

SOAC 2015 PhD Symposium Program (subject to adjustment)

Sunday 6th December

- 12:00-13:00** **Mentor Briefing (Building G11, Room 3.64)**
- 13:00-14:00** **Coffee and Registration (Sky Lounge G11, room 4.28)**
- 14:00-15:00** **Welcome and opening plenary (Building G11, Room 3.64)**
- Introductions
 - SOAC Conference Co-Chairs
 - AECURN Chairs
- Seminar I: Opening Presentation and Discussion**
- Professor Paul Burton: *Welcome to the Gold Coast: an adolescent city about to grow up?*
- 15:00-17:00** **Small Group Exercise – Creative Team Building (outside patio area, next to Sky Lounge)**
- 17:00-18:00** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops (individual rooms)**
Introductions within small groups; 1 student presentation
- 18:30** **Drinks and nibbles: Southport Sharks Club**

Monday 7th December (refreshments all served in Sky Lounge)

- 09:00-10:00** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops**
1 student presentation
- 10:30 -11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:00** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops**
1 student presentation
- 12:00-13:00** **Lunch**
- 13:00-15:00** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops**
2 students present
- 15:00-15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 16:00-17:00** **Panel Session: A/Prof. Jason Byrne, Prof. Billie Giles-Corti and Prof. Brendan Gleeson** *Perish the thought?: publishing and flourishing during your PhD"*
- 19:00** **SOAC PhD Symposium Welcome Dinner at Northcliffe SLSC**

Tuesday 8th December (refreshments all served in Sky Lounge)

- 9:30-10:30** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops**
1 student presentation
- 10:30-11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:00** **Parallel Sessions: Small Group Workshops**
1 student presentation; Small group discussions and feedback

12:00	Lunch
13:00-16:00	ECR Workshop (G11, room 3.64):
13:00-14:00	Ass/Prof. Claudia Baldwin: ECR opportunities and challenges
14:00-15:00	Dr Deanna Grant-Smith and Prof. Paul Burton: CV profiling and preparing for an interview
15:00-16:00	Prof. Nicole Gurrán: Strategies for managing teaching and research commitments
16:00-16:30	Closing Panel: <i>Evaluation of the workshop by mentors and students, AECURN National Chair closing talk</i>
18:00	SOAC Conference Welcome Drinks

SOAC 2015 PHD Symposium Mentors

Senior Mentors

- Professor Doug Baker – QUT
- A/Professor Claudia Baldwin – University of the Sunshine Coast
- Professor Billie Giles-Corti – University of Melbourne
- Professor Brendan Gleeson – University of Melbourne
- Professor Peter Phibbs – University of Sydney
- Professor Neil Sipe – University of Queensland
- A/Professor Wendy Steele – RMIT
- Professor Carolyn Whitzman – University of Melbourne

ECR Mentors

- Dr Chris Ambrey – Griffith University
- Dr Deanna Grant-Smith – QUT
- Dr Crystal Legacy – RMIT
- Dr Michelle Lobo – Deakin University
- Dr Tony Matthews – QUT
- Dr Natalie Osborne – Griffith University
- Dr Heather Shearer- Griffith University
- Dr Elizabeth Taylor – RMIT

SOAC Symposium Groups

Group 1

Professor Brendan Gleeson, University of Melbourne
Dr Tony Matthews, QUT

Judy Bush, University of Melbourne
Kaveh Deilami, QUT
Emma Greenhalgh, Griffith University
Jane Homewood, University of Melbourne
Parisa Pakzad, UNSW
Andrea Pianella, University of Melbourne
Jennifer Witheridge, Swinburne University

Group 2

Professor Billie Giles-Corti, University of Melbourne
Dr Chris Ambrey, Griffith University

Sara Alidoust, Griffith University
Mariana Atkins, University of Western Australia
Gorden Bijen, University of Western Sydney
Nigel Cartlidge, Bond University
Katia Defendi, University of Western Australia
David Kelly, Deakin University
Joanne Pascoe, Griffith University

