

Issue Four – July 2014

## From the Associate Dean Research

The demands of the external research funding cycle ebb and flow through the year and they are now hotting up again. Two weeks ago BE researchers received a briefing on new procedures involved in AHURI (Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute) grants (ahead of the bidding deadline at the end of August). Last week the Australian Research Council (ARC) sent referees comments to all Chief Investigators (CI) on their Discovery Grant applications submitted back in March. So now, around 10 BE staff members are actively engaged in the process of responding to these commentaries with the assistance of mentors Jane Marceau and Kayleen Campbell. And as this goes on the ARC is already tinkering with rules for next year's Discovery Projects (and Future Fellowships). Soon the attention will shift back towards Linkage Projects for 2015 with guidelines just announced by the ARC and applications due in November. To help assist BE staff in preparation for the next round of Linkage applications we are holding a special workshop on 5 August with James Walsh of the UNSW Research Strategy Office (see the details elsewhere in this newsletter). Meanwhile deep in the ARC offices at Canberra Airport, preparations are still underway for the Excellence in Research Australia (ERA 2015) exercise which will be a major research reporting commitment for us in the second half of 2014.

Rob Freestone

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## Research Highlights

### Leisure Space: The Transformation of Sydney, 1945-1970 Launched



Congratulations to the Urban Typologies Research Cluster who launched their book *Leisure Space: The Transformation of Sydney, 1945-1970*, on 4 June at O Bar and Dining - the famous revolving restaurant on Level 47 of the Harry Seidler-designed Australia Square (1967).

About 120 guests attended the launch and enjoyed the occasion which included speeches from the Faculty's Dean, Professor Alec Tzannes, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, Councillor Robyn Kemmis. Councillor Kemmis spoke in glowing terms about Leisure Space and its significance as a contribution to the literature on Sydney. She stated, "I just love this book! It documents a fascinating era of change in Sydney, from the development of international hotels, to the arrival of motels, from

coffee bars and migrant clubs to drive-ins and holiday homes."

Well done to Paul and Judith and everyone else involved with the book and the launch. [Read extracts](#) from the speech given by Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, Councillor Robyn Kemmis.

**Leisure Space: The Transformation of Sydney, 1945-1970**, was edited by Dr Paul Hogben (Architecture) and Dr Judith O'Callaghan (Interior Architecture). Other contributing authors include, Dr Dijana Alic (Architecture), Dr Shirley Daborn (PhD graduate), Dr Sing D'Arcy (Interior Architecture), Dr Michael Bogle (Sessional), Catherine Evans (Landscape Architecture), Prof. Rob Freestone (Planning), Dr Maryam Gusheh (Architecture), Tracie Harvison (PhD candidate), Cath Lassen (Architecture), Assoc Prof Harry Margalit (Architecture) and Dr Russell Rodrigo (Interior Architecture).

The book can be purchased online from [NewSouth Books](#).

Take a look at the [photo gallery](#) of the launch event.

### **New Infrastructure Research Cluster Established**

Following a call for expressions of interest earlier this year, a new research cluster *Infrastructure in the Built Environment* has now been approved by the BE Executive. Convened by Professor Michael Neuman, the cluster will act as a vehicle to intensify the emerging focus on infrastructure in the faculty. One of the cluster's major objectives for the next 12 months is to establish an annual symposium and publish a book as an output of that symposium, elevating the visibility of BE as a key player in this space.

### **New UNSW Procedure for Responsible Peer Review**

A new UNSW [Procedure for Responsible Peer Review](#) was approved on 2 June 2014 and became effective on that date. This Procedure has been developed to meet the standards set out in the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, NHMRC Principles of Peer Review and the Singapore Statement on Research Integrity. This Procedure should be read in conjunction with the UNSW **Research Code of Conduct**.

This Procedure covers the principles of peer review and the responsibilities of researchers and research candidates undertaking peer review activities.

Any questions should be directed to Bronwyn Greene on x52983 or [b.greene@unsw.edu.au](mailto:b.greene@unsw.edu.au).

### **UNSW Major Research Infrastructure Initiative (MREII) Round Coming Up**

If you haven't already started thinking about it, now is the time to consider a possible application for the 2015 MREII round. The faculty has had success with this scheme, receiving funding every year since 2011 – you can see the projects funded previously on the [faculty website](#).

