



## Creating a better Brisbane ...from 1957 to today

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*"It has taken Brisbane a long time to awaken from its apathy to the many problems and opportunities associated with the city's rapid development."* BDA 1957 Annual Report

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The general population's lack of interest in Brisbane's development and the need for integrated planning prompted a group of business leaders and professionals to come together in May 1957 and found the Brisbane Development Association (BDA). BDA's honorary solicitor, Mr Butts drafted a constitution and professionals, business people and organisations were invited to become members.

Interest was strong and by 30 June 1957, the BDA had 390 members. These members shared a vision to *create a better Brisbane*. In its inaugural year the BDA's aims included:

1. To organise public opinion within greater Brisbane to a realisation that Brisbane was a backward city by world standards.
2. To change this situation and to press for the following:
  - a. an adequate water supply and improved sewage installations
  - b. improved street and road conditions to cope with ever-increasing traffic
  - c. the early completion of the preparation of a Brisbane City Plan
  - d. home improvement
  - e. beautification of the city.

The BDA has been involved in creating a better Brisbane for almost 50 years. It has provided an open forum for discussion on issues affecting Brisbane. It has challenged proposals which may have promoted sprawl and resulted in increased congestion. It has supported good planning policies and urban design. It has built partnerships with other groups to increase the influence of the association at a local and state level. And it has encouraged innovative projects which have helped to improve our quality of life in Brisbane.

There have been many achievements and challenges over the years. Following is an overview of the association's activities each year from 1957 to today.

## 1957

### Executive

President: Sir Bruce Shearer  
Vice President: Mr LWH Butts  
Honourable Treasurer: Mr HG Fielding

### Council

G. E. Green  
A. A. Hale  
C. W. J. Isles  
H. Munro  
J. E. C. Strachan  
J. A. Barton  
T. B. F. Gargett  
W. A. Gunn  
Byrne Hart  
M. R. Hornibrook  
J. Kruttschnitt  
J. Mullholland  
J. N. Nicholson  
A. H. Petfield  
D. S. Sherman  
L. A. Slaughter  
R. H. Wainwright  
A. M. Baxter  
G. E. Green  
A. A. Hale

A group of business leaders and professionals came together in May 1957 to create the Brisbane Development Association (BDA). Honorary solicitor for the BDA, Mr Butts drafted a constitution and professional business people and organisations were invited to become members. The results were encouraging and by 30 June 1957, the BDA had 390 members. These members shared a vision to *create a better Brisbane*.

In its first year of operation the BDA was concerned with the following issues:

- water and sewerage
- electricity
- city plan
- city illuminations.

## 1958

### Executive

President: Sir Raymond Huish

### Council

Messers. J. A. Barton  
 L. W. H. Butts  
 H. G. Fielding  
 T. B. F. Gargett  
 G. E. Green  
 W. A. Gunn  
 A. A. Hale  
 Byrne Hart  
 M. R. Hornibrook  
 C. W. J. Petfield  
 K. C. Shaw  
 B. Shearer  
 D. S. Sherman  
 L. A. Slaughter  
 J. E. C. Stratchan  
 R. H. Wainwright  
 Mr. W. A. Park

In 1958 the BDA saw water and sewerage as Brisbane's major problems, both domestically and industrially. The President reported that a tremendous improvement was necessary to ensure that Brisbane would reach the standard and requirements of a modern city. More funds was believed to be the solution and the BDA proposed handing over the Council's electricity undertaking to another body. Council objected to this suggestion responding that the handover would result in increased electricity tariffs, rates, and tram and bus fares. The BDA was not convinced that such increases would be necessary.

The Queensland Development Association (QDA) was formed at a meeting in Rockhampton on 18 July. Representatives of the major provincial cities and towns were present. The BDA was represented on QDA.

During December 1957 and 1958, the BDA organised Brisbane's commercial illuminations. The BDA was invited to join the Illuminations and Decorations Committee of the Queensland Centenary Celebration Committee and because of its experience was asked to again organise the illuminations of the city's commercial and financial houses.

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## 1959

### Executive

President: Mr CW Isles

### Council

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 L. W. H. Butts  
 H. G. Fielding  
 T. B. F. Gargett  
 W. A. Gunn  
 A. A. Hale  
 Byrne Hart  
 M. R. Hornibrook  
 Sir Raymond Huish  
 B. Johnson  
 J. Kruttshnitt  
 H. Munro  
 C. W. J. Petfield  
 K. C. Shaw  
 B. Shearer  
 D. S. Sherman  
 L. A. Slaughter  
 J. E. C. Stratchan  
 R. H. Wainwright  
 Sir Arthur Fadden  
 Mr. W. A. Park  
 Mr Arthur E Sharp  
 Mr B. T. Tunley

During the year the BDA Council agreed that it would be in the best interests of Brisbane's development to have appropriate women's organisations represented on the BDA Council. Two organisations that had displayed a keen interest in the BDA's activities were selected and suitable representatives were invited to sit on the Council. Mrs CA Hamilton represented the National Council of Women and Miss D Miller represented the Brisbane Business & Professional Women's Club. Water, sewerage, electricity and the townplan remained high on the Association's agenda.

The BDA was the subject of many press reports and radio announcements in 1959, demonstrating that the Association was recognised as an important force within the Brisbane community.

The Association continued to focus its efforts on water and sewerage and the City Plan.

## 1960

### Executive

President: Mr C Faragher  
Treasurer: Mr HG Fielding

### Council

Mr. J. A. Barton  
L. W. H. Butts  
T. B. F. Gargett  
Sir William Gunn  
Byrne Hart  
Sir Manuel Hornibrook  
Sir Raymond Huish  
B. Johnson  
J. Kruttshnitt  
H. Munro  
C. W. J. Petfield  
K. C. Shaw  
B. Shearer  
D. S. Sherman  
L. A. Slaughter

The BDA had approximately 360 members comprising mostly major commercial and financial organisations as well as professional men and other associations who demonstrated their support and interest in the BDA.

The BDA believed that constant and sustained vigilance was essential to achieving the following:

- adequate water supply and an appropriate sewerage system for the greater part of the community
- sufficient electricity for industry
- an up to date town plan.

Once again water and sewerage, electricity and the town plan were priorities for the Association during the year.

## 1961

### Executive

President: Mr THA Cross  
Honourable Treasurer: Mr HG Fielding  
Honourable Secretary: Mr LJ Gardiner

Council members unconfirmed.

The BDA believed that a major factor affecting Brisbane's ultimate progress and development was its proposed town plan. The BDA were also adamant that a statewide-planning act was necessary so that all Queensland cities and towns could be planned in accordance with that legislation. The BDA believed such legislation would eliminate many of the objections and frustrations associated with Brisbane's proposed town plan.

Since its inception the BDA had advocated, that because of the tremendous drain on civic finances, that an authority other than the Brisbane City Council should administrate the electricity supply for the greater Brisbane area. In 1961 after twelve months of negotiations, it appeared that this would occur. New control was expected to be in place early in 1962.

The BDA was excited about a potential civic square for Brisbane. The location fronting City Hall was described as desirable due to the proposed conversion of the Roma Street Markets into a park. Also a civic square would enhance the nobility of City Hall. However the BDA was concerned that part of the Roma Street area would be defaced by a bus terminal that was considered undesirable due to its nature. The BDA said it would oppose any scheme that allowed traffic to enter the square.

The BDA supported the development of the tourist industry, recognising its potential as a revenue earner due to its promotional values. It believed there was a long way to go before tourism could be regarded as a major industry in Queensland. The city was faced with a "tram versus bus" debate. The BDA suggested an alternative: providing public transport underground via a ring railway partly underground. The Association began circulating a BDA Journal to keep members informed of the Association's views on matters affecting Brisbane's development.

## 1962

### Executive

President: Mr THA Cross

Council members unconfirmed.

The BDA again advocated for a statewide planning act, with appropriate regional planning legislation, so that all Queensland cities and towns could be planned in accordance with the legislation. Even at this time, the Association was aware that Brisbane served and was served by a region spreading far beyond its boundaries.

## 1963

### Executive

President: Mr THA Cross

Council members unconfirmed.

In its November edition of its journal the BDA supported the Brisbane City Council's decision to plant 10,000 trees and shrubs in streets in ten Brisbane suburbs during the year.