Group 3

**Professor Carolyn Whitzman, University of Melbourne
Dr Natalie Osborne, Griffith University**

Elizabeth Adamczyk, University of Newcastle
Zafu Assefa Teferi, Curtin University
Anne-Sophie Iotti, RMIT
Hulya Gilbert, University of South Australia
Nicole McNamara, Macquarie University
Christian Roggenbuck, RMIT
Fatemeh Shahani, La Trobe University

Group 4

**A/Professor Claudia Baldwin, University of the Sunshine Coast
Dr Heather Shearer, Griffith University**

Long Cheng, University of Queensland
Sirisena Herath, Macquarie University
Bagas Putra, RMIT
Ghazal Jaber, University of South Australia
Sha Liu, University of Sydney
Anna McKinlay, University of the Sunshine Coast
Tri Mulyani Sunarharum, QUT

Group 5

**A/Professor Wendy Steele, RMIT
Dr Deanna Grant-Smith, QUT**

Liese Coulter, Griffith University
Tingting Cui, University of Sydney
Haes Houweling, University of Melbourne
Sonia Kirby, Griffith University
Cate MacMillan, University of the Sunshine Coast
Jamie Olvera-Garcia, University of Queensland
Elnaz Torabi, Griffith University

Group 6

**Professor Douglas Baker, QUT
Dr Crystal Legacy, RMIT**

Miza Moreau, University of Melbourne
Laura Schmahmann, SGS Economics and Planning
Ehsan Sharifi, University of South Australia
Bo Song, UNSW
Hannah Stanley, QUT
Allan Teale, UTS

Shiqiao Wang, UTS

Group 7

**Professor Peter Phibbs, University of Sydney
Dr Michele Lobo, Deakin University**

Angela Ballard, University of Queensland
Kirsty Chessher-Brown, University of Queensland
Keiken Munzner, University of Melbourne
Katrina Raynor, QUT
Sarah Robertson, RMIT
Joanna Ross, Massey University
Piret Veeroja, University of Melbourne

