



Jeff Phillips, President, CEFPI Australia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Those fortunate enough to have attended the April conference in Hobart experienced a great feeling of camaraderie within a wonderful setting. Congratulations to the organisers, Tim Gourlay, Cath Parker, Alisa Gilbert, Brian Webberley, Simon Bansley and a legion of helpers for the warm welcome, great program and outstanding hospitality.

The program was rated extremely highly by the 258 delegates who attended with particular note made of how well run and balanced the program was with informative and entertaining speakers. Outstanding contributions included presentations by the Hon Paula Wriedt MHA, Minister for Education, Mr David Bartlett MHA, Member for Denison and Dr Martyn Forrest, Secretary Department of Education, Tasmania.

Ms Pit Li Phan gave an excellent presentation on the Singapore Science and Mathematics School while Mr Prakash Nair led an ideas workshop, provided a presentation on design and advised delegates to use the "two feet" policy if sessions were not fulfilling needs or retaining interest. All presentations were well received and contributed substantially to expanding delegates understanding and knowledge of educational facility planning.

Our overseas guests, CEFPI Past President Ron Fanning and Jenie Fanning were very impressed by the warm welcome they received. Ron congratulated members on the rapid growth and success of the region and spoke of the expectations the organisation has for greater engagement with and service to members in our region.

A special thank you to our sponsors; ASCO, AVIT, DUROSTYLE, GHD, HARMONY STAGING, KIDS CAMPUS and the Tasmanian Department of Education.

Particular mention was made in the conference evaluation by delegates on the relevance of the content, the weather, the restaurants, the river cruise and the great opportunities people had to meet and mingle. What a great way to start a conference with a beer on a boat! I think it says something about Tim Gourlay's values and lifestyle!

Delegates who attended the conference should plan to get together soon with other members in their area to share some of the ideas and information gathered.

While you're about it, why not form a CEFPI Chapter for your State? Happy planning.

Jeff Phillips.

Chairman CEFPI Australasia Region

Further information on the conference presentations is on the CEFPI web site

<http://www.cefpi.org/>

CONFERENCE PLANNING FOR 2006 - 2008

Planning is already underway to hold our next annual conference in Adelaide, South Australia in early May 2006. Details will be on the web site and in the next newsletter.

Locations for the 2007 and 2008 conferences will be determined soon, and details provided on the web site.

OECD PEB

(OECD Programme on Educational Building)

Compendium of Exemplary Facilities

The Australasia Region is a strong supporter of the OECD Programme on Educational Buildings (PEB) and has encouraged members to submit projects for selection. In all seven projects were submitted and hopefully we will be well represented with some of these selected in the forthcoming publication.

OECD PEB - Evaluating Quality in Educational Facilities

In May 2005 the PEB held a meeting in Lisbon on evaluating quality in educational facilities (post occupancy evaluation). POE is one of the tools to measure and quantify the benefits from facilities to the learning process and an issue of increasing interest to managers.

CEFPI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The AGM and election of officers was held and the following people appointed. Their term of office runs until the USA Annual Conference in October 2006. Further details are on the CEFPI web site.

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<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>
Bill Walsh	Timothy Gourlay
Cecilia Wilson	<i>Western Australia</i>
John Day	Philip Idle Alec O'Connell

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

CEFPI periodically funds research projects investigating the relationship between school facilities and student performance and behaviour.

Jo Dane, a post graduate student at Monash at Monash University is the first member of the Australasia region to receive a Distinguished Merit Scholarship Award under the CEFPI Foundation and Charitable Trust Scholarship initiative.

A Scholarship of \$1000 US is available to one member from each region each year to assist them to undertake research in educational facility planning.

Jo's thesis "Aligning Pedagogy and Place in Higher Education" will examine the relationship between places of learning, methods of teaching and the existing precedence of design in a higher education setting.

Members will look forward with great interest to a report of Jo's work and hopefully inspire others to apply for a scholarship.

Information on this and other research program is available on the CEFPI web site.

For information about current research projects:
http://www.cefpi.org/new_research.html

DESIGN SHARE WORLD FORUM - BARCELONA, SPAIN 23- 25 JUNE, 2005

Design Share (Prakash Nair, Randy Fielding and Jeff Lackney) in conjunction with the OECD PEB (Richard Yelland) and John Mayfield (Danton International) will meet in Barcelona to discuss and debate future directions in education and architecture. Presenters will include George Copa and Bruce Jilk (USA) on pedagogy and design, Kelvin Trimper (Australia) on sustainable development and Prakash Nair on tools of the trade for education facilities planners.

For further information go to
www.designshare.com

STUDENTS VOICE

The ACEL/LETA conference in Adelaide in 2003 included input, commentary and demonstration by students and their contribution impressed locals and visiting delegates from overseas. Since then there has been a world wide movement to ensure students of all ages have opportunities to be involved in discussion and decision making. A recent example comes from a group of schools in Sydney that has formed a coalition of 11 public and private primary and secondary schools to improve school structures, policies and curriculum. The "Coalition of Knowledge Building Schools" uses techniques commonly used by market researcher to seek out opinions and to work out better ways of operating.