The BDA was critical of a Council proposal to build a 500 vehicle car park on the Stanley Wharf at South Brisbane, suggesting that the site and adjacent area should be a city beautification project and developed into a park with trees, lawns and gardens.

The following issues were high on the Association's agenda for 1963:

- water and sewerage
- electricity
- Land Tax
- civic square
- transport
- tourism
- port development

## 1964

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*The BDA started its fight for the city to establish a Port Authority at the mouth of the Brisbane River. After many forums, extensive consultation and pressure, the Association welcomed the establishment of the Port of Brisbane Authority in 1976 – 12 years after its original proposal to government.*

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### Executive

President: Mr THA Cross

Vice Presidents: Mr IN Stubbs / Mr CV Melloy / Mr EJA Weller

### Council

Mr. B. Baillie  
 Mr. R. P. M. Colley  
 Mr. H. N. Davies  
 Mr. H. G. Fielding  
 Mt. T. B. F. Gargett  
 Sir William Gunn  
 Mr. J. R. Gibson  
 Mr. J. S. Gregory  
 Sir Manuel Hornibrook  
 Sir Raymond Huish  
 Mr. B. Johnson  
 Mr. J. C. Lamb  
 Mr. J. P. Love  
 Miss D. Miller  
 Mr. W. R. Moon  
 Mr. A. H. Petfield  
 Mr. John Roe  
 Mr. W. L. Rudder  
 Mr. G. Keith Murdoch  
 Mr. D. S. Sherman  
 Mr. L. A. Slaughter  
 Mr. J. E. Strachan  
 Mr. R. W. Voller  
 Mr. A. M. Wilson

*Chamber of Manufacturers:* Mr BT Tunley

*Institution of Surveyors:* Mr RT Francis

*Royal Queensland Art Society:* Mr EJA Weller

*Australian Planning Institute:* Mr RJ Voller

*Real Estate Institute of Qld:* Mr DJ Bingham

*Qld Master Builders Assn*

The BDA held a successful symposium proposing the establishment of a Port of Industrial Development Authority and a river crossing in the lower reaches of the Brisbane River. 300 business leaders, professional



people and government officials attended. Mr. Thomas Coulter of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, Professor R.H. Greenwood of the University of Queensland and Mr. A. De Wit of the Amsterdam Ballast Company of Holland, who demonstrated the Velsn Tunnel Model, presented at the symposium.

## 1965

### Executive

President: Mr THA Cross  
Senior Vice President: Mr IN Stubbs  
Vice President: Mr EJA Weller

### Council

B. W. Baillie  
R. P. M. Colley  
H. G. Fielding  
H. B. Gardam  
T. B. F. Gargett  
Sir William Gunn  
J. R. Gibson  
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Sir Manuel Hornibrook  
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*Australian Planning Institute:* RJ Voller

*Real Estate Institute of Queensland:* DJ Bingham

*Queensland Master Builders Association:* LJ Handlin

*Retailers Association of Queensland:* KJ Barry

*National Council of Women:* Mrs CA Hamilton

*Business and Professional Women's Club:* Miss TM Rowatt

*Royal Australian Institute of Architects:* DH Phillips

The BDA had 330 members in 1965. Interest in BDA activities grew and to help justify the Association's opinions, additional committees and sub-committees were formed. The BDA was vocal in the final drafting of town plan legislation. It submitted a completely revised draft to the State Government and its arguments were so powerful that sections of the bill were amended. In October the BDA President called for a wide public enquiry into the Brisbane City Council and urged the appointment of an independent committee backed by statutory powers. The association later welcomed the Commission of Enquiry led by MR AC Bennett Q.C.

### Committees

1. Brisbane Town Plan Committee  
(Chairman: Mr N Stubbs)

The Brisbane Town Plan Committee was concerned that seven years had passed since the formation and operation of the Greater Brisbane Town Planning Committee, however, there was still no operative Town Plan.

2. Industrial and Commercial Development Committee (Chairman: Mr N Stubbs)

Committee established to support the Government and the Brisbane City Council with the new industrial development. The Committee worked closely with the Port Development Committee but also planned to assess other Industrial areas in relation to transportation, labour and other facilities.

3. Port Development Committee (Chairman: Mr BW Baillie)

The Committee believed Brisbane had the potential to become Australia's second major port due to its close proximity to Asian markets and American supply ports. The Chairman of the Port Committee travelled overseas to study 50 world Port Authorities, examining modern port facilities, reclamation of additional port areas, industrial development, transportation and modern trends.



4. Social Affairs, Educational and Government Precinct Committee (Chairman: Mr EJA Weller)

Debated the City Square's development. The committee approved in principle the development proposed by City Architect Mr AWF Bligh. The Committee had also been pressing for a second university site to be selected and hoped that the Government would choose the North Brisbane area, allowing more convenient access from outer suburbs and people travelling daily from the country. After considering the problems encountered by universities in Melbourne and Sydney the committee urged the government to consider a third site. It believed such a site could accommodate a greater degree of rural facilities whilst still maintaining maximum convenience for staff and city students.

5. Traffic Sub-Committee (Chairman: Mr DS McPhee)

The Traffic Sub-Committee believed that Brisbane was in the midst of a developing transport problem that could determine the future of the city centre. The BDA created a comprehensive committee of city organisations to examine the Wilbur Smith Transportation Study. The committee believed this project was an important part of the greater Brisbane traffic solution, and would have a marked effect on Brisbane's cultural, commercial, and suburban development.

H. Merrin  
Miss D. Miller  
C. V. Melloy  
D. G. McPhee  
A. H. Petfield  
W. L. Rudder  
G. Keith Murdoch  
D.S. Sherman  
L.A. Slaughter  
J. E. C. Strachan  
B. T. Tunley  
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A submission to the Queensland Government argued that it was highly desirable to excise all potential port industrial estate land from the Brisbane City Council and normal land department control. The BDA continued to strongly advocate reserving the serpentine area and the adjacent land at the mouth of the River for industry. It recommended that a Port Industrial Committee be formed to plan and investigate the areas and to develop them in a way that would attract industry.

The BDA recommended developing a Brisbane cultural centre and hoped that it may be incorporated into the Bligh Plan that was before the government at the time. If this failed, the association was adamant that City Hall should be thoroughly examined for this purpose.

### Committees

1. Social Affairs Committee (EJA Weller)

The committee proposed defining an area within Brisbane city as a state capital precinct, with civic planning and development to cover both the aesthetic and economic viewpoints. Brisbane was in desperate need for a cultural centre and

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Immediate Past President: Mr THA Cross  
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Treasurer: DG Murphy

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B. Johnson  
J. C. Lamb





the committee supported the future use of City Hall for this purpose.

## 2. Port Development Committee (BW Baillie)

For three years the committee had been proposing the Serpentine area and the industrial land at the mouth of the river be reserved for future industrial development.

However, council made it known that it was going ahead with plans for a residential suburb on the northern bank of Serpentine Creek. The BDA considered its plan for the Serpentine and adjacent land as vital to the future of Brisbane. Despite the association's efforts it was not able to convince the relevant authorities to consider the city's long-term industrial land needs.

## 3. Traffic Committee (DG McPhee)

Brisbane was in the throes of a traffic dilemma, despite the costly presentation of the Wilbur Smith transportation Study and the government's acceptance of Stage One which was designed to have a direct affect on the central traffic problems. The committee was also concerned that inadequate finance would hamper the full implementation of the Wilbur Smith proposals that were estimated to cost approximately \$340 million over a 25-year period.

## 4. Civic Affairs Committee (H Merrin)

To advance the aims of the BDA an annual planning bursary commenced. The BDA hoped the bursary would encourage Urban and Regional planning students to continually raise their standards and therefore ensure a steady flow of well-trained planners to meet Queensland's future development needs.

The committee was dismayed by the minimal planning research being undertaken and reported in Queensland. To rectify the situation the committee planned to publish and circulate a planning review to parliamentarians, government departments, member organisations, public libraries and the general public. The publication would include student's work from two planning schools and original works from practicing planners.

## 5. Brisbane Town Plan Committee (IN Stubbs)

The Brisbane Town Planning Legislation became law this year. Consequently, this committee's activities lapsed until the State Government ordered an inquiry into Brisbane City's Council's management of the subdivision land applications among other matters. The Committee was reactivated to process information supplied by members of the Association which may assist the Commission.