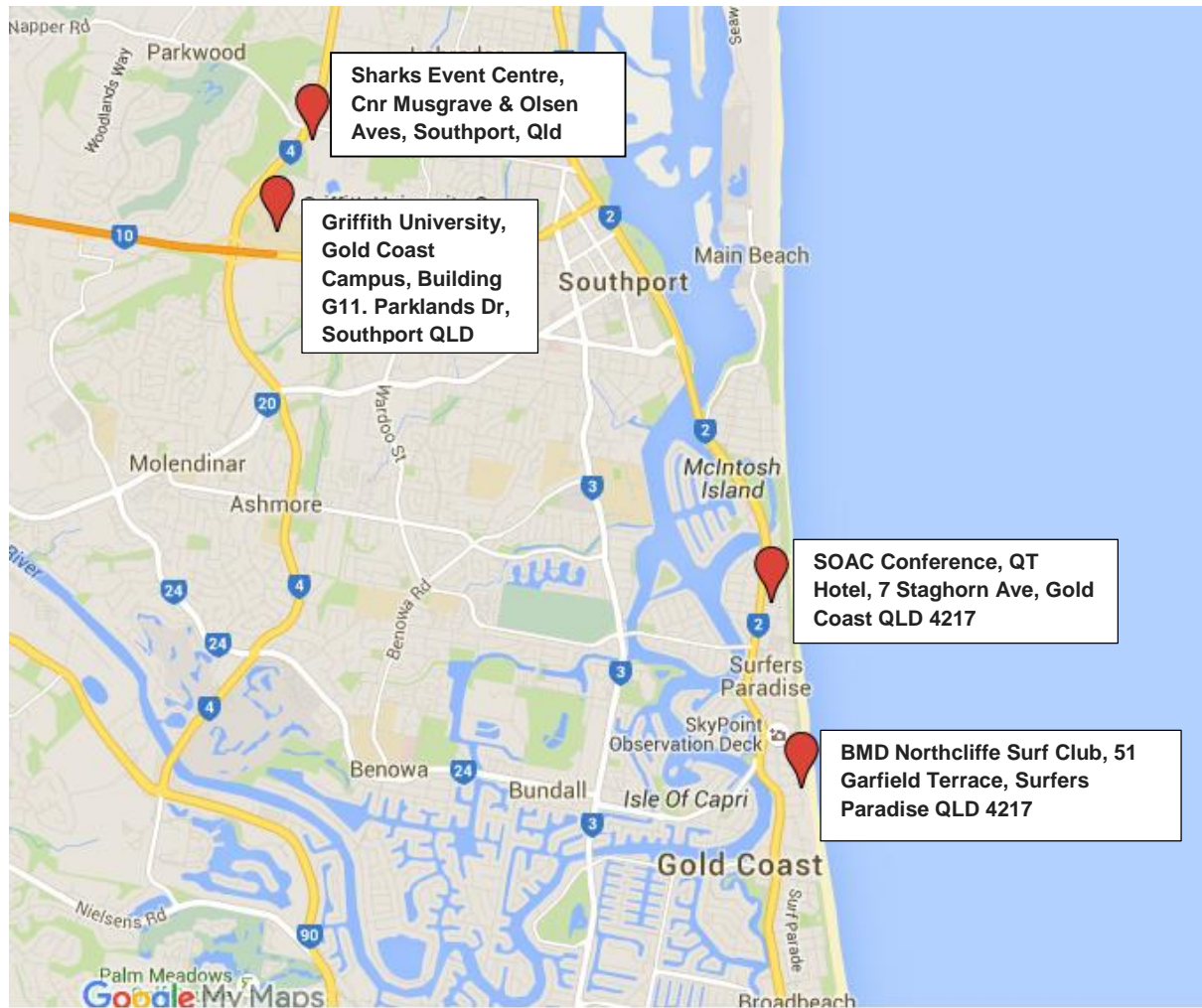
Group 8

**Professor Neil Sipe, University of Queensland
Dr Elizabeth Taylor, RMIT**

Alicia Ames, University of Queensland
Ali Malekzadeh, QUT
Abraham Leung, Griffith University
Raul Marino Zamudio, University of Melbourne
Michael Tanko, Griffith University
Sajeda Tuli, University of Canberra
Min Zhang, University of Queensland

SOAC 2015 PhD Symposium Travel Information

The PhD symposium and ECR workshop will take place at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus, Gold Coast Campus, Parklands Drive, Southport, QLD 4222 (about 15mins drive from the main SOAC conference event). Drinks and Nibbles will be held at the Southport Sharks and the PhD Symposium Dinner will be held at the BMD Northcliffe Surf Club. The main SOAC conference is being hosted by QT Hotel. This is illustrated in the map below:



The building where much of the PhD symposium and ECR workshop activity will occur is G11 (Learning Commons), highlighted in the map below:



Transport options:

Car: The Gold Coast campus is a 30-minute drive from the Gold Coast Airport and a one-hour drive from Brisbane airport. It is a 10-minute drive from the Gold Coast City centre and a 14-minute drive from the SOAC conference location.

Train: There is no mainline train station at the Gold Coast Campus, however if you are using the train, Helensvale Station is the closest station (about 15 minutes by car or 20 minutes by bus to the Gold Coast campus). Plan your journey on the Translink website on: <http://jp.translink.com.au/>

G:Link Line: Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus has two stations on the G:Link light rail. The G:Link line begins at the Gold Coast University Hospital, travels south through Southport, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach, and terminates at Pacific Fair shopping centre. See the [G:Link website](#) for details on stations, tickets and times.