Several Australian newspapers are supporting student involvement in decision making. One example is the Sydney Morning Herald which asked students to describe their dream school, to say what matters to them and to address social issues. For further details go to

www.heraldeducation.smh.com.au

Youthquake - 'an act of massive imagination' was a feature event of 2004 the Year of the Built Environment! 100 young leaders met in Newcastle 'to create a vision of what Australia would be in 2050 if the nation began immediately to build ambitiously and work unstintingly towards that goal.' Their vision has been described in 'Future Shock - 2050' and they plan a follow up event in 18-20 November in Brisbane.

CONNECTING WITH ENGLAND

"Schools for the Future: Exemplar Designs, Concepts and Ideas"

The Schools Capital (Assets) Division of the Department for Education and Skills, London has developed a guideline with designs that are deliverable and help create schools for the future. Their publication "Schools for the Future: Exemplar Designs, Concepts and Ideas" includes 11 innovative designs for schools including five primary, five secondary and one R-12. The book can be downloaded from their website:

www.teachernet.gov.uk/docbank/index.cfm?id=6113.

Kingsmead Primary School, Cheshire County Council, England

Kingsmead Primary is a recent winner of the UK Constructing Excellence award for best practice knowledge demonstration. It is an exemplar project of sustainable construction and collaborative working to provide a learning and teaching environment which demonstrates the practical application of best practice in social, economical and environmentally sustainable development.

Further details about this school and the Construction Excellence program are on

www.constructingexcellence.org.uk/bpknowledge/

Architects Conference - the Architect's Role in Building Schools for the Future

This conference held on 11 May 2005 addressed a range of issues including the shift from PPP/ PFI to the Local Education Partnership model, ways to achieve educational transformation,

legal compliance issues, meeting statutory planning requirements without compromising innovative design, and financing.

<http://www.architectsineducation.co.uk/index.asp>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY?

Victoria

Victoria is to be congratulated as it has formed its local chapter of CEFPI. The ByLaws were tabled at the CEFPI AGM in April 2005 and further work is under way.

New South Wales

The NSW Government's Class Size Reduction Program, which promoted alternative methods of procurement for primary home bases, resulted in the development of the Modular Design Range (MDR) style of buildings.

The MDR, a double home base unit, has been further developed to provide modern facilities for smaller schools. A home base/library unit has been designed with a small hall currently on the drawing board.

The Government has identified the need for 97 new schools over the next 30 years. On 29 April 2005 Premier Carr announced that the next 9 schools will be constructed and maintained under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

A CEFPI seminar on PPP school buildings will be held in June 2005 in Sydney and will include inspection of one of the PPP schools built in 2004.

South Australia

The Premier's Reading Challenge to encourage children to read more books is now in its second year. Last year nearly 50,000 students met the challenge to read 12 books including 8 from an official book list. This year more than 400 schools have registered to participate.

The Catholic Education Office has announced the amalgamation of four schools across two campuses at the former Underdale campus of the University of Adelaide. This project provides an opportunity to integrate education, health and welfare services with residential development.

Western Australia

As well as planning and building many new Primary, Middle and Senior Schools over the next 4 years as part of the Governments \$1billion Capital Works Program, a major \$17m up-grade of the 1910 Perth Modern School is also planned.

Through an extensive community consultation process know as the Local Area Education Plan (LAEP) many new projects are initiated in various parts of the State. Currently the Karratha and Port Hedland communities in the far north of the State are considering changes to the provision of secondary education to better meets their needs.

A small group of CEFPI members led by Phil Idle are preparing the way for a Chapter to be established in WA.

Northern Territory

Many Darwin schools built immediately after the Cyclone Tracey now require renovations while those in remote communities have welcomed the possibility of secondary classes being offered in some locations and require renovations and additions to existing infrastructure.

Palmerston is looking forward to a new secondary school building. In Alice Springs designs by a consortium of architects, are well under way for Desert People's Centre which is a campus for tertiary studies for Indigenous people. In remote communities, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is developing small campus buildings at Gunbalanya and Borroloola to be open for tertiary studies in 2006.

2005 DIARY DATES

Jun	
Date	23-25 June 2005
Event	World Conference DesignShare, PEB & CEFPI
City	Barcelona, Spain
Contact	http://www.designshare.com/Barcelona/
Jun	
Date	24-25 June 2005
Event	Australasia Region Executive Board Meeting
City	Melbourne

Jul	
Date	3-7 July 2005
Event	The International Union of Architects 22nd World Congress
City	Istanbul, Turkey
Contact	www.uia2005istanbul.org
Sept	
Date	21-23 Sept 2005
Event	ACEL Annual Conference of Education Leaders
City	Gold Coast, Queensland
Contact	http://www.ancel.org.au/conference2005/
Sept	
Date	30 Sept-3 Oct 2005
Event	CEFPI 82nd Annual Conference
City	San Antonio, Texas, USA
Contact	www.cefpi.com
Oct	
Date	2-4 Oct 2005
Event	ACEC 2006 (Australian Computers in Education Conference)
City	Cairns, Queensland
Dec	
Date	8-9 December 2005
Event	International conference on early childhood education
City	Edinburgh, Scotland
Contact	www.childrenscotland.org.uk

Have a say

Contributions to the CEFPI Newsletter are welcomed. If you have events or ideas to share, contact Ann Gorey, South Australia by email:

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