## 1967

### Executive

President: Mr Douglas G Murphy  
Immediate Past President: Mr BW Baillie  
Senior Vice President: Mr IN Stubbs  
Vice Presidents: Mr EJA Weller / Mr John Roe  
Treasurer: JP Love

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*Royal Australian Institute of Architects:*  
P Heathwood

The BDA participated in the inaugural meeting to form what was known as the Brisbane Tourist Association. The group later became part of the Tourist Industry Council, the body acknowledged by the Queensland Government as the official advisory body to the Minister for Tourism. 1967 also saw the BDA focusing on issues such as the proposed Merivale Street Bridge, and other transport factors including the possible introduction of vehicular traffic in the Botanic Gardens. A seminar was staged to facilitate an exchange of ideas about the development of the Central Business District. The BDA advocated for the Botanic Gardens to be a vehicle free zone and continued to alert the people and authorities to the dangers of smog as Brisbane set about its task of attracting industry to the area. The constitution was also revisited.

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*The BDA asserted that the Brisbane City Botanical Gardens be a vehicle-free zone.*

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## Committees

### 1. Trade & Transport Committee (BW Baillie)

The former Port Committee was reconstructed and became the Trade and Transport Committee. This occurred because the BDA believed that a port could no longer stand in isolation as an aspect of transport. The committee studied the possible effect of containerisation on the development of Brisbane as a port city and the development of Queensland. Recent announcements suggested that adequate and efficient port facilities would be provided in Brisbane's port to accommodate direct call vessels as and when required.

The committee also strongly advocated planning the lower reaches of the river as port industrial estate land, making provision for the ultimate development of the bay frontage at Luggage Point and at the mouth of the river as the eventual port of Brisbane.

### 2. Civic Affairs Committee: (H Merrin)

The committee focussed on projects and problems associated with the central city area.

### 3. Traffic Committee (DG McPhee)

The committee in conjunction with the Trade and Transport Committee organised a lunch with the Minister Mr Knox and discussions focussed on subjects such as the Merivale Bridge, commuter parking, rapid transit, South Brisbane Bridge, transport for migrant areas, legislation for heavy vehicles, financing the Wilbur Smith project, co-opted citizens, service roads for airport and rail service, and marshalling yards.

### 4. Social Affairs Committee (EJA Weller)

The committee argued that Brisbane's development must be mindful of the "people". The association said that government/developers must not lose sight that the city was not only a commercial precinct but also a place where people lived. The committee deplored:

- The lack of Government leadership regarding preserving buildings, which were a part of Brisbane's cultural heritage.
- The partial demolition of the Art Gallery entrance.
- The lack of dignified places where a civil marriage could take place.
- The introduction of vehicular traffic in the Botanic Gardens. The BDA believed this would lead to further traffic intrusions in the future.

## 1968

### Executive

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 Vice Presidents: EJA Weller / John Roe / Harold Merrin  
 Treasurer: JP Love

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*Royal Australian Institute of Architects:*  
P Heathwood  
*Queensland Master Builders Association*

The BDA president reported that the association had grown from a watchdog organisation to one that was involved in creating and prodding the city's planned development. The most successful activity in 1968 was the traffic seminar – "Transportation – Coordination or Chaos" – held in the Main Road Department Auditorium. More than 240 business leaders and government officials attended the seminar.

The BDA restated its case for sectionalised industrial expansion under government authority. Although little progress had been made the Executive hoped the Ministers for Land and Industrial Development would thoroughly investigate the BDA's proposal and therefore prevent any unwise exploitation of the area. The accelerated industrial expansion along the north and south banks of the river and impending extensions to the Brisbane Airport, which were due for completion in 1973, made this area one of the most ideally situated industrial areas in Queensland. When completed, the new Hamilton wharf with storage and mechanical facilities would be capable of handling in excess of 40,000 containers per annum. These two developments formed the basis of the association's argument that the government reconsider a down river bridge or tunnel before traffic problems intensified.

The BDA with the Royal Institute of Architects and the Australian Planning Institute sponsored a Swedish exhibition of town centres hoping that

it would help encourage broader planning principles amongst Brisbane's developers.

The Association congratulated the government, particularly the Main Roads Department, for its speed in dealing with the problems addressed in stage one of the Wilbur Smith recommendations. The first section of the Story Bridge Expressway was due for completion before the year ended and other important programs were due to start in early 1969.

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*More than 250 government and business leaders and professionals attended the BDA traffic seminar: "Transportation – Coordination or Chaos".*

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### **Committees**

#### 1. Trade & Transport Committee (BW Baillie)

This committee was concerned with:

- trade and transport
- airport facilities
- waterborne transport
- railways

The association was eager to follow the Western Australian example and appoint a Director General of Transport who would head up a South East Queensland Transportation Authority. A bridge or tunnel in the lower reach of the Brisbane River also became a priority.

#### 2. Civic Affairs Committee (H Merrin)

Throughout the year the government and the general public began to take an increasing interest in the broader planning issues involved in Brisbane's development.

The committee examined the availability of information for people interested in establishing business enterprises in Brisbane. It then prepared a draft brochure detailing sources of such information that it hoped to publish in 1969.

The BDA granted two student awards to town planning students: one studying at the University of Queensland and one at the Queensland Institute of Technology.



### 3. Social Affairs Committee (EJA Weller)

This committee focussed on areas that had a positive yet indirect effect on Brisbane's development. In particular tourism and residential projects and issues.

### 4. Traffic Committee (DG McPhee)

The committee believed reflective number plates would reduce accidents and improve road safety at night. In the 1969 the committee intended to investigate the airport's place in the city.

In association with the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (Queensland Chapter), the Institution of Engineers Australia (Brisbane Division) and the Australian Planning Institute, the committee arranged a seminar – "Transportation – Co-ordination or Chaos". Professor Colin Buchanan (London), internationally-renowned traffic expert, delivered a paper and there was rigorous debate about Brisbane's future traffic opportunities and dilemmas.

## 1969

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*Buses replaced trams and the BDA pushed for Queen Street to be made a pedestrian-only precinct.*

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### Executive

President: Mr IN Stubbs  
Immediate Past President: Mr BW Baillie  
Deputy President: Mr HT Merrin  
Vice President: EJA Weller / DG Murphy / J Roe

### Council

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Miss D. Miller  
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*Business & Professional Women's Club:*

Miss TM Rowatt

*Royal Australian Institute of Architects:*

PD Heathwood

1969 saw the opening of the new Victoria Bridge and the Austral Pacific Fertiliser plant at Gibson Island. Major expressway and freeway developments and the Gardens Point Bridge commenced.

The announcement regarding the establishment of an Art Gallery and an arts precinct for Brisbane was seen to be a sign of the city's growing sophistication and maturity.

However, one of the year's disappointments was Brisbane's inability to attract a proportionate number of migrants. The president also reported that the city also failed to establish new manufacturing plants in Brisbane and cope with the city's rising employment demands.

Brisbane still had no coordinated public transport authority and the BDA were eagerly awaiting the release of the Wilbur Smith public Transportation Report. The BDA in conjunction with the Queensland Chamber of Manufacturers, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce and Retailers Association of Queensland had provided a joint submission regarding this report. 1969 saw trams replaced by a new fleet of buses, which were thought to be less problematic than trams at the time. The BDA also argued that Queen Street, at the least, if not adjacent areas, should be made pedestrian precincts.

During the year, the BDA joined with other peak business and industry bodies to form the "Brisbane Town Plan Study Group". Because the Brisbane City Council was reluctant to promote the new Town Plan the "Brisbane Town Plan Study Group" organised a seminar to

publicise the plan's contents. The BDA also participated in the Joint Transport Committee that presented submissions to the Transport Minister on various aspects of the Public Transport Study, and established a Noise Abatement Committee.

## Committees

### 1. Environmental Committee (Stanley Marquis-Kyle)

Established in 1969, the committee's first project was to investigate noise abatement issues.

### 2. Traffic Committee (DE McPhee)

This committee adopted a watchdog attitude to progress on major traffic improvements. The committee also argued for better access to the Brisbane Airport from southerly areas. They felt a "Gateway" bridge or tunnel would be a major improvement. The single level crossing on Nudgee road was considered extremely inadequate because it throttled and blocked the traffic flow.