Accommodation Options:

If you are staying for both the PhD symposium and the SOAC main conference, there are many choices in Main Beach, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach, all easily accessible via the G:Link. Preferential rates for SOAC delegates have been negotiated at the QT Hotel, Gold Coast, where the main conference will also be held. For more info at: <http://soaconference.com.au/location-venue/#sthash.J3BT1s3R.dpuf>

If you are hoping to get accommodation closer to the campus (and possibly not going to the main SOAC conference), some options include:

- Earls Court Motor Inn: 131 Nerang Street, Southport, Gold Coast, Australia
- Aqualine Apartments 136 Marine Parade Southport, Southport, Gold Coast, Australia 4215

BIOGRAPHIES OF MENTORS

Senior Mentors

Professor Douglas Baker

Dr Douglas Baker is Professor and Head of Property and Planning in the School of Civil Engineering and the Built Environment at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. Dr. Baker's areas of expertise include land use planning, airport planning and management, and infrastructure development. Prior to moving to Australia, he worked in the public and private sectors, and was acting Head of School of Environmental Planning at the University of Northern British Columbia. Professor Baker has led numerous ARC grants in the areas of land use, governance and airport planning. He currently is working with the University of Cologne and T.U. Berlin on an international collaboration evaluating the planning of airports within the urban context. In addition, his research investigates the challenges of regional air transport in rural and remote Australia.

Associate Professor Claudia Baldwin

Claudia Baldwin is an Associate Professor in Regional and Urban Planning at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Prior to joining academia in 2006, Claudia worked for over 25 years in land-use and environmental policy and planning in federal and state governments as well as in consulting both within Australia and overseas. She specialises in using participatory and visual methods to research institutional and social-environmental change on topics as diverse as affordable housing, age-friendly communities, water allocation and coastal planning and climate change adaptation. Her project Infill Development for Older Australians in South East Queensland (www.usc.edu.au/seniorliving), won the 2012 Planning Institute of Australia (Qld), Excellence Award for Cutting Edge Research and Teaching, and the International Association of Public Participation Australasian 2013 Core value award for participatory research. She was also awarded USC's, Vice Chancellor and President's Award for Excellence in Research (Early Career Researcher) in 2012. She regularly partners with overseas colleagues in Indonesia, Kenya, Beijing, USA and Canada. Her book Integrated Water Planning: Achieving Sustainable Outcomes was published in 2014. She was co-leader of the multi-university Commonwealth-funded Experiential Learning in Planning project (<http://www.olt.gov.au/project-experiential-learning-planning-education-resources-and-tools-good-practice-2011>), with associated educator toolkit available at <http://experientiallearninginplanning.com.au>).

Professor Billie Giles-Corti

Professor Billie Giles-Corti is Director of the McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing Unit, Centre for Health Equity, University of Melbourne. She is an NHMRC Principal Research Fellow, an Honorary Fellow of both the Planning Institute of Australia (2012) and the Public Health Association (2008) and a Fulbright Scholar (2008). For two decades, Professor Giles-Corti and a multi-disciplinary team of researchers and postgraduate research students have been studying the impact of the built environment on health and wellbeing. She leads an NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities established in 2014. She has published over 200 articles and reports, and in 2014 was listed as a Thomson Reuter Highly Cited Researcher, ranking her among the top 1% of researchers globally by citations in the social sciences field.

Professor Brendan Gleeson

Brendan Gleeson is the Director of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, at the University of Melbourne. He joined Melbourne University in January 2012 as Professor of Urban Policy Studies and then took on the directorship of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute in early 2013.

Professor Gleeson came from the position of Deputy Director of the National University of Ireland's National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis. Prior to that he set up the Urban Research Program at Griffith University and was its inaugural Director.

Professor Gleeson has made significant scholarly contributions in urban and social policy, environmental theory and policy, and is a regular commentator in newspapers, television and radio. He has qualifications in geography and urban planning, including a masters degree from the University of Southern California and a PhD from the University of Melbourne. Professor Gleeson is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.