Items supported by the scheme must be consistent with the [Research Infrastructure Block Grant \(RIBG\) Guidelines](#).

While the next round has not yet been released we understand it will continue with the same timelines as last year. So expect it to open in August with an internal (faculty) deadline during October. Updates will be provided as they come to hand.

### **Proposing Changes to the UNSW List of Top Quality Outlets**

Late last year the Academic Board approved a new UNSW Measure of Research Performance for trial. The new measure will be used to categorise research active staff into one of three performance tiers which will then be used to benchmark faculty research performance and help guide the distribution of strategic research funding to faculties. To operationalise the measure, UNSW will create and maintain lists of Top Quality Research Outlets to be used for assessing quality outputs.

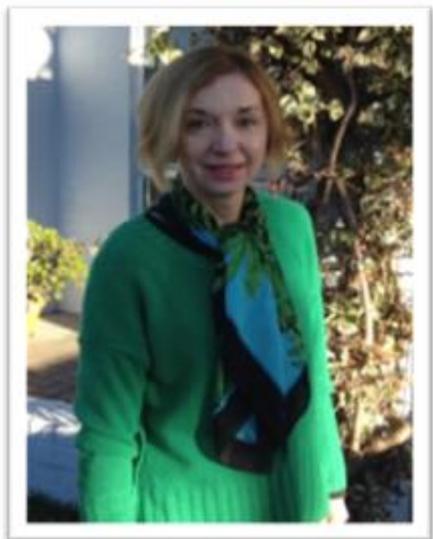
Staff are now being given the opportunity to make cases for the addition of quality research outlets to the UNSW list. To that effect an email was sent to all academic staff last week by Rodina Atme, on behalf of Rob Freestone, outlining the procedure. Please refer to that email for further information on

the [staff intranet](#) for links to the forms and process. Any proposals must be with Toni Hodge by **Friday 25 July** to be reviewed by the Associate Dean Research and Head of School. **Please note:** All proposals will be forwarded to, and considered by, the special central committee being set up to review the lists, even if they are not supported by the HOS/ADR.

The Design Collaboration research cluster is hosting a special workshop the week beginning 7 July for staff to discuss proposals and procedures for adding to the UNSW list of outlets, in particular to guide the assessment of non-traditional research outputs. Details will be circulated by email.

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## Meet the Researchers – Dr Dijana Alic



Dijana teaches in the architecture discipline and is currently the coordinator of the Master of Architecture program. Dijana's research interests are focused on the relationships between architecture and socio-political contexts. Such explorations have underpinned her investigations of Sydney's western suburbs that have led to a series of research papers on the cultural and architectural histories of ethnic clubs across various Sydney suburbs. This research agenda has also underpinned various elective design studios run in the Master of Architecture program. The studios explored the capacities of buildings to represent cultural, ethnic and or religious identities and provided opportunities for the students to engage with the multi-cultural diversity of Sydney.

Originally from Sarajevo, Dijana has also written on the topics of modernity and national expression in architecture and, in particular, the socialist (communist) political agendas of post-World War 2 'Eastern' Europe. Dijana has published in significant international journals such as the *Journal of the*

*Society of Architectural Historians* (JSAH), *Open House International* and *Fabrications*.

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## BE Research in the Media

**Bill Randolph:** *High, higher society*; The Australian, 7 June 2014. [Read article](#).

**Michael Neuman:** *Life in the slow lane: midweek traffic the worst for Sydney drivers*; The Sydney Morning Herald, 4 June 2014. [Read article](#)

**Bruce Judd:** *Do older Australians really want less space as they age?* ABC Radio, 2 June 2014. [Listen to interview](#).

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## News from the Centres

### CRC Low Carbon Living

The CRC for Low Carbon Living was pleased to report in its latest newsletter that it had emerged relatively unscathed from the recent federal Government Budget announcement. Contrary to pre-budget speculations, CRCs retain their existing funding arrangements for the present and the CRCLCL can continue to focus on industry-relevant, end-user driven research.

For more updates, check out their [June newsletter](#).