### 3. Trade and Transport Committee (J Roe)

The committee was concerned about the zoning of the revised Town Plan, particularly land near the river mouth which was still zoned non urban. The group believed there was inadequate land zoned for future marine industrial purposes. They also found it difficult to understand how the area at the mouth of the river could be utilised for industrial purposes whilst it remained in the control of the Brisbane City Council, whose main concern was the requirements of the residential population. The BDA continued to advocate the need for a port authority which all sections of industry and commerce would be significantly represented. They believed the authority would provide a much needed boost to industry and commerce and be tied to the Port of Brisbane and the transport terminal area.

### 4. Civic Affairs Committee (Peter D Heathwood)

The committee focussed on following issues:

- city ordinances
- Anzac Square
- city culture
- noise abatement
- town plan.

Prompted by concern over the projected invasion of Newstead Park by a road leading from a new bridge over Breakfast Creek, the BDA established a Parks Sub-Committee. The committee investigated the state and adequacy of Brisbane's park system. Parks in the metropolitan area were surveyed and classified according to use and condition. Recreational areas outside the city boundaries were also examined. This was the first time a local study had been undertaken looking at recreational land needs. The study's results indicated that there had been considerable encroachment into parklands.

Another sub-committee chaired by BDA Deputy President, Mr Harold Merrin reviewed the proposed City Council new ordinances. A number of other organisations were involved in this committee including the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the Australian Planning Institute, the Chamber of Manufacturers, the Real Estate Institute of Queensland, the Property Owners Association and the Institution of Surveyors.

A Noise Abatement Sub-Committee was set up and chaired by architect, Stan Marquis-Kyle. The committee called on the services of audiologists, sound engineers, lawyers and medical specialists, as well as town planners and industrialists. Numerous recordings of noise throughout the city were made; flight paths plotted and causes of irritating and damaging noise isolated. The committee then made recommendations regarding noise.

The BDA through the Civics Affairs Committee, joined with the Australian Planning Institute, the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, the Institution of Engineers, the Property Owners Association, the Queensland Chamber of Manufacturers, the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers, the Retailers Association, the Real Estate Institute of Queensland, the Institution of Surveyors and the Royal Australian Institute of Surveyors, and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects to form the Brisbane Town Plan Study Group. Through this alliance the group was able to examine the Plan from many perspectives. The group's studies however were restricted by what was felt to be the inappropriate and inadequate way in which the Council had placed the Plan on public exhibition. The group also organised a seminar to promote the Plans content. The Lord Mayor

was invited to open the seminar and provide a council representative to explain the plan, however the invitation was declined. The seminar demonstrated that the plan was inadequate in many ways and that some provisions would potentially reduce living standards and promote urban sprawl. The plan also failed to include a development plan for the central city area, which was considered to be a crucial element. Consequently another short-term committee was formed to study the central city area. The committee, chaired by Mr Lewis Keeble, focused on defining the role of the central city in relation to the whole city.

In the interest of creating a better Brisbane, the Civic Affairs Committee focussed on the proposed redevelopment of Anzac Square. The committee deplored the Brisbane City Council's insistence that the public car park be built in an area that was already congested. However it believed that the imaginative concept would help reconstruct the central business district along modern lines.

The committee also wrote to the Minister for Culture, the Hon AR Fletcher, requesting that the Treasury Building be considered for a Cultural Centre. They believed cultural matters should be an integral part of the city core. The group also tabled findings of a questionnaire on public transport, which the BDA had initiated during the controversy over the Brisbane City Council's proposal to replace trams with buses. The survey results showed that people favoured trams especially within the central city area.

The BDA presented a bursary of \$100 to the University of Queensland and the Queensland Institute of Technology (QIT) to purchase planning resources for the universities libraries. A second bursary was presented to Mr S Adams as the best second year proceeding to third year student from the QIT.

## 1970

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The BDA focussed on the city's need for an Airport of international standard. The association convened a Cultural Committee with representatives from wide ranging organisations interested in theatre, music, arts and crafts. Submissions were made to the Minister for Education and Culture urging that the government preserve the Treasury Building, possibly as a Historic Museum, with capability for some art exhibitions.

The BDA questioned the adequacy of the long term planning measures being developed for the

city. And advocated the separation of the planning authority from the Brisbane City Council.

The BDA believed Brisbane city was rapidly maturing commercially, culturally and aesthetically. However it raised concerns about the area's lack of industrial growth, which it considered essential to guarantee Brisbane's prosperity and to support a population forecast to reach one million people in the 1970's.

### Committees

1. Parks & Gardens Committee (Barbara van den Broek)

The committee produced maps showing Brisbane recreational areas, and their distance from residential areas. Established planning strategies suggested that no residential area should be more than a ten (10) minute walk from a park or recreational area. The BDA strongly advocated existing parks not be used for any other purpose.

2. Trade & Transport Committee (John Roe)

This committee was concerned with Brisbane's lack of growth as a port city and more importantly the lack of effort on the government's part to rectify the situation.

3. Cultural Committee (Mrs MacMinn)

The BDA convened a Cultural Committee to investigate the needs of the Arts in Brisbane. The committee aroused a wide variety of interest and its members included:

- The Royal Queensland Art Society
- The Arts Council of Australia
- The Art Gallery
- The National Trust
- The Brisbane Arts Theatre
- The Brisbane Repertory Theatre
- The Twelfth Night Theatre
- The Villanova Players
- The Queensland Theatre Society
- The Musica Viva Society
- The Queensland Theatre Ballet Co
- The Queensland Amateur Cine Society
- The Brisbane Children & Youth Theatre
- The Museum Society
- The Pottery Association

The group worked to have the rental of the S.G.I.O Theatre reduced on a sliding scale so that it would be possible for amateur bodies to use it when it was not being used by professional companies.

4. Inner City Planning Committee (Mr BT Veal)

1970 saw the opening of the new King George Square, which was described as a successful public attraction. The committee investigated the possibility of closing parts of Queen Street to vehicular traffic and felt that most of Brisbane's citizens would be happier if there were more pedestrian friendly spaces within the City.

5. Brisbane Town Plan Study Group (Peter Heathwood)

The group expressed concern regarding the apparent inadequacies of the Town Plan. The group arranged a meeting with Mr WAR Rae, Minister for Local Government, and advised him of their dissatisfaction with the proposed Plan suggesting that it was the Minister's duty to reject the proposed Town Plan.

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*The BDA's Inner City Arrangement Committee consulted with numerous associations and government and business leaders about multi-level circulation in central city areas. The BDA established that there was overwhelming support for the creation of a Central City Development Plan supported by all levels of government.*

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In 1971 the Association staged the following workshops and seminars:

- "Multi-level circulation in the inner city area"
- "Public involvement in civic affairs" with Mr RS Landsdown from the National Capital Development Commission as guest speaker.
- "What Brisbane needs from the Arts and what the Arts need from Brisbane" with several guest speakers: Miss Yvonne Hooper (Artistic Director, Arts Theatre); Mr Richard Divall, (Queensland Opera Company); Mr Charles Lisner (Queensland Ballet Company); and Dr Gertrude Langer (Australian Arts Council, Queensland Division).
- "The purpose of public open space". Speakers included: Mr CN Barton (Environmental Control Council); Mr Halliwell (Qld University); Mr S Domiceli (Qld University); and Mr FG Costello (Queensland Institute of Technology).
- "The Port of Brisbane".

The lack of development at the Brisbane Airport continued to concern the association. The BDA believed that the terminal complex severely handicapped both Brisbane and Queensland in capturing its fair share of the image-conscious

tourist. The association approached the Minister for Civil Aviation with its concerns. He responded that an investigation was being undertaken to decide a new location and design for the airport. The BDA believed these investigations were necessary; however, they were concerned they were not proceeding as rapidly as they could.

### Committees

#### 1. Cultural Committee (Mrs MacMinn)

The committee believed Brisbane could not grow and prosper by planning, transport and recreation facilities alone. The group aimed to bring the arts to the people by staging a mini Festival in 1972.

#### 2. Port Committee (John Roe)

The Port Committee was in recess for most of 1971. The Harbours and marine Department created a "Port of Brisbane Division" and the BDA resolved to view its progress with interest.

