Welcome

Research is an important part of the intellectual life of the University of Adelaide. As a University and as a Faculty we value the ways in which our staff and post graduate students contribute to the advancement of knowledge and, in their own way, help create a better South Australia, nation and globe. The recently announced results for the Excellence in Research in Australia assessment process have reinforced the University’s position as a powerhouse of research and highlighted the world class performance of researchers within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is therefore pleasing to see that our staff continues to pursue new research horizons in a variety of fields, including through the establishment of the Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning (CHURP).

In some senses CHURP represents a renaissance in housing, urban and regional research. Over the last four decades many University of Adelaide staff have been nationally and internationally recognised leaders in this area, with Hugh Stretton and Blair Badcock just two of our academic staff to achieve prominence. Amongst current staff there is also a wider range of interests and engagement with this field of research and CHURP represents an opportunity to consolidate and build upon this success.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and find much of interest and value.

Professor Nick Harvey
Executive Dean
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

A New Research Centre

At the end 2010 the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Adelaide granted University Research Centre status to three new research centres based in the Faculty:

1) The Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning (CHURP) (Director - Professor Andrew Beer, School of Social Sciences)

2) The Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre (Director - Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya, School of History & Politics)

3) The J M Coetzee Centre for Creative Practice (joint Directors - Professor Brian Castro, School of Humanities and A/Professor Mark Carroll, Elder Conservatorium of Music).

Director, Professor Andrew Beer
Introducing the CHURP Team
(affectionately known as CHURPies!)

**Director**
Professor Andrew Beer

**Centre Administrator**
Mrs Louise O’Loughlin (Wednesday and Thursday)

**Centre Research Fellows**
Dr Emma Baker, Senior Research Fellow
Dr Debbie Faulkner, Research Fellow
Dr Selina Tually, Research Fellow

**Centre Associate Researchers**
Dr Doug Bardsley, Senior Lecturer, Geography, Environment and Planning, UoA
Dr Jennifer Boham, Senior Lecturer, Geography, Environment and Planning, UoA
Dr Deane Fergie, Senior Lecturer, Anthropology, UoA
Associate Professor Kathleen McEvoy, Adelaide Law School, UoA
Dr Melissa Nursey-Bray, Senior Lecturer, Geography, Environment and Planning, UoA
Dr Susan Oakley, Senior Lecturer, Gender Work and Social Inquiry, UoA
Associate Professor John Spoehr, Director Australian Institute for Social Research and Centre for Labour Research, UoA

**Centre Research Assistant**
Ms Pauline McLoughlin

**Centre Research Scholars**
Mr David Bunce
Mr Michael Kroehn
Ms Victoria Skinner
Mr Jaco Terblanche

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**Coming Soon...**

**Forthcoming Book**

**Housing Transitions Through the Life Course: Aspirations, Needs and Policy**
Andrew Beer and Debbie Faulkner with Chris Paris and Terry Clower
Published by the Policy Press, Bristol.
Available from June 2011.

Housing remains one of the fundamental cornerstones of contemporary life.

It provides us with shelter, access to shopping opportunities and other services, it provides a place for rest away from the world of work, it is the environment in which we raise our children and for many of us, it makes a powerful statement about who we are and what we want to achieve in life.

But has the relationship between housing and the population remained unchanged? Did earlier generations use their housing in the ways we do, or did housing perform other roles that we may now have lost sight of?

Drawing upon a range of data from Australia and other advanced economies, Housing Transitions Through the Life Course examines the changing relationship between households and their housing in the 21st Century. It investigates the processes of demographic and attitudinal change, as well as tracking shifts in economic processes and the operation of financial markets.
Australasian Housing Researchers’ Conference
Adelaide, 8-10 February 2012

Following on from the 5th highly stimulating and successful AHRC in November 2010 in Auckland, the Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning (CHURP) at The University of Adelaide is pleased to announce it will be hosting the 6th AHRC in February 2012. The conference will bring to Adelaide Australasia’s brightest minds in housing research. CHURP is particularly excited to host this event as the AHRC was launched in Adelaide in 2006 and it is great to bring back to Adelaide this successful, well respected and informative event.

Further information on conference venues, key note speakers and the call for conference papers will be announced soon.

Upcoming Conferences/Events

HASS on the Hill
The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences will host HASS on the Hill.

HASS on the Hill is a landmark event for the humanities, arts and social sciences. It is a key opportunity for the sector to communicate directly with government and senior policy makers, in a frank and open exchange, showcasing ideas and research. Research is vital in informing national debate. HASS on the Hill is a natural platform for knowledge exchange. It builds connections between researchers, practitioners and professionals, providing an opportunity to identify common challenges, solutions and goals.

As the new government sets out its second term agenda, HASS on the Hill enables the HASS sector to contribute to the policymaking process, helping the public sector forge greater links with external organisations, particularly with academia and research institutions. HASS on the Hill is a starting point for building these relationships.

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences believes new ideas and projects will emerge from the discussion and debate at HASS on the Hill between its 90 member organisations and delegates from government, industry and business.