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## Upcoming BE Events

### **Built Environment Research Workshop:        *ARC Linkage Grants***

Tuesday 5 August 2014, 12.00pm (lunch provided), Room 4035, Red Centre. [RSVP](#)

James Walsh, of the Research Strategy Office, will be running a workshop for built environment covering:

- What is happening with Linkage in FOR Code 12xx
- What is happening with benchmark faculties at other institutions
- How to strategically manage Field of Research Code and Keyword selection to gain the best assessments
- What assessors like and don't like from our immediate past applications.

### **Utzon Lecture Series:**

***Cities, Competitiveness and Australia's Comparative Advantage – why we must get cities right in Australia***

**Ms Jennifer Westacott**

Wednesday 30 July 2014, 6.30pm, UNSW Kensington

[More information and registration](#)

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## Did You Know...?

### **International Research is now supported by the Research Partnerships Unit**

International research is now supported by the [Research Partnerships Unit](#), in recognition of the important role of international partnerships in advancing the research quality, reputation and impact of UNSW. Researchers should make contact with the RPU regarding all aspects of international [research partnership funding](#), [memoranda of understanding](#) involving research and research relationships, including with [university networks](#).

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## Other University Events

### **Women in Research Network (WiRN)**

Next informal network lunch 16 July, [click here for details](#)

Join the WIRN discussion on [LinkedIn](#) - search for "UNSW Women in Research Network"

### **Early Career Researcher and Postdoctoral Academy: *Game of Chairs: learning from knowledge production structure in the natural and social sciences***

**Dr Declan Kuch**

*Thursday 3 July, 4.00pm, Level 4 Conference Room, Lowy Cancer Research Centre*

Academia, like many contemporary labour markets, has become [increasingly reliant on a casual and contract labour](#). Large research projects are often won by charismatic scientists who can prove 'track record', further skewing resources towards an elite of professors who may come to hold a Chair. This interactive session examines how postdoctoral researchers manage the production of knowledge in teams of varying size, technical complexity, applicability to direct social problems, and autonomy. What can natural and social scientists learn from each other about building their own track record, and even winning the Game of Chairs?

Afternoon tea will be served immediately prior with drinks and canapés served following the presentation.

[More information and to register.](#)

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## HDR News

### News and Announcements



We would like to congratulate the 11 Postgraduate Research Students (named in last month's newsletter) who graduated at the UNSW Graduation Ceremony on Friday 13 June. We are delighted to announce that this was the largest number of BE students to graduate at the one ceremony.

A presentation of hoods took place in the FBE Gallery at 12pm where Dean Alec Tzannes presented each student with a graduation hood. Over the years this event has become customary in FBE, with graduating students able to keep the hood as a souvenir to remind them of their time spent here with us. Lunch and drinks were provided

for the students, their families and supervisors.

### Events

#### **1. Wellbeing/Writing Workshop - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Red Centre Lecture Theatre (G001)**

##### **9am-12pm CAPS Workshop**

The morning block will be an information session run by CAPS (Counselling and Psychological Services). This will be a 2-3hrs workshop/seminar run by Ed Lukaszewski, this tailored workshop will cover mental health, resilience & wellbeing.

##### **12pm-1:30pm Lunch (will be provided)**

##### **1:30pm-4:30pm Learning and Teaching Workshop**

The second half of the day is a 3hr workshop on the writing process in relation to different stages of the degree run by Pamela Mort from the Learning and Teaching Unit. Topics that may be covered are listed below:-

- a) Barriers to writing/writer's block and how to overcome
- b) How examiners mark a thesis/large report and implications for reader friendly writing (cohesion in writing)
- c) Genre awareness – basic structures/organisation of lit reviews, theses, chapters,
- d) Writing for publication – getting feedback before submitting, the review process, responding to reviewers

Staff are welcome to attend this PhD workshop – please RSVP to [Suzie Scandurra](#) if you would like to attend.

## **2. 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition – SAVE THE DATE**

**3.00pm - 4.00pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August - OMB G31 (Old Main Building G31 [LCTR]) – student presentations**

**4:30pm - 5:30pm (Red Centre, room 2046) – announcement of winners and presentation of prizes by Alec Tzannes (drinks and nibbles will be provided)**

In this competition higher degree research candidates have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance, in language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

The Competition supports the development of research candidates' capacity to communicate ideas effectively to a range of non-specialist audiences and to the wider community. Participation in the 3MT provides:

- a great networking opportunity for research candidates both within faculties and across UNSW
- the opportunity for candidates to 'crystallise' thoughts about their thesis and how they communicate their research
- internal and external promotion of the value of postgraduate research
- an opportunity to have fun, and to generate public and media interest in what our researchers do.