He is the author or editor of thirteen books, three of which have won national and international prizes, and numerous journal articles. His research interests include urban planning and governance, urban social policy, disability studies, and environmental theory and policy. His recent work has focused on socio-spatial analysis of suburbs, their vulnerability to oil shocks and the need for better public transport options.

Brendan Gleeson was the inaugural recipient of the John Iremonger Award for Writing on Public Issues (Allen & Unwin Publishers) leading to the publication of his seminal book *Australian Heartlands: Making Space for Hope in the Suburbs*. His latest book is *The Urban Condition* (Routledge, 2014)

Professor Peter Phibbs

Professor Peter Phibbs is a geographer, planner and social economist. Currently he is Director of the Henry Halloran Trust at the University of Sydney (a research trust established as a result of the generous donation of Warren Halloran) as well as the Head of the Urban Planning discipline at the same University. His current interest is to reconnect urban planning in NSW with innovative concepts like putting housing close to jobs and planning is more than “housing supply”. His main research interests are in the area of affordable housing and the relationship between planning and housing supply.

Professor Neil Sipe

Professor Neil Sipe is Program Head of Planning at the University of Queensland. He was previously Deputy Director of the Urban Research Program at Griffith University and served as Head of the Urban Planning Program from 2002 to 2006 and 2008 to 2012. He currently serves on the U.S. Transportation Research Board Ferry Committee and the Social and Economic Effects of Transportation Committee and is the editor of *Australian Planner*, the peer-reviewed journal serving the Australian planning community. He has a broad range of research interests including: transport and land use interactions; disruptive transport technologies; international comparisons of planning systems; and management/governance of natural resources.

Associate Professor Wendy Steele

Wendy Steele is an Associate Professor in Planning and Sustainability co-located in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies (GUSS) and the Centre for Urban Research (CUR) at RMIT University, Melbourne. Her current research focuses on cities in a climate of change with an emphasis on climate justice/security, critical infrastructure and cyborg cities. She is the co-convenor of the critical urban governance program at RMIT (with Libby Porter, Crystal Legacy and Joe Hurley) and an international editorial board member for the journal *Urban Policy and Research*. Her latest book is *Wild Cities* (Routledge, 2016) based on her three year Australian Research Council (DECRA) Fellowship (2012-2015).

Professor Carolyn Whitzman

Carolyn Whitzman is a Professor in Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne. She is the author, co-author, or lead editor of five books, including: *Melbourne: What Next? A Discussion on Creating a Better Future* (2014) and *Building Inclusive Cities: Women’s Safety and the Right to the City* (2013). She has published over 50 peer-reviewed scholarly publications on partnerships for social justice in the city, and frequently provides policy advice to local, state and national government and to the UN.

ECR Mentors

Dr Christopher Ambrey

Christopher Ambrey is currently a postdoctoral research fellow at the Urban Research Program. The proposed project being undertaken throughout the fellowship is, "What makes a 'happy city'?". This research project aims to identify natural and built environmental factors that influence individual wellbeing and social welfare more broadly. In doing so, the proposed research project builds on his earlier research published in *Ecological Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *New Zealand Economic Papers*, *Regional Studies*, *Social Indicators Research* and *Urban Studies*. His research interests include among other areas the economics of happiness and ecological economics. Christopher holds a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in economics, an honours degree in economics (first class) and PhD in economics. Christopher has been awarded the Chancellor's Medal for 2014 for excellence in the Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr Deanna Grant-Smith

Dr Deanna Grant-Smith is a Lecturer in the QUT Business School, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. Prior to an academic career, she worked in the government sector in a range of organisational development, community engagement, program management, transport planning and environment and safety policy roles. With qualifications in environmental science, communication and management Deanna's research interests include participatory planning, engagement with marginalised stakeholders, environmental stewardship, and the regulation of heterotopic and ludic spaces. She is currently researching the education-to-employment transitions of early career planners and the strategies they use to enhance their employability (including unpaid work). Deanna brings to her research and professional practice an interdisciplinary approach that is underpinned by a commitment to sustainability and social inclusion.

