Introduction and Welcome

The end of 2012 brings to a close another busy year for CHURP and, I suspect, many others across South Australia and Australia.

In some key areas it has been a year of remarkable success for CHURP and all its staff, with Louise O’Loughlin moving to join us on a more or less full time basis and the team overall picking up grant funding from the Australian Research Council, the National Housing Supply Council and the Rural and Regional Research and Development Grant Scheme. Our success has been sufficient for us to welcome new team members through 2012, with Catherine Synnot and Sandy Horne joining us during the year. Next year we expect to welcome two new Research Fellows, with the formal announcement coming in the next newsletter.

In looking back on a successful year it is important to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of all the staff within the Centre: Louise O’Loughlin, Debbie Faulkner, Emma Baker, Selina Tually, Laurence Lester, Sandy Horne, Emily Thwaites-Tregilgas, Michael Kroehn, Gary Wilson, Felicity Prance, Mark Bruerton, Julia Law, Michele Slatter, Jo Baulderstone and our postgraduate students. One of the factors contributing to our success as a team has been the support we receive from the University in general, the Faculty and the School of Social Sciences in particular. Key staff in a range of areas have helped make us successful, including Martin Kusabs and Gavin Smith on the accounting side, Simon Ladd from Research Development, Anas Al Daboubi from Adelaide Research and Innovation, Shamira Barr and Greg McCarthy from the School of Social Sciences and Nick Harvey, the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Thank you to our Reference Group members for their guidance and to those from outside organisations who have participated in and supported our research.

The Christmas/New Year period is often an opportunity to catch up with old friends, make plans for the future and look to explore new horizons. Many of us in CHURP will be using this period to both refresh and refocus.

We should also acknowledge that it can be a time of difficulty for the poorest and most vulnerable within society: the new year period can be a time of peak evictions from private rental housing, it can be a challenging time for people with a psychiatric disability and the homeless population are, in many ways, reminded of all that is not available to them. Hopefully the sorts of good research that comes from CHURP can be used to inform policies that help overcome these challenges.

So in conclusion, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Professor Andrew Beer, Director
Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2012
Smart, Creative, Sustainable, Inclusive: Territorial Development Strategies in the Age of Austerity

Date: 23 November 2012
Venue: London
http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/future.asp

36th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International
Connecting Regions: Research, Practice and Policy
Date: 5-7 December 2012
Venue: University of Wollongong

5th Australian Cycling Conference
Everybody’s Cycling?
Date: 21-22 January 2013
Venue: Adelaide
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7th Australasian Housing Researchers’ Conference
6-8 February 2013

About the conference: www.business.curtin.edu.au/ahrc13

The Australasian Housing Researchers’ Conference is the premier conference for housing researchers and other stakeholders in Australia and New Zealand. The AHRC13 will be held at the Esplanade Hotel in the heart of historic Fremantle less than 30 kilometres from Perth. The event will run over two and half days from Wednesday 6th February to Friday 8th February 2013 allowing delegates to discuss their research with their colleagues and engage in various social activities including a welcome poolside BBQ, cocktail reception at the Maritime Museum and conference dinner at Fremantle Prison.

The AHRC13 welcomes delegates from a range of academic backgrounds, including geography, public policy, law, sociology, planning, economics, architecture, urban design, and public policy. The conference also welcomes delegates from industry, government and the not for profit sector.

The AHRC13 is a perfect forum for early career researchers and postgraduate scholars to present their research ideas in the form of full papers, working papers or simply presentations.

A special conference rate is available for full-time postgraduate scholars. Early career researchers are encouraged to submit a paper for the Housing Minister’s Award for Early Career Researchers sponsored by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Ltd (AHURI Ltd).

Conference themes and key speakers

The overarching theme of the 7th Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference is Housing the Needs of Diverse Populations.

Themes for concurrent sessions include:
- Housing Economics;
- Housing Affordability;
- Housing Governance and Policy;
- Housing Supply;
- Housing Tenures:
- Current and Future;
- Research and Policy Engagement;
- Environmental Sustainability, Design and Housing;
- Housing and Household Wellbeing;
- Homelessness;
- Housing and Planning;
- Indigenous Housing;
- International Housing Markets;
- Regional Housing Markets;
- Vulnerable Groups and Housing;
- Housing and the Resources Industry.

The conference organisers welcome suggestions for other concurrent session themes and suggestions for concurrent sessions on a particular theme by a group of presenters.

Confirmed keynote speakers include:
Professor Christine Whitehead OBE, Cambridge University;
Professor Gavin Wood, RMIT University;
Mr Andrew McAnulty, CEO of Mission Australia Housing.

All abstracts are to be submitted as an email attachment to the Conference Committee via AHRC13@curtin.edu.au. All authors will receive notification of acceptance of their abstract in late November 2012.