#### 3. Inner City arrangement Committee (Mr J Eglington)

The BDA arranged a study group of approximately forty people, representing the community, to consider multi-level circulation in central city areas. Following the study group, a questionnaire was issued to the participants and the results assessed. It showed there was overwhelming support for the preparation of a Central City Development Plan supported by all levels of government.

#### 4. Parks and Garden Committee Report (Mrs van den Broek)

The committee's purpose was to consider the problems related to Brisbane's parks and gardens and general utilisation of open space.





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The BDA hosted the seminar "Future of City Centres" which featured highly reputable American architect, author and town planner Edmund Bacon as guest speaker. Workshops focussed on the following:

- the economic implications of port development
- the State & Regional Planning and Development Public Works Organisation and Environmental Control Act 1971.

The BDA was disappointed by the lack of action regarding the development of the international terminal and new domestic terminal.

### Committees

1. Cultural Committee (Mrs MacMinn)

The committee staged the Mini-Arts Festival in the city square. Unfortunately due to wet weather the event was cut from three days to one. Despite this, public interest was high and the BDA hoped it would become an annual event.

2. Port Committee (John Roe)

Held a seminar titled "Economic Implications on Port Development" with Mr W Ryan as guest speaker. The seminar emphasised the complexity of Port Planning and the large number of influencing factors. The difficulties of port management and the desirability of an autonomous authority whose sole responsibility would be the management and development of the port following a carefully determined plan were discussed.

## 1973

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Council members unconfirmed.

The association held a seminar on "Hospitals and the Community" which was opened by the Minister for Health. The group also held a community meeting where the need for a detailed development plan for Brisbane's inner city was emphasised and discussed.

### Committees

1. Port Committee (John Roe)

A quiet year for the committee as the Port of Brisbane Division of the Department of Harbours and Marine were undertaking a planning exercise investigating many aspects of the



proposed port development. The BDA hoped to discuss this study with the authority in 1974.

## 1974

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The BDA made a submission to the Queensland Working Group Task Force of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies Project 48 – “Revitalising the Cities”. In the submission the BDA stressed that the Brisbane Town Plan was inadequate in relation to the inner city and a detailed strategic plan for this area was needed. The association welcomed the Queensland

Government's announcement that a study would be carried out by the Coordinator-General (Sir Charles Barton) regarding the feasibility of providing Brisbane with an arts centre which would include a new art gallery, museum and a theatre for the performing arts.

The BDA opposed the proposal to remove trees along Coronation Drive, develop a roadway through Newstead Park, and the alienation of parklands in general. The group supported preserving some of Brisbane's historic buildings, including the old observatory on Wickham Terrace.

The association convened the seminar “Co-ordination – the Key to Regional Transport in the 80's” and accepted an invitation from the Brisbane City Council to be represented on its City Beautification Committee.

1. Inner City Planning Committee (Ronald Voller)

The committee prepared a submission outlining the need for a more detailed long term plan for the inner city area. A plan that would draw attention to building problems, public transport, private vehicles, people, beautification and financial problems.

2. Committee on Flood Mitigation (Arthur Hely)

The BDA became a central voice for local flood action groups that had been working towards flood mitigation action in particular areas such as Breakfast Creek, Enoggera Creek, Kedron Brook and Oxley Creek.

## 1975

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*Valley Business Council Inc:* ED Hawthorn

Significant time and energy was expended by the BDA to prepare a comprehensive submission to the Brisbane City Council about the Town Plan Review. Following the Council's response to the association's objections and suggestions, a submission was made to the Minister for Local Government and Main Roads requesting that he consider opening the plan up to public inquiry so that its appropriateness could be assessed adequately. The BDA's Parks and Open Space Policy was completed in 1975.

The association had concerns about the area, which existed between the Post Office and Anzac Square, and had an architect prepare a drawing to show the area's possibilities. The drawing was publicised in "The Courier Mail" on 3 April 1975 and was also discussed with the Brisbane City Council's City Beautification Committee Chair. As a result, the BDA was interested in the proposal announced by the Lord Mayor for the area's redevelopment area. The BDA believed that the proposal would retain the unique character of Anzac Square, while the new square or plaza would add to Brisbane's pedestrian precincts and open space.

#### **Committees**

#### 1. Parks & Open Spaces Committee (Arthur Scurr)

The association's Parks Policy for Brisbane was completed and the printed policy was presented at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. Central City Committee (Ronald Voller)

The Central City Committee's activities in '74 and early '75 culminated in a submission to the Brisbane City Council, accompanying the association's formal objections to the Town Plan. Unfortunately, the submission failed to convince the council that detailed planning for the central city area was needed.

#### 3. Flood Mitigation Committee (Arthur Hely)

The BDA felt that it had a useful role to play in coordinating efforts of interest groups who believed that they could contribute via local knowledge of flood mitigation and relief work. The association planned to publish a policy in the near future.

## **1976**

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1976 saw the introduction of two BDA policy booklets, "Policy on Flood Plain Management" and the "Parks and Open Space Policy". The association's Town Plan Review Committee was reconvened and the association lodged nine objection forms to the Modified Town Plan. The BDA welcomed the establishment of the Brisbane Port Authority.

### Seminars

The first bi-monthly luncheon seminars were staged in 1976. They were designed to appeal to members and guests and included the following:

- "High rise buildings and the cityscape in Brisbane" Speaker: Mr R Bacon, Chief Engineer, Besser (Qld)
- "Public participation in town planning" Speaker: Mr RW Hewison
- "Transport planning for Brisbane" Speaker: Mr P Welding, Executive Chairman, Metropolitan Transit Project Board
- "Brisbane Town Plan" Speaker: Mr P Fletcher, Acting Director of the Town Planning Department, Brisbane City Council.

#### 1. Central City Committee (Ronald Voller)

The committee was concerned with the inadequate proposals in the Modified Town Plan in respect of the central city area. The BDA believed that detailed planning for the central city area was urgent to provide some reassurance to investors, retailers, other commercial businesses and the general public that the best possible results would be achieved for the area's long-term development.

#### 2. Town Plan Review Committee (RW Hewison)

Areas of concern within the Modified Town Plan included; the central city, parks and recreation provisions, industry and the port, public participation in future planning, flood plain management, the position of non conforming uses under the Town Plan, transportation and Development Control Plans and procedures in the evolving future planning of the City.

#### 3. Parks and Open Space Committee (Arthur Scurr)

The Parks Policy was printed in late 1975 and the committee was busy in 1976 promoting the policy's principles.

#### 4. Flood Committee (Arthur Hely)

The Policy on Flood Plain Management was ratified by the BDA Council and publicly released. The BDA policy was believed to be a useful guideline for the various authorities and others in the lengthy process of minimising flood losses.

#### 5. Cultural Committee (Edgar Hawthorn)

The BDA explored the need for preserving historical buildings for the benefit of future generations and planned a seminar in 1977 to further explore the issue.

#### 6. Port Committee (John Roe)

1976 saw the passage of an Act to establish a Port of Brisbane Authority which came into operation in December of the same year – approximately 13 years after the BDA originally made a submission to the government asking for a port authority. The association submitted three names to the Minister to enable him to select members of the Authority. One of the association's nominees was selected.

**1977**

*The BDA favoured greater research and spending into innovative forms of public transport and less spending in support of the private motor vehicle.*

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The BDA's membership had dropped to 170 in 1977. During the year the Queensland Government announced that a tunnel would be constructed in the lower reaches of the Brisbane River. They expected the tunnel to be operational by 1982 to cater for the increased traffic generated by the Commonwealth Games. In 1964 the BDA seminar "Port Development and River Tunnel" highlighted the need for a tunnel. The BDA reiterated its support for a tunnel, saying it would contribute to:

- industrial and commercial development
- alleviating traffic problems
- providing the vital link between the Bruce and Pacific Highways.

In June the association arranged a seminar on "Preserving Old Buildings – the realities and practicalities of 'Can we save our old city buildings?' ". At the time they planned to produce guidelines for the preservation of historic buildings.