Dr Crystal Legacy

Crystal is an Australian Research Council (DECRA) Fellow and a Vice Chancellor's Research Fellow in the Centre for Urban Research at RMIT University. Crystal's research focuses on questions of critical urban governance, citizen engagement, urban politics and infrastructure implementation. Her DECRA research examines the impact of large-scale economic crises on local democratic planning practices in Australian and Canadian cities. She is the co-editor of *Building Inclusive Cities: Women's safety and the right to the city* (Routledge, 2013) and of *Instruments of Planning: Tensions and Challenge for more Equitable and Sustainable Cities* (Routledge, 2015). Crystal is the inaugural national co-chair of the Australasian Early Career Urban Research Network (AECURN).

Dr Michele Lobo

Michele Lobo is a Senior Research Fellow at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University, Melbourne. She holds an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (ARC DECRA) and an Australian Research Council Discovery Award. As a social and cultural geographer she uses emotion, affect and encounter as an entry point to explore whiteness, ethnic/ethno-religious diversity, Indigeneity and shared belonging in cities. Michele has published in *Social & Cultural Geography*, *Gender, Place and Culture*, *Emotion, Space & Society*, *Geographical Research*, *Urban Policy and Research*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, *Australian Critical Race and Whiteness Studies and Population, Space and Place*. She is the author of *Reimagining Citizenship in Suburban Australia: Voices from 'Dandy'*. She is also the co-editor of *Migration, Citizenship and Intercultural Relations: Looking through the lens of Social Inclusion and Intercultural Relations in a Global World*.

Dr Tony Matthews

Dr. Tony Matthews is lecturer in Urban and Regional Planning at Queensland University of Technology. His PhD, awarded in 2014, was undertaken at the Urban Research Program, Griffith University under the supervision of Professors Jago Dodson, Paul Burton and Brendan Gleeson. Dr. Matthews's primary research focuses on developing planning-led responses to climate change adaptation at local and regional scales. It reports on how adaptation can be main-streamed into existing plans, policies, regulations and frameworks to ensure that urban systems are better adapted to future climate change impacts. Dr. Matthews also contributes scholarship focused on the adoption of green infrastructure,

community-led urban regeneration, influences of local cultures on planning activities, urban design and public art. In addition to his scholarly standing, Dr. Matthews holds the internationally recognised professional designation of Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI).

Dr Natalie Osborne

Dr Natalie Osborne is a Lecturer in the School of Environment, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia. Natalie researches community-based activism and transition planning, resilience and adaptation, social and environmental justice, mine closure, community development, collective trauma, and the socio-spatial construction of identities, communities, and experiences. Her work is geared toward a better understanding of how social, environmental, political and economic shifts can trigger transformative change for a more just, resilient and sustainable future.

A critical qualitative researcher, Natalie is experienced in community-based research and in the use of diverse epistemologies. Her work has drawn on critical realism, social constructionism, standpoint theory, phenomenology, and storytelling methodology. Natalie has published work on climate change adaptation, intersectional feminist theory, mining, neoliberalism and Indigenous Peoples, emotional geographies, and transport accessibility and mobilities of care.

Dr Heather Shearer

Heather Shearer received her PhD in 2012, for a research project investigating household response to water restrictions during the Millennium Drought of 2005 to 2010. She has varied research interests, including housing affordability, the tiny house movement, environmental sustainability in the urban environment, climate change and ecotourism. Heather is primarily a quantitative researcher, with a focus on spatial analysis and GIS. In addition to her academic work, Heather is a keen environmentalist, freelance writer and blogger, and loves the outdoors, especially hiking over mountains.

