The 4th International Urban Design Conference 2011

22nd and 23rd of September, Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa, Queensland

Resilient Cities will need to endorse density and diversity in building types, and public spaces. They will be walkable communities that also support the innovative use of public transport. Place Making will see Resilient Cities protect their natural resources while managing the impacts of climate change. In many cases community living needs could be in walking distance.

Transport, construction infrastructure, industry and communications systems will need to become more energy efficient, and reduce their environmental footprint. Resilient Cities will increase the use of local produce; they will require the active participation of community groups, business and governments.

Resilient Cities will do all this while absorbing the impact of rapidly increasing populations.

"The opportunities of the twenty-first century make those of us who care about cities feel like kids in a candy store: how will cities survive and lead the way in the transformation required to combat global warming? Resilient Cities gives us a road map for this epic journey upon which we are embarking."

Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle, Washington

Invitation from the Mayor Ron Clarke MBE

It gives me great pleasure to invite delegates to the Gold Coast for the 4th International Urban Design Conference.

As Australia’s sixth-largest city and one of its unique attractions, the Gold Coast is an ideal venue for the International Urban Design Conference 2011, which is themed Resilience in Urban Design.
Our city boasts a magnificent natural environment featuring pristine beaches, rivers, extensive canal systems, the green mountain hinterland and lush forest. These qualities and the structure of our city, intertwined as it is with the landscape, will serve us well in establishing a more sustainable city…. Download the full message here.

Message from the City Architect Chris Gee - Co-Chair

I’m delighted to invite delegates to the next International Urban Design Conference 2011, with the theme of Resilience in Urban Design. The Gold Coast City Council is pleased to once again be co-hosting this event.

Resilience in urban design is the positive capacity of our cities to cope with stress and adversity, and adapt to change. Most research now shows that resilience is the result of diversity and cities interacting with their environment, and the processes that influence good urban design outcomes against the overwhelming influence of change. These processes can be individual coping strategies, or may be helped along by good urban design principles that make resilience more effective…. Download the full message here.

The Theme

The theme for the 4th International Urban Design Conference is Resilience in Urban Design through measures such as supported interconnectivity, appropriate densification within urban footprints, multiple transit modes and walkability, socially inclusive design, economic resilience, and adaptive built environments.

Resilience in Urban Design is a chance to reinforce and highlight these resilient solutions for our citywide planning, design & infrastructure - to be able to successfully address emerging challenges brought about by climate change, peak oil crisis, population growth, social disengagement, technological disparity, rising pollution and waste, demands on food production, rising carbon emissions, and diminishing habitat and biodiversity.
We will foster informed debate and stimulate those both in and allied to the urban design and planning professions.

The conference streams will include:

- Resilience in urban design
- Sustainable infrastructure & transport
- Population growth, densification & urban renewal
- Ecocities & energy efficient, carbon neutral buildings
- Responsive & inclusive public spaces & built environment
- Effective governance & leadership
- Tourism heritage

The Conference attracts delegates from a wide range of backgrounds including:

- Policy makers
- Social planners
- Town Planners
- Politicians
- Architects
- Urban Designers
- Senior public servants
- Landscape Architects
- Consultants
- City Governance personnel
- Engineers
- Demographers
- Development Industry
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Keynote Speakers

- **Mr David Singleton**, Arup Group Board Director, Global Practice Leader for Infrastructure, Group Sustainability Director
- **Professor Richard Weller**, Winthrop Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Western Australia
- **Roger Bayley**, Roger Bayley Inc, Canada
- **Adjunct Professor Paul Pholeros**, Director of Healthabitat and Principal of Paul Pholeros Architects
- **Sue Holliday**, Managing Director at Strategies for Change
Committee

- **Chris Gee** Gold Coast City Architect
- **Kelvin Walsh** Director City Sustainability, Hume City Council
- **Philip Follent** LFRAIA Queensland Government Architect
- **Sue Wood** Assistant Director Urban Design - Urban Development - Department of Planning and Community Development – Victorian Government
- **Ms Diana Griffiths** Senior Associate (Urban Design) Arup, Sydney
- **Prof Gordon Holden** PhD, MA(Urb Des), Dip Arch, FRAIA, FNZIA Griffith University
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