Date: 22-24 March 2011
Venue: Canberra

Andrew Beer and Selina Tually will be contributing to this event.

A PECC International Project for 2009-2011
Environmental Sustainability in Urban Centers
Efficiency and new technologies, best practices for the provision of public services for better protection of the environment

Date: 11-13 April 2011
Venue: Perth, Australia

Andrew Beer and Emma Baker will be contributing to this event.

RSA Annual International Conference
Regional Development and Policy – Challenges, Choices and Recipients

Date: 17-20 April 2011
Venue: Newcastle University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK
http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/future.asp

City University of Hong Kong
Department of Public and Social Administration Symposium
New Generational Fissures? Shifting Demographics, Economic Change and the Housing Trajectories of Young People

Date: 19-20 May 2011
Venue: City University of Hong Kong
http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/sa/

Visitors to the Centre

Dr Terry Clower, Director of the Centre for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas will be visiting the Centre from 24 June until 1 August 2011.
Dr Clower has an extensive track record of publications in the areas of urban development, urban transport systems, economic development and housing research. While based at CHURP he will work with a number of researchers on issues relating to the performance of regional housing markets, housing for older persons and the economic roles of regional cities.

The Centre looks forward to having Dr Clower in Adelaide. His visit follows successful recent visits to the Centre by leading international academics including: Professor Chris Paris (University of Ulster, Northern Ireland), Professor Mike Roche (Massey University, New Zealand), Professor Kingsley E. Haynes and Professor Tom Carter. A short summary of the informative and thought provoking presentations made by Professor Haynes and Professor Carter is included in this Newsletter.

Tom Carter, Professor of Geography, University of Winnipeg, Canada gave a seminar on 7 March.

**Federal and Provincial Immigration Policy and Housing Outcomes: the Canadian Case**

Federal and Provincial governments in Canada have been pursuing a proactive immigration policy for more than a decade. High levels of immigration have become a major component of population growth both nationally and in Canada’s major metropolitan centres.

Policy strategies throughout the country have focused on the attraction and retention of skilled economic immigrants to address labour force needs. However, Canada continues to respect humanitarian objectives by accepting significant numbers of refugees.

The two groups, economic immigrants and refugees, have very different housing needs and experience different housing outcomes. The presentation highlights immigration trends and policies at the federal and provincial levels and illustrates the housing experiences and outcomes of the two groups. The intersection between immigration and housing policy and housing policy implications are discussed.

**Publications**

AHURI Final Report: No. 165: The drivers of supply and demand in Australia’s rural and regional centres (Beer, Tually, Rowley, Haslam McKenzie, Schlapp, Birdsal Jones and Corunna)

Many of Australia’s rural and regional centres have not been immune from the housing crisis that has been widely acknowledged within metropolitan Australia. The study finds that the suite of housing programs being rolled out nationally has had a variable and often muted level of impact in rural and regional housing markets.

Dr Douglas Bardsley, Senior Lecturer at The University of Adelaide has recently published final research articles from a major project that ran over 5 years examining the vulnerability of the Adelaide-Mt Lofty Ranges to projected future climate change and developing adaptation approaches with the natural resource management sector. The work emphasises the importance of working closely with stakeholders across all levels of governance to support the transformation in vulnerable systems to mitigate future climatic risk.

For further information please contact Dr Bardsley at: douglas.bardsley@adelaide.edu.au or access the research articles:


Recent Conference

The Hon. Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Australia, opened the Strategic Regional Leadership for the Future Conference: Connecting to the 21st Century held recently at the Glasshouse Arts and Conference Centre, Port Macquarie.

Key speakers included: Rob Oakeshott MP, Federal Member for Lyne; Dr Markku Sotarauta, University of Tampere, Finland; Dr Chris Collinge, Birmingham University, UK; Professor Andrew Beer, University of Adelaide and Peter Tregilgas, Regional Development Australia – Mid North Coast.

The conference was presented by: University of Adelaide, Regional Development Australia – Mid North Coast (RDA-MNC) and Regional Studies Association.

Housing and Health Research Program

Housing is well known as a major determinant of health, and although there is substantial associational or anecdotal evidence to link housing with health outcomes, there is a significant absence in Australia of knowledge around the mechanisms by which housing affects the health and wellbeing outcomes of individuals and their households. Addressing this evidence base is a key area of research for CHURP.

The Program, led by Emma Baker focuses on policy-relevant and robust evidence on the effects of housing on the health and wellbeing of Australians and their household.

We are involved in a number of recently completed, ongoing, and planned projects within this area, such as:

- **New directions in health inequalities research: Understanding the intersection between housing, employment and health in Australia**, funded by the ARC and HomeStart.
- **Housing Assistance and the Life Course: Understanding the Impact of Policy Alternatives**, funded by the ARC.
- **The Importance of Gender and Socio Economic Disadvantage for the Health of People Living with Disabilities**, funded by the ARC.
- **Mitigating negative health outcomes of vulnerable & precarious housing**, Funded by VicHealth.

Please send items of interest for the next edition to: louise.oloughlin@adelaide.edu.au

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