Dr Elizabeth Taylor

Dr Elizabeth Taylor is a Vice Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Centre for Urban Research at RMIT University. She was previously a McKenzie Fellow in the Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne. Dr Taylor's research interests are in policy-focused research across urban planning, housing markets, property rights, and locational conflict including 'Not In My Back Yard' (NIMBY). Her research often makes use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). An increasing focus is car parking policy, as a factor in planning contestation and a way of understanding asserted rights to intensifying urban space. A sole-authored publication on spatial patterns of opposition to higher density housing was awarded Urban Policy and Research's 2012 Brian McLaughlin Award. Dr Taylor has contributed to numerous AHURI projects; and has worked in policy and spatial modelling roles within State Government, in private practice, and at the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM).

Speakers

Professor Paul Burton

Paul Burton is Professor of Urban Management and Planning and Acting Director of the Urban Research Program at Griffith University. He trained and worked as a planner in London before joining the School for Advanced Urban Studies at the University of Bristol in 1980 to carry out research for his PhD on the redevelopment of London's docklands. He was employed for many years as a contract researcher before obtaining a tenured position and subsequently served as Dean of Undergraduate Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law and as Head of the School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol. Once described as a lapsed planner, Paul returned to the fold when he moved to Australia in 2007 and now serves on the Education Committee of the Planning Institute of Australia.

A/Prof. Jason Byrne

Dr Jason Byrne is an urban geographer whose research focuses on parks, green-space, environmental justice and access to urban nature. He is Associate Professor in urban and environmental planning in

Griffith University's School of Environment (Gold Coast campus), where he has taught since 2006. Jason's research interests include: urban political ecologies of green-space, climate change adaptation, and environmental justice. Jason has collaborated on international research investigating obesogenic environments (USA) and green infrastructure (China) among other projects. His co-edited book *Australian Environmental Planning* has won state and national awards for cutting-edge research and teaching excellence from the Planning Institute Australia and he has more than 80 scholarly publications. Dr Byrne is a member of teams that have recently won Australian Research Council Discovery and Linkage grants and he has been awarded a Griffith Learning and Teaching Citation recognising his teaching excellence. A member of Griffith's Environmental Futures Research Institute, Jason previously worked as a planning officer, environmental officer and policy writer with the Western Australian government.

Prof. Nicole Gurran

Nicole Gurran is an urban planner and policy analyst whose research focuses on comparative land use planning systems and approaches to housing and ecological sustainability. She has been with the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning at the University of Sydney since 2002. Prior to this time she practiced as a planner in several state government roles, concerning local environmental plan making, environmental management, and housing policy.

Nicole's is currently leading an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project on the impact of urban regulation on housing affordability in Australian cities and regions, funded to 2014. She has led or collaborated on several recent studies relating to planning and the housing system for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, including 'Affordable housing, urban renewal and planning' (2011); 'Quantifying planning system performance and Australia's housing reform agenda' (2011); 'International Practice in Planning for Affordable Housing'; and 'Planning, Government Charges, and the Cost of Land and Housing' (2008/9). Other AHURI projects she has collaborated on include 'Innovations in Affordable Housing Provision'; 'Housing Policy and Sustainable Urban Development' and 'Boarding Houses and Government Supply Side Intervention'. She has also led a series of studies for the National Sea Change Taskforce on the social and environmental impacts of lifestyle migration to coastal areas, including responses to housing affordability problems in rapidly growing peri and non metropolitan communities. Her book *Australian Urban Land Use Planning; Principles Systems and Practice*, now in its second edition (SUP, 2011) explains and compares planning systems and policies in Australia, and includes detailed coverage of planning approaches for delivering diverse and affordable housing supply.

Nicole is on the executive board of the International Urban Planning and Environment Association (UPE) and on the editorial board of the journal *Urban Policy and Research* (Taylor and Francis).

She teaches core urban planning and housing subjects at post graduate level, and undertakes post graduate and doctoral research supervision.

Nicole is Co-Chair of the 10th International Urban Planning and Environment Association Symposium, held at the University of Sydney in July 2012 – see www.upe10.org.