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AHURI : National Urban Policy Conference
Date: 16-17 May 2013
Venue: Sydney
To keep up-to-date on confirmed speakers and program changes: http://www.nupc.com.au/

People and the Planet 2013: Transforming the Future
Date: 2-4 July, 2013
Venue: RMIT University, Melbourne
The Global Cities Research Institute (RMIT) and the UN Global Compact Cities Programme invite paper and panel proposals for this academic conference. www.global-cities.info www.rmit.edu.au/research

Events Attended by CHURPies

Andrew Beer is attending the RSA Winter Conference, London on 23 November.

Selina Tually was a panel member at the AHURI Housing Research Seminar in Melbourne, 15 November.

Andrew Beer attended the European Union’s Cities and Regions Open Days, organised by D G Regio. While there he chaired the judging panel for the early career researcher’s poster competition and gave a paper, Brussels, 7-12 October.

Andrew Beer and the other two judges with finalists in the D G Regio Early Career Researcher’s competition.

Selina Tually spoke at the National Housing Conference on the National Disability Insurance Scheme and Housing, 30 October-2 November.

Andrew Beer attended the EAHSA 2012 Conference, Malta on 27-28 September.

Kristine Peters attended the International Rural Network Forum in Whyalla. Delegates from 22 countries attended, and presentations covered research and practitioner perspectives. Kristine’s paper was entitled Practical Skills for Local Leaders: Strategies to manage change in Small Rural Communities, 24-28 Se

Welcome Onboard to:
Sandy Horne
Sandy completed a University of Adelaide Arts Internship with the Migration Museum where she conducted research about Dutch migrants in South Australia. Sandy was awarded her BA, majoring in History and Classical Studies, in August 2012. Sandy is a Research Assistant with the Centre working on the Structural Adjustment Programs project and plans to do Honours next year.

Congratualtions
Michele Slatter has been appointed a consumer assessor under the Land Agents Act 1994 by the AG Hon John Rau.

The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) recently released their ‘Stocktake of Regional Research’. It was pleasing to note that one of Andrew Beer’s publications – Developing Australia’s Regions: Theory and Practice (2003: UNSW Press) written with Alaric Maude and Bill Pritchard was the top ranked academic publication. In total, Andrew had three publications in the top fifty.

Farewell to Catherine Synnot. Her contribution to CHURP was much valued and we wish her well in the future.
Celebrating 50 years in 2012

Geographical Research marks its 50th anniversary with a commemorative volume in 2012, with contributions by distinguished geographers from Australia and worldwide. The articles show the breadth of today's geography, its power and relevance, and the elegance of contemporary geographical writing. Read the latest commemorative special issue online now:

http://sci.scientific-direct.net/view_online.asp?1046123&cb83a914fa4dd454&18


Presentations

Australia’s Housing Situation: What can the Census tell us? – Andrew Beer – Presented at the Australian Community Indicators Network (ACIN), November 2012.


Climate Change and Australia’s Country Towns: Unlocking the Potential – Andrew Beer – Presented at TEDx, Barossa Valley, August 2012.

Kathleen McEvoy presented two papers entitled: Generalist Appeals Tribunals and their Impact on Housing Appeals, and Future Developments in Community Housing in Australia at the National Housing Appeals Conference, Darwin, August.

Visitors to the Centre

Dr Sue Brownill and Dr Jenny Muir

Dr Sue Brownill, Reader in Urban Policy and Governance, Oxford Brookes University, 5-14 September.

http://planning.brookes.ac.uk/staff/suebrownill.html

Dr Jenny Muir, Lecturer in Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Queen’s University, Belfast 8-15 September.

http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/TheInstituteofSpatialandEnvironmentalPlanning/Staff/JennyMuir/
Dr Sue Brownill’s visit consisted of two public events. On 6 September Dr Brownill gave a seminar to academics from the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and UniSA and members of the general public. The seminar covered key research findings and reflections from Dr Brownill’s longitudinal study of the regeneration of the London Docklands.

On 12 September Dr Brownill and Dr Muir gave a joint Master Class on qualitative research methods for postgraduate students. The event, which was jointly hosted by CHURP and Gender Studies and Social Analysis, was well attended with students from Architecture, Linguistics, Geography, Development Studies, Music and Gender Studies and Social Analysis. The main topics covered in the Master Class were approaches to interviewing, informed consent of participants, data analysis and ethics of undertaking qualitative research.

In addition CHURP hosted a workshop for key state and local government personnel and the Port Adelaide Master Plan Steering Committee. Chaired by Dr Susan Oakley, the panel included Dr Brownill, Dr Muir, Dr Selina Tually and Dr Oakley. Presentations were given of different waterfront renewal and urban regeneration projects across the UK, Ireland and Australia.

