



People and Place Cluster Report August 2019

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The People & Place Cluster respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands where UNSW Sydney is located - the Bedegal (Kensington campus) and Gadigal (City campus). They are a living part of the oldest continuous existing culture on earth. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past and present and their communities who have been stewards of the places that all people in Australia now enjoy.

The aim of our Cluster is to explore the relationship between people and place. The Cluster focusses on developing a supportive research culture across the disciplines in the BE Faculty for both staff and higher degree research students.

REPORT for BE Faculty Research Management Committee, 8 October 2019

Regular meetings

As reported at the last meeting, the People & Place Cluster met regularly during T2. We are now into T3 and have a program of regular meetings in place. So far, we have met as follows:

- Week 1 – September 17: **Cluster Touch Base - Connection, Chat, Cuppa - How is everyone going? T3 events update** – meeting led by Cluster Co-convenors – general discussion with Cluster members, plus report on planning for our November event
- Week 3 – September 30: **Healthy Streets – Healthy Places?** Visiting UK expert, Ms Lucy Saunders, presented on her internationally renowned [Healthy Streets Program](#). This event was possible due to our connections with Active Living NSW and the Heart Foundation who funded Ms Saunders' visit to Australia. The Cluster was given the opportunity to have an event with Ms Saunders at no cost to the Cluster. This event was well attended (20 persons) with representatives from beyond the Cluster, including the NSW Cancer Council and Cancer Institute. BE PG students were also in attendance. See appendix for event flyer.
- Scheduled for Week 6 – October 23: **Mapping mobilities: Using qualitative GIS to explore migration**. Presentation by cluster member Caitlin Buckle who has recently completed her PhD on this topic.

- We are in the process of organising at least two more regular meeting events into November featuring Cluster members presenting on their research work and successful methodologies and interdisciplinary networking.

November 7 – Special Cluster Event – Seminar and Book Launch

As previously advised, planning is well advanced for our major public event on Thursday 7 November 2019. We provided details in our previous reports. Updates since then include:

Seminar – keynote speakers and panel speakers in place. Speaker briefings underway regarding the seminar delivery and the planned special journal issue following the event. Travel administration completed for our international keynote.

Book Launch – The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Rob Stokes MP, will ‘launch’ the two books via video link. Our liaising with the Minister’s Office is well advanced and books sent. The Acting Government Architect, Mr Ben Hewett, will officiate in person at the launch as the official Ministerial representative.

Hold-the-Date advices sent to Cluster members and special guests for book launch. Now that Minister has confirmed, a formal flyer will be sent out shortly.

We are working with UNSW Book Shop to have a small ‘stall’ at the launch selling Cluster related books and the two books being launched.

APPENDIX



Seminar & Discussion
with
Lucy Saunders

Healthy Streets Healthy Places?

We all live on streets and engage with them on a daily basis. So, it's a reasonable question to ask: can these familiar places support our mental and physical wellbeing as we go about our everyday activities?

Come and hear visiting UK specialist **Lucy Saunders** talk about creating healthy places in the streets where we live out our daily lives! Lucy will tell us about her evidenced-based framework – [Healthy Streets Approach](#) – and how this can be used to create healthy supportive places. Lucy's presentation will be followed by informal discussion with participants.

Sincere thanks to [Active Living NSW](#) and the [Heart Foundation](#) for supporting Lucy's Australian visit.

Date: Monday 30 September 2019
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Venue: Heart Foundation Offices, Level 3, 80 William Street

About the speaker



Lucy Saunders is a public health specialist, urbanist and transport planner. She created the Healthy Streets Approach, an evidence based framework for decision making to embed public health in city transport, public realm and planning. Building on her success in London she now shares her expertise with cities and regions globally. Lucy led the implementation of Healthy Streets in London through the Greater London Authority, Transport for London, boroughs and advocacy organisations. Her highly influential work put health at the heart of city policy in London. Healthy Streets is the framework of the Mayor's 25 year Transport Strategy, a pillar of the London Plan (spatial plan) and part of all the Mayor's statutory strategies.