resource management.

Referees
Dr Jenny Cameron
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Ms Alexis Aylward
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Academic performance
- I have maintained a high grade point average throughout my degree and I am proud of my academic performance.
- I have performed well in the subjects of Development Processes Studio, Tourism Planning and Development, Environmental Management Studio, Outdoor Recreation and Coastal Zone Management.

Key work experience
- Emerald Shire Council – Student Planner during vacation - key duties included assisting in assessing development applications, preparing draft planning reports and town planning certificates.

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

Core skills
- Working knowledge of the Planning Legislation.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Highly developed report writing, research and analytical skills.
- Demonstrated mediation, negotiation and consultation abilities.
- Proven time management and organisational skills.

Personal best
I am proud to be completing my degree with a high grade point average and to have been given the opportunity to undertake work experience at a regional council.
Hayley Wells

Bachelor of Environmental Planning with Honours/ Bachelor of Science – Urban and Regional Planning and Environmental Science

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Career goals
I would like to gain experience in a range of planning fields. Ultimately, I would like a career that allows me to integrate and expand my skills in both planning and environmental science whilst making an active contribution to sustainable development.

Referees
Mr Roger Greenway
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Dr Eddo Coiacetto
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Academic performance
• I have strong academic achievements throughout my studies.
• I have gained high distinction grades in Advanced Environmental & Planning Law, Urban Infrastructure & Pollution, Solid Waste Engineering, and Cleaner Production & Eco-Efficiency.
• My results demonstrate an ability to acquire and apply knowledge across a wide range of disciplines.

Key work experience
• Urban Planner, Brisbane City Council. Duties: Development Assessment.
• Student Planner, Brisbane City Council. Duties: Development Assessment.
• Work Experience, Environmental Protection Agency. Duties: Development Assessment.

Professional development and recognition
• Student Member – Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

Core skills
• Excellent research, critical analysis and problem solving skills.
• Strong written and oral communication skills.
• Effective group work skills.
• Excellent organisational, time management and project management skills.
• Good understanding of planning and environmental legislation.

Personal best
Completing my honours thesis “The trade-offs between Water Sensitive Urban Design, and ESD and Planning Objectives: a case study of residential development in SEQ”.

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Jason West

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Career goals
To develop my knowledge and experience in a diverse range of planning areas. To gain overseas work experience, possibly in Spain or the Philippines. To promote and educate the values of sustainable development.

Referees
Peter Loose
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Pine Rivers Shire Council
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Academic performance
• I received a high distinction for remote sensing and have achieved very well in indigenous and tourism studies.

Key work experience
• Pine Rivers Shire Council – Student Planner Environmental Services Department.
  • Tasks included – assisted the town planner in making amendments to the PinePlan, assessed DA’s, assisted in preparing explanatory notes for the PinePlan, developed communication skills with colleagues and the general public.
  • Have extensive work experience in hospitality.

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

Core skills
• Motivated to work.
• Great communicator.
• Have a strong understanding of planning processes and practices.
• Prefer to work in a team environment, but also work effectively independently.

Personal best
My personal best would be that I am graduating which puts a smile on my face and on those of my family. I will pursue my dream to work in either Spain or the Philippines.

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Michelle Willemse

Bachelor of Environmental Planning with Honours

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Career goals
I am interested in various aspects of planning, and am looking forward to professional practice. My motivation is to continually strengthen my professional skills base, and my goal is to collaborate with others in planning for more environmentally and socially sustainable development.

Referees
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Roger Greenway – Senior Planner
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Brisbane City Council
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Academic performance
• Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Best Second and Third Year Performance at Griffith University.
• Certificate of Merit in the Planning Institute of Australia, Queensland Division, Awards for Excellence in Planning 2006, for the student project ‘An Aerodrome in Decline’.

Key work experience
• Brisbane City Council – Student Urban Planner: assessment manager of development applications, and creating a training manual for planners.
• Griffith University School of Environmental Planning, and Brisbane Transport Administration Office – Administrative Assistant.
• Retail industry – 3 years customer service experience.

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

Core skills
• Flexibility to work collaboratively or independently.
• Excellent communication, analytical, time management, and organisational skills.

Personal best
Completing my Honours Research Project, and working as a student planner.
Career goals

I aim to pursue my passion for urban development through a fulfilling career in development planning. I enjoy working on high quality, innovative projects which deliver commercial success as well as positive social and environmental outcomes.

Referees

Referees can be provided upon request.

 Academic performance

- Throughout my degree I have focussed on developing myself as an all-round graduate – striving to improve my generic skills, gaining a solid theoretical base and gaining a diversity of work experience.
  - Received a Certificate of Merit in the P.I.A. Queensland Division, Awards for Excellence in Planning 2006, for the student group project ‘Redevelopment of Archerfield Airport’.

 Key work experience

  - Assistant Planner, Redland Shire Council – Development Assessment Unit (September 2005 – March 2006).

 Professional development and recognition

- Griffith University Liaison, PIA Queensland Young Planners Group Committee (2006).
  - Student Body Representative, Griffith University School of Environmental Planning Professional Advisory Board (2006).

 Core skills

- Excellent generic professional skills.
  - Working knowledge of the Qld planning system.
  - Unique knowledge in project management & finance.

 Personal best

Successfully completing a semester at the School of Planning, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.
Michelle Yu

Bachelor of Environmental Planning

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Career goals
I am keen to make a meaningful contribution in the global movement towards more sustainable development.

Academic performance
• I have a good grade point average which I have continued to improve throughout my degree.
• Achieved a Distinction for Planning with Native and Outdoor Recreation and credits for many other subjects.

Key work experience
• Pine Rivers Shire Council - Assistant Town Planner:
  Key duties included reviewing the planning scheme, planning reports and organisation of presentations to the committee.

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

Core skills
• Excellent written and oral communication skills.
• Excellent organisational and time management skills.
• Excellent research, critical analysis and problem solving skills.

Personal best
Completing my planning practicum with Pine Rivers Shire Council and continuing my employment with this organisation to gain experience in the planning profession.
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Planning Manager SEQ  
Environmental Protection Agency

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Manager City Planning  
Brisbane City Council

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(Integrated Transport Planning)  
Queensland Transport

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Gold Coast City Council

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Planit Consulting

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**Recent Employers**

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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