### Seminars

- "Redevelopment of the Valley" with Mr Edgar Hawthorn, Manager of the Valley Business Council.
- "The Role of the Real Estate Agents in the Community" with Mr Bruce Blocksidge, President of the Real Estate Institute of Queensland.
- "The Port of Brisbane" with Sir Charles Barton, Chairman of the Port of Brisbane Authority.
- "Pedestrians and Vehicles in the Central City" with Mr Eric Finger, Deputy Chief Engineer, Research and Planning, Main Roads Department.

### Committees

1. Port Committee (John Roe)

The Port of Brisbane Authority was formed this year. The BDA believed new port facilities on Fisherman Island would stimulate development in this region and revive interest in other projects in the area.

The committee focussed on the following issues:

- supporting the economic development of the port and ensuring the best use of both the existing and new facilities.
- integrating the lower river crossing with the development of the river.
- renewing interest in resisting the airport in accordance with the Commonwealth of Australia's report pf 1970/71.

2. Central City Committee (Ronald Voller)

The Central City and Transport Committees were jointly preparing the BDA's policy on



developing the central city. The paper focussed on the following:

- central city transport and parking proposal
- designated truck routes
- pedestrian malls
- pedestrian segregation
- the railway loop and the redevelopment area involved
- open space, entertainment and recreation relating to squares and open areas
- controlling city building density
- redeveloping the Valley area

3. Park and Open Space Committee (Paquita Hitchcock)

The committee participated in the Australian Institute of Urban Studies project 54 called "Greenspace and the Cities" and contributed its Parks and Open Space Policy to the conference.

4. Transport Committee (RW Hewison)

While the committee had not adopted any definite policies, they appeared to be reaching consensus on the following matters:

- A cross-river connection, preferably a tunnel in the down river area of Brisbane to be implemented without delay.
- The cross-river tunnel to be financed on a user pays basis in the form of a toll and a private company to collect the tolls.
- Road and rail communication to the new port of Brisbane now being constructed at the Brisbane River mouth should be planned and developed in conjunction with the planning for the cross-river tunnel.
- Planning and discussions between the relevant authorities was essential to reach agreement on a system of designated truck routes.
- There was an urgent need for a car-parking policy to provide easy access to the city centre while also reducing the amount of traffic entering the city centre.
- Make the bus transportation system more comprehensible to people and provide a bus station close to the CBD.
- A system of free or low-priced mini-buses could be introduced to connect the major railway stations with the retail centres.
- Pedestrians, particularly in the central city, should be given high priority. Traffic free

areas should be introduced for pedestrian safety.

The BDA supported funding more innovative forms of public transportation and a gradual cutting back of spending in support of the private motor vehicle.

5. Cultural Committee (Edgar D Hawthorn)

The BDA worked closely with the National Trust, seeking their guidance in developing proposals to preserve and use historical buildings and works of art. The committee was also reviewing "people's festivals" such as Warana, regional festivals, Festivals of the Arts and so on. They also focussed on physical arts and their vital place in Brisbane's development.

6. Flood Mitigation Committee (AS Hely)

The committee reported to government departments about National Disaster Insurance. They believed the modified Town Plan, still awaiting ratification, contained some progress towards identifying and regulating Brisbane's flood areas.

## 1978

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The association focussed on the following:

- updating Brisbane Airport to international standards
- a cross river link downstream on the Brisbane River
- a well designed pedestrian mall for the central city
- a conveniently located Bus Station close to the central city
- improved public transport especially in the inner city
- better routes for heavy transports avoiding the central area
- riverside parks and other improved facilities to replace the old wharves and other obsolete structures close to the city
- improved recreational and community facilities in the centre of Brisbane.

The workshop/seminar “On Foot in Brisbane” facilitated the BDA’s contributions to the Brisbane City Council’s seminar on pedestrian problems in the inner city.

Following on from the 1977 “Preserving Old Buildings” seminar, the BDA made a submission to the Local Government Director suggesting matters which should be included in a Bill that was being drafted to cover the preservation of historic buildings.

During the year, many significant projects that had been closely scrutinised by BDA were either active or near completion including:

- the new Port of Brisbane at Fisherman Islands
- Brisbane City Hall now returned to the people
- Brisbane Airport to be upgraded to international standards
- South Bank Cultural Centre under construction
- flood mitigation works on Brisbane’s creeks
- tenders were invited for the down-river cross river link

- investigations proceeding for a pedestrian mall in the city centre
- planning for central city proceeding
- South Brisbane – Roma Street rail link

### Seminars

- “The Heart of the City” with Mr. John Hattrick, Queensland Director L. J. Hooker Ltd.
- “Pedestrian Malls from a Retailers’ Point of View” with Mr SL McCarthy, Property Development Manager and Mr FW Stallard, Queensland Manager Woolworth’s.
- “Alternatives for a Lower Brisbane River Crossing” with Mr John Gralton, Deputy Special Projects Engineer, Main Roads Department and Mr RJ Hill, Gutteridge, Haskins & Davey Consulting Engineers.
- “The Development of Brisbane Airport” with Mr RM Seymour, Director Department of Transport.
- “Cities of the Future – Trends and Developments” with Mr RW Hewison, Town and Regional Planning Consultant.

### Committees

1. Park and Open Space Committee (Paquita Hitchcock)

The committee planned to study the riverbank bounding the central city to assess its potential for inclusion in the city’s open space areas.

2. Cultural Committee (Edgar Hawthorn)

Debate continued on the future of the Regent Theatre. While there were many arguments in favour of retaining the theatre for its historical significance, the costs associated with this proposal were high making its retention unlikely.

The BDA also actively campaigned for the original RNA building in Gregory Terrace to be made into a cultural centre when the museum was relocated to South Bank. This committee also expressed interest in producing and promoting two publications: a booklet detailing venues, which were available for a variety of cultural activities; and an up to date tourist brochure.

3. Port Committee (TG Bryce)

#### 4. Flood Mitigation Committee (Arthur Hely)

The association was awaiting the results of the Federal Government's deliberations on National Disaster Insurance. It thought they may be a useful instrument for flood plain management. The committee believed it was essential that controls and incentives be introduced for future development in flood prone areas. While some had been carried out on the Breakfast/Enoggera Creek and Enoggera Dam, much further work was required. The association deplored the Federal Government's reluctance to approve its planned 40 per cent share of finance for such future works.

#### 5. Transport Committee (Thelma Rowatt)

The committee focussed on working with the Central City Committee to prepare the association's Central City Policy. The association once again flagged the need for frequent and convenient public transport to cater for local community and tourists. The local transport problems were expected to grow due to the influx of people in Brisbane for the 1982 Commonwealth Games.

#### 6. Inner City Planning (Ronald J Voller)

Previously, the BDA had encouraged the Brisbane City Council to initiate a plan for the inner city area which included pedestrian malls and other public amenities. In 1978 the Brisbane City Council began preparing such a plan and the association worked to influence this plan.

After two years work, the BDA published its policy statement on the inner city. The policy was presented to the council's chief planner and the association hoped that Brisbane would soon have an imaginative and inspiring plan for its inner city area.

## 1979

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The year saw association's activities broaden in scope with the group focussing on a more detailed review of Brisbane's future. The catalyst for this new direction was the State Government's approval of the Town Plan for the City of Brisbane late in 1978.

The association believed a more detailed understanding of new town planning proposals and policies which would shape the city in years to come was essential. Consequently, the association analysed the forces that it believed would shape Brisbane's future and published its "Policy for the Planning of the Brisbane City Centre".

The BDA organised the following Town Plan Workshops to assess Brisbane's future:

- "The new approach to development in the Residential 'B' Zones"
- "Land subdivisions and amalgamations – residential, commercial and industrial"
- "The future of the inner city of Brisbane".

The workshops encouraged active participation by staff members of the Department of Planning and Coordination of the Brisbane City Council.

### Seminars

BDA seminars were becoming a popular and well-established feature on Brisbane's events calendar. In 1979, seminars included:

- "How will the new Brisbane Town Plan affect you?" with Mr Harold Merrin, Queensland Manager, Lewis Land Corporation
- "Brisbane – Have we made the Grade?" with Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson, Brisbane City Council.
- "Brisbane and the 1982 Games" with Mr Col Nicholls, Executor Director, XII Commonwealth Games Foundation
- "Presenting a Policy for the Planning of the Brisbane City Centre" with Mr Ronald Voller, Chairman Inner City Planning Committee, BDA, and architect and town planner.
- "Safety of citizens both day and night in the Central Area, Valley and South Brisbane" with Assistant Commissioner LR Duffy, Queensland Police Department.