The winner of the UNSW Final will participate in the [2014 Trans-Tasman Three Minute Thesis Competition](#), to be held at The University of Western Australia on **Monday 3 November 2014**.

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## **Research Training – Upcoming UNSW Events**

### **Supervisor Development: Approaching the HDR supervision experience (repeat workshop)**

*Tuesday 15 July 2014; 10.00am – 1.00pm*

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Building Your Research Profile: Starting a conversation about your research with impact**

*Thursday 17 July 2014; 10.00am – 1.00pm*

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Introduction to Unix for HPC (HPC for Wimps)**

*Thursday/Friday 17-18 July 2014*

This is a two day general introductory course for researchers and PhD students who have never used high performance computing before or have had only limited exposure. It assumes only basic Windows competence and will teach participants how to interact via the command line, move data between different locations and prepare and run it through the HPC facilities.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Cleaning and Exploring your Data with Open Refine**

*Monday 21 July 2014; 10.00am – 12.30pm*

Open Refine is a powerful free tool for exploring, normalising and cleaning up datasets. In this tutorial we'll work through the various features of Refine, including importing data, faceting, clustering, and calling into remote APIs, by working on a fictional but plausible humanities research project.

We will start with a research question in mind and use the features of Refine to gain insights and to find answers. The research question relates to NSW police stations — finding out what we can about where they are located, their heritage status, and the kinds of archival records State Records NSW holds on them.

During this course you will be shown how to get map coordinates by creating direct batch queries to Google maps.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Data Visualisation with Google Fusion Tables**

*Monday 21 July 2014; 2.00pm – 4.00pm*

This two hour workshop introduces Google Fusion Tables and uses a practical example whereby participants create a "heat map" of NSW highlighting crime hotspots by drawing together geospatial data containing Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries together with NSW Crime statistics to illustrate the power of Fusion Tables.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Supervisor Development: Supporting HDR students' academic reading and literature review (repeat workshop)**

*Thursday 31 July 2014; 10.00am – 1.00pm*

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### **Research Projects – Application principles and strategic considerations (repeat workshop)**

*Thursday 7 August 2014; 1.30pm – 4.00pm*

For more information and to register [click here](#).

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## **Publications**

The following 2014 research activities have been entered into [ROS](#) and published since the release of the last newsletter.

### **Book Chapters**

D'Arcy, S. L. (2014). Sky-high ambitions: Sydney's restaurants. In J. O'Callaghan, & P. Hogben (Eds.), *Leisure Space: The Transformation of Sydney, 1945-1970* (pp. 92-107). Sydney: Newsouth Books. Retrieved from <https://www.newsouthbooks.com.au/books/leisure-space-transformation-Sydney/>

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Evans, C., & Harvison, T. (2014). Golf. In P. Hogben, & J. O'Callaghan (Eds.), *Leisure Space: The Transformation of Sydney 1945-1970* (1 ed.). Sydney: NewSouth Publishing. Retrieved from <https://www.newsouthbooks.com.au/books/leisure-space-transformation-Sydney/>

Freestone, R. (2014). Australian environmental planning: origins and theories. In J. Byrne, & N. Sipe (Eds.), *Australian Environmental Planning: Challenges and Future Prospects* (pp. 21-35). Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

Legacy, C., Pinnegar, S., Tice, A., & Wiesel, I. (2014). Beyond the Boundaries of Strategic Interest. In W. Steele, T. Alizadeh, L. Eslami-Andargoli, & S. Serrao-Neumann (Eds.), *Planning Across Borders in a Climate of Change* (pp. 232 pages). London: Routledge. Retrieved from <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415704397/>

Neuman, M. (2014). Rethinking Borders. In W. Steele, T. Alizadeh, L. Eslami-Andargoli, & S. Serrao-Neumann (Eds.), *Planning Across Borders in a Climate of Change* (pp. 232 pages). London: Routledge. Retrieved from <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415704397/>