The workshop highlighted the key challenges for waterfront renewal from the different case study examples.

The panel drew out common themes which included governance arrangements, connectivity, public and private sector investment and community engagement for further discussion with workshop participants.

Two days before the workshop Dr Oakley led a site visit to Port Adelaide and the inner harbour for Dr Brownill and Dr Muir. The purpose of the site visit was to familiarise Dr Brownill and Dr Muir with the regeneration area, which enabled a more in-depth discussion of comparisons with their respective case study research. The visit also formed part of the preparatory work for the presentations and discussion themes outlined in the workshop as well as provided the context for the development of research grant proposals.

Professor Philip Morrison

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sgees/about/staff/philip-morrison

Phillip Morrison is a Professor in the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Philip is an urban geographer with the following research interests: The geography of happiness; Patterns of internal migration within and between urban areas; The geography of the housing market; Local labour markets and has a long standing interest in geovisualisation. Philip will visit the Centre on 29-30 November 2012.

Dr Phil Mason

Dr Phil Mason from the University of Glasgow, Urban Studies gave a public lecture on 7 November entitled Investment in housing, regeneration and neighbourhood renewal: Measuring longitudinal impacts on the health and wellbeing of people and communities.

http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/socialpolitical/staff/philipmason/

Trained as an evolutionary biologist, Dr Mason has worked on health and housing problems for many years. His early work on the Scottish Health, Housing and Regeneration (SHARP) longitudinal study looked at the health and social effects on tenants of moving into new-build socially rented housing. Currently he is part of the Glasgow Community Health and Wellbeing Research and Learning Program (GoWell), and has published widely from this project.

CHURP Research Insights

CHURP is soon launching a new publication ‘Research Insights’ which will be emailed to you as they are produced.
**Media**

**Indaily**

Debbie Faulkner – 30 October  
Connect, and Live Longer  

Andrew Beer – 15 October  
Development: Don’t rush to see the negatives  

Andrew Beer – 5 September  
Beirut Vs Paris: The battle against city growth  

Emma Baker – 14 August  
Housing Can Make the Sick Sicker  

**Other Media**

Sandy Horne – Never too old to learn: Being a mature-age student was a real pleasure, 12 October 2012  
*Adelaide Advertiser, Adelaide*

Andrew Beer – Make My City Work, 6 September 2012  
(Property Council of Australia, SA Division)  

**ABC South West WA (Bunbury)**

Breakfast - 3/09/2012 7:20 AM  
Glyn Greensmith  
*Weekday Breakfast Presenter Mr Tom Coull*

**Interviewees:** Andrew Beer, Professor of Housing, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Adelaide; Betty-Ann Bryce, Administrator, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD; David Freshwater, Professor, Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Kentucky; Dr Jose Enrique Garcilazo, Head of the Rural and Regional Programme, OECD; Raffaele Trapasso, Economist, Rural Development Program, OECD.

Picked up on opposite sides of the country – Bunbury (WA), Wollongong (NSW) and Alice Springs (NT).

Ross Wommersley spoke to the Morning Bulletin in Rockhampton about CHURPs project on the role of frontline services in addressing homelessness.

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**CHURP gets more news in QLD**

**Focus group talks homelessness blogs.abc.net.au**

Representatives from welfare groups and those who deal with the public on a daily basis like ambulance officers and the police met in Rockhampton to discuss how they interact with homeless people.

**As you do on Cable Beach, Broome, WA**

Louise contributes to Broome’s economy!

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**Sad News**

CHURP recently received the sad news of the untimely death of Luke Callaghan, one of our PhD students. His passing came as a shock to us all.

Luke was farewelled at a memorial service held at Pembroke School.

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**Social CHURPies**

We all enjoyed a CHURPie social BBQ lunch held at the home of Andrew Beer in November.
2013 APNHR Conference: Global Housing Dilemmas: The Ways Forward

We are very pleased to announce that the APNHR Conference 2013, organised by the Faculty of Built Environment of University of Malaya, will be held 20-23 August 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference aims to address the latest housing challenges encountered by governments, housing users, providers and professionals. Sub-themes of the conference include:

- Housing crisis for middle income groups
- Vertical living
- Sustainable housing development
- Housing for the elderly
- Sharing rights and responsibilities
- Gated communities
- Housing the poor and vulnerable groups
- Housing affordability

The conference is now open for abstract submission. For more details, please visit the conference website at http://www.apnhr2013.com/

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December
Organisation: United Nations
This day aims to promote a better understanding of disability issues with a focus on the rights of persons with disabilities and gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life of their communities.

www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1540

Wishing you all a happy and safe festive season

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