### Committees

#### 1. City Model Committee (Harold T Merrin)

The committee felt that the majority of people found it difficult to visualise proposed changes to the city centre. Consequently, the BDA planned to have a model of Brisbane constructed. The aim was to have the model completed and on public view by the end of 1981 so that Commonwealth Games visitors to Brisbane would better understand Brisbane's development potential.

#### 2. Inner City Planning Committee (Ronald J Voller)

The committee focussed on researching alternatives for better inner city transport.

#### 3. Parks and Open Space Committee (Paquita Hitchcock)

The committee was disappointed with the gazettal of the modified Town Plan as it did little to justify hopes that it would enunciate policy on

the acquisition, development, maintenance and management of open space areas. The committee believed Brisbane was likely to remain badly served in relation to parks and open space.

#### 4. Transport/Tourism Committee (TM Rowatt)

In 1979 many things on the Brisbane Transportation scene were happening or pending such as:

- redevelopment of Brisbane Airport
- electrification of some metropolitan train services
- development of a cross-river facility in the lower reaches Brisbane River
- the release of the Metropolitan Transit Authority's Development Plan with its recommendations concerning the co-ordination of Brisbane's transport
- continuing development in the Fisherman Islands port area.

The association had long advocated the view that a cross-river facility in the lower reaches of the Brisbane River would enhance the city's tourist potential and reduce the need for commercial vehicles to travel through the central city and Valley areas. The committee was also concerned about the difficulties that commuters faced when travelling via public transport. The BDA was eagerly awaiting the release of the Central City Development Control Plan as it was expected to indicate the type of rapid transit system adopted and future plans for public and private transport. The committee was also concerned about ongoing problems regarding the adequacy of Brisbane's domestic and international terminal facilities. However, until the runway position was determined nothing could be done to rectify the problems.

## 1980

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### Seminars

- "The Transportation Plan for Metropolitan Brisbane" with Mr DL Higgins, Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transit Authority.
- "Reflections of an Ombudsman" with Sir David Muir, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman).
- "Improving Brisbane's Environment" with Rev Ian George, Anglican Dean of Brisbane.
- "The Position of a Port in a Port City" with Mr Brian Baillie, Senior Director P&O Australia Ltd.
- "The Development of the New Brisbane Airport" with Mr Harold Jones, Senior Project Engineer, Commonwealth Department of Transport.

### Committees

#### 1. Model Committee (Harold Merrin)

The central city area model was delayed due to insufficient funds.

#### 2. Inner City Planning Committee (Ronald J Voller)

Pedestrian facilities that would separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic were again on the agenda. Following a public invitation from the Lord Mayor, the committee prepared the BDAs submission for the Anzac Square extension to "fill the hole in the ground". The submission's features included:

- The existing Anzac Square being left as it was (except for minor work involved in the following items).
- The Anzac Square extension be finished at the same level as the existing Square, giving a unified appearance to the new and existing areas.
- The railway sub-way under Ann Street be extended under the central pathway in Anzac Square, continuing under Adelaide Street and leading to the shopping area under the new Square.
- The public space serving the shops under the new Square have a daylight opening centrally located above.
- Vehicles travelling north and entering or leaving the carpark under the new Square do so by passing under Adelaide Street with ramps commencing at the corners of the existing Square (where the existing vehicular lanes join Adelaide Street).
- Create pedestrian walks above the existing lanes. These walks should be extended up to Ann Street by stairs and over Adelaide Street by bridges.

#### 3. Parks & Open Space Committee (Paquita Hitchcock)

The committee was disappointed by continuing threats to existing green spaces in Brisbane and by the lack of new green spaces in outer suburbs and the inner city. The committee was studying the problem of decreasing agricultural land around Brisbane due to growing urban development. Part of the study involved reviewing other states' activities to enable a suitable plan for Brisbane to be formulated.



#### 4. Transport & Tourism Committee (Thelma Rowatt)

The BDA believed the redevelopment of the Brisbane Airport and the construction of the Gateway Bridge would change transport and tourism patterns and also solve some of the City's pressing problems regarding people and goods movement.

#### 5. Cultural Committee (E Hawthorn)

A cultural convention was planned for September 1980; however it was postponed until the following year due to competing events such as Warana Festival. The cultural convention was designed to bring together as many people as possible from different organisations to establish an advisory committee which could meet several times a year to discuss ways and means of promoting and funding cultural activities in Brisbane and throughout the state.

## 1981

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*The Policy Statement for the Planning of Brisbane's South Bank* was released. The BDA was concerned that piecemeal developments in isolated locations within the precinct would prevent the area from reaching its full potential.

The BDA proposed integrated development including a trade centre, commercial, retail and residential options

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The Association had 158 members. Many important projects the BDA had focussed on for years had come to fruition in 1981 including:

- Anzac Square extension
- Queen Street Mall
- mandatory provision of awnings over footpaths
- cross river traffic link
- Brisbane Airport expansion
- guidelines for development (the Spring Hill Development Control Plan, the first of its kind was displayed)
- upgrading public transport (railway electrification being an important element).

The BDA commended the BCC on the comprehensive Development Control Plan for Spring Hill. However the BDA felt that Brisbane badly needed Development Control Plans for all areas as a matter of urgency or undesirable development may result.

Other important projects included:

- preserving agricultural land in urban areas
- constructing a city model
- better facilities for pedestrians in the city
- student prizes
- beautification of Brisbane
- restricting road use by heavy trucks

The BDA's South Bank Policy Statement was made public at the 1981 annual general meeting. The BDA believed that the part of South Bank bounded by the railway line and the Brisbane River from Vulture Street to the William Jolly Bridge was an area of significant interest and potential. It was concerned that piecemeal redevelopment in isolated locations within South Bank might prevent the area reaching its full potential. In its statement the BDA considered a



number of development options including the possibility of a trade centre, commercial, residential and integrated development.

The Valley's future was also of important to the Association. The BDA felt that the Valley had a continuing role to play in Brisbane's future. The BDA thought this role could best be realised through positive planning leadership rather than adhoc reactions to crises, which had characterised planning in the area up to this time.

### Seminars

- "Brisbane Housing Evolution and Trends" with Edwin Codd, Edwin Codd & Partners.
- "Brisbane and its Appeal" with Graham Stehn, Travel & Tourism Manager, Computer Acc.
- "First Impressions of Brisbane" with Phillip Heywood, Head, Department Planning & Landscape Architecture, QIT.
- "Our Cultural Complex" with Robin Gibson, Robin Gibson & Partners.

### Committees

#### 1. Cultural Committee (Edgar Hawthorn)

Planning for the Cultural Convention continued which was now scheduled for 1982. The convention was to be called the "Queensland Sports and Cultural Convention". The convention was to include a mixture of sports, arts and commercial displays and seminars.

This committee was also working on a number of papers including:

- putting the river to work
- preserving some of our visual history
- getting the Arts together
- "These shoes are made for walking" – a theme to help both traffic and pedestrian problems. (Keeping cars out of CBD and providing an electric transport circuit from the Valley to City to South Brisbane)
- Why hide? (Lets get our 'eats and entertainment' into the street).

#### 2. Inner City Planning Committee (Wally Wight)

The committee held the seminar "The Retail Environment of the Central City". The committee

also drafted a submission for the Brisbane City Council regarding the proposed Spring Hill Development Control Plan.

During the year the committee focussed on two long-standing BDA aims: firstly, the adoption of an acceptable proposal for the Anzac Square extension over the "Hole in the Ground"; secondly, encouraging the Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government to proceed with construction of the Queen Street Mall. The committee also developed the policy for the development of the Brisbane South Bank.

#### 3. Parks & Open Space Committee (RW Hewison)

The committee focussed on the need to frame policy statements to ensure the preservation of good quality agricultural land close to urban centres for food growing purposes. The committee was also considered amendments proposed to the City of Brisbane Town Plan relating to city parks and open spaces.

#### 4. Transport & Tourism Committee (Harold T Merrin)

The committee was preparing discussion papers on the following:

- beautifying the environment and improving visual aspects for residents and tourists.
- traffic pattern changes relating to the new Queen Street Mall
- the need for gazettal of roadways, which were not to be used by heavy vehicles.