### Journal Articles

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- Loosemore, M. (2014). Improving construction productivity: a subcontractor's perspective. *Engineering, Construction and Architectural Management*, 21(3), 245-260. doi:[10.1108/ECAM-05-2013-0043](https://doi.org/10.1108/ECAM-05-2013-0043)
- Pompili, M. (2014). Modern multi-unit housing in Japan and the Dōjunkai Apartments (1924–34): Change and continuity.. *Fabrications: the journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Australia and New Zealand*, 24(1), 26-47. doi:[10.1080/10331867.2014.901134](https://doi.org/10.1080/10331867.2014.901134)
- Soo, A., & Oo, B. L. (2014). The effect of construction demand on contract auctions: an experiment. *Engineering, Construction and Architectural Management*, 21(3), 276-290. doi:[10.1108/ECAM-01-2013-0010](https://doi.org/10.1108/ECAM-01-2013-0010)
- van den Nouwelant, R., Davison, G., Pinnegar, S., Randolph, B., & Gurran, N. (2014). Delivering affordable housing through the planning system in urban renewal contexts: converging government roles in Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales. *Australian Planner*. doi:[10.1080/07293682.2014.914044](https://doi.org/10.1080/07293682.2014.914044)

### Conference Papers

- Afroz, A., White, D., & Neuman, M. (2014). Which visual cues are important in way-finding? Measuring the influence of travel mode on visual memory for built environments. In H. Caltenco, P. Hedvall, A. Larsson, K. Rassmus-Grohn, & B. Rydeman (Eds.), *Proceedings of the International Conference on Universal Design UD2014* Vol. 35 (pp. 394-403). Lund, Sweden: IOS Press. doi:[10.3233/978-1-61499-403-9-394](https://doi.org/10.3233/978-1-61499-403-9-394)
- Alrasheed, H., & Kamardeen, I. (2014). Factors affecting the psychological health of foreign workers in the Saudi construction industry. In Y. G. Sandanayake, N. G. Fernando, & G. I. Karunasena (Eds.), *Proceedings of The 3rd World Construction Symposium: Sustainability and Development in Built Environment* (pp. 249-255). Colombo, Sri Lanka: University of Moratuwa.
- Carnemolla, P. K., & Bridge, C. (2014). The potential of a home modification strategy – a universal design approach to existing housing. In H. Caltenco, P. Hedvall, A. Larsson, K. Rassmus-Grohn, & B. Rydeman (Eds.), *Universal Design 2014: Three Days of Creativity and Diversity* Vol. 35 (pp. 259-268). Lund, Sweden: IOS Press. doi:[10.3233/978-1-61499-403-9-259](https://doi.org/10.3233/978-1-61499-403-9-259)
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## Other

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## Current Funding Opportunities

### **Australia – India Council (AIC) Grants Program**

The AIC welcomes funding applications from individuals and organisations in Australia for projects which are likely to promote long term contact and cooperation between Australia and India. AIC grants are intended to provide seed funds for innovative proposals in areas such as urban development, public health and public policy activities. ... [more](#)

Internal Deadline: 18 July 2014

### **Australian – American Fulbright Commission | 2015 Fulbright Scholarships**

The mission is to promote mutual understanding through education and cultural exchange....[more](#)

External Deadline: 1 August 2014

### **General Sir John Monash Foundation | 2015 Scholarships**

The General Sir John Monash Scholarships are Australia's prestigious postgraduate scholarship program....[more](#)

External Deadline: 13 August 2014

### **International Postdoctorate Fellowship Opportunities at the EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne)**

The EPFL is offering 2 year postdoctoral fellowships to early career researchers from anywhere in the world and who completed their PhD less than 5 years ago. Applications open on 1 July 2014 and close on **1 October 2014**. ...[more](#)

### **AHURI Funding Round 2015**

The latest AHURI funding round is now open with a bidding deadline of **29 August 2014**.

[Research agenda.](#)

[Funding guidelines.](#)

Please contact [Hal Pawson](#) if you have any queries.

## **Academy of the Social Sciences Australia | Workshop Program**

The Workshop Program is a principal component of the ASSA's promotion of excellence in research in the social sciences...[more](#)

Internal Deadline: **3 October 2014**

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### **Related Links**

[BE Research Resources](#)

[UNSW Research](#)