#### 5. City Model Committee (Harold T Merrin)

Plans commenced to construct the first part of the city model. The Fortitude Valley area was believed to be the most suitable first stage for the project. The intention was to construct a sufficient amount of the Valley area to enable people to see how large the model would be and therefore help them assess its value as a decision making tool. The first stage of the model was to be built over a 12-month period and funded by the BDA. Following the first stage, the committee anticipated that it would seek support from authorities and major property owners to fund the model's completion.





## 6. Public Relations Committee (Hume K Campbell)

1981 marked the Public Relations Committee's first year. The committee was created to help build a better public image for the BDA. The committee approached both the Queensland University and the QIT Schools of the Built Environment offering prizes for students who prepared the best design based on subjects outlined by the BDA.

## 1982

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The BDA celebrated its Silver Anniversary with a special luncheon on 1 December at the New York Hotel. His Excellency Sir James Ramsay, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, DSC, Governor of

Queensland and Lady Ramsay were the guests of honour at this luncheon. During the luncheon there was a review of the association's first 25 years and opinions were expressed regarding what should happen in the next 25 years.

Momentous events for Brisbane during 1982 included the Commonwealth Games, the opening of the Queen Street Mall, the new Queensland Art Gallery, and the construction of the first stage of the Cultural Centre at South Bank.

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### Seminars

- "The Future of Opera in Brisbane" with Donald Smith OBE
- "The Future of Inner City Transport in Brisbane" with The Hon, Don F. Lane MLA
- "Festival '82, Warana and Commonwealth Festival" with Norman Llewellyn, Executive Director of Festival '82.
- "Boma's View on Controls on Development in Brisbane" with Don Cunningham

### Committees

1. Parks and Open Space Committee (RE Hewison)

Continued to research the probable effects of continuing urban development on lands near urban centres, which possessed good potential for agricultural purposes. The BDA planned to make a statement on this controversial issue in the near future.

2. Planning and Transport Committee (Leon Flemming)

Changes to the committee structure saw the Transport Committee separated from Tourism and joined to Inner City Planning, thereby forming the Planning and Transport Committee. The new joint committee focussed on the following:

- the future of the Central City Area
- the future of the Fortitude Valley area
- transport in the inner city area (including Valley and South Bank)
- additional malls in the city and Valley
- other items to improve segregation of pedestrians from vehicles
- preferred routes for heavy vehicles
- footpath awnings for all inner city frontages
- parking facilities
- river improvements, including public access and freeways on river banks
- the South Bank area
- additional uses for railway land.

### 3. Tourism Committee (Richard Bramley)

South Bank's development was considered to be an important tourism issue for the future. The area had significant redevelopment potential, with the added attraction of its central location making it an ideal tourist attraction.

### 4. City Model Committee (Harold T Merrin)

The BDA welcomed an offer by a prominent Brisbane model maker to construct several city blocks. The BDA believed that because the Brisbane City Council had not produced a central city Development Control Plan there was greater need for a model to be made available to those interested in redevelopment projects and those responsible for decisions affecting the city's future.

### 5. Cultural Committee (Edgar Hawthorn)

The committee mooted the idea that the BDA could be the torch that began the welding process of bringing people together to recognise our multicultural society.

### 6. Re-Organisation Committee (Thelma Rowatt)

After 25 years, the BDA believed its future role and purpose should be assessed to ensure it remained effective in achieving a "Better Brisbane". Committee structures and meeting procedures changed. Also, the BDA recognised the need to increase membership to provide greater funds and expand the association's depth and range of activities.

## 1983

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*Regional & Town Planning Dept University of Qld:* Arnis Siksna

The BDA's new structure and brand was launched at a cocktail party at the Crest International Hotel attended by 135 people. The new structure involved substantial changes and the constitution was amended accordingly. The principal changes were introducing a new type of membership – patron membership – and the deletion of Council membership by organisations. Organisations could still be represented, however only by nominating a representative for one of the seven ordinary membership positions.

The Council could now have up to twenty-five members comprising:

- The President
- Two Vice Presidents
- The Honorary Secretary
- The Honorary Treasurer
- The Immediate Past President
- Twelve Patron Members
- Seven other Members

The BDA believed that the Patron Members would make the BDA Council a powerful voice in

the community. Patron members were leaders in their various fields and were to be represented on the Council by their top executives. The new look also included a new logo and stationary.

### Seminars

- City Council's Spring Hill Development Control Plan with Alderman St Ledger supported by Brian Dudson speak.
- Valley Mall competition.

### Committees

#### 1. Planning and Transport (Leon Fleming)

Focussed on the following:

- city centre planning
- awnings for city footpaths and pedestrian walkways
- parking in the city centre and fringe area
- use of the Brisbane River and its banks.

The committee identified the following areas of interest which required further investigation in 1984:

- developing a notion of the image of Brisbane we want over the next 20 years.
- South Bank Expo 88 Site
- central city planning
- plan for first level pedestrian network in city
- monitoring specific large-scale development proposals
- pedestrian malls – Fortitude Valley
- RNA Showgrounds Railway Loop.
- heritage buildings.
- suburban bikeways.

#### 2. Tourism (Richard Bramely)

#### 3. Parks & Open Spaces (Noel Robinson)

The Parks and Open Spaces Committee was formed and held its inaugural meeting in February 1983. One of the committee's first tasks was to address the existing policy statement prepared by the BDA in the mid 70's. The updated Parks and Open Spaces Policy had a special projects section, which detailed issues the BDA planned to address over the coming year. They included instant parks, bicycle paths, urban agricultural land use and better use of inner urban parkland.

#### 4. Finances & Membership (Don Cunnington)

The committee expected BDA membership to grow in the coming years and attributed this to the association's "new look". The restructure that was scheduled to take place in 1984 was also expected to have a positive effect on membership numbers.

#### 5. Fortitude Valley Development Committee

The committee was formed to enable BDA members who operated businesses in the Fortitude Valley's retail centre to decide what was to be done regarding the area's decline and to give life to area and business. The BDA had identified the diversion of traffic passing through the Valley centre as the main problem and hoped to prepare a comprehensive statement illustrating a solution to the problem.

During 1983 a competition open to QIT and University of Queensland students produced some interesting illustrations of pedestrian malls for the Valley.

#### 6. City Model (Harold Merrin)

The BDA was trying to gain support from various organisations including the Brisbane City Council to fund the cost of constructing the Brisbane city model.

## 1984

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*The BDA staged the Brisbane River City Ideas Competition to focus attention on the River and its banks and to highlight the potential for Brisbane to become a River City. Many entries were received with 35 provided to the Brisbane City Council for further consideration.*

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 David Pradella  
 Philip Naylor  
 Neil Sanders  
 Janet Behan

The Brisbane River is a major natural feature, however in 1984, development failed to consider the river in terms of people access, and recreational, tourism and commerce potential. The BDA launched the Brisbane River City Ideas Competition which focussed attention on the river and its banks and highlighted the potential for Brisbane to become a river city. The competition was open to professionals and tertiary students, secondary schools and the general public. The competition generated a number of wide ranging ideas and 35 of the entries were forwarded to the Brisbane City Council for further consideration.

## Seminars

- Effects of the City Mall on Brisbane People and Commerce.
- City Transport Towards 2000 – an address by Expo's Transport and Planning Consultant on whether Brisbane people can afford the multiple choices in their modes of transport
- 'Airport 88' – will the new airport terminal cope with the influx of overseas and interstate visitors expected for Expo?"
- Brisbane River City – an address by Captain Dick Hildebrand, retired Portmaster, on how to promote and use Brisbane's neglected river.

## Committees

1. Planning & Transport Committee
2. Parks & Open Spaces Committee
3. Brisbane River City Committee (Bill Hewison and Bill Edwards)

This special committee was formed to lead activities relating to the river. The BDA believed the Brisbane River was the area's greatest single feature, but also the most ignored. In particular the rivers history, its design potential,

its recreational value and its unifying influence were investigated. The committee increased its knowledge of the river through historical research and by inspecting the river and its banks from vantage points on or near the river. The committee's early work included:

- Preparing and adopting a series of broad aims and objectives for the river and its banks.
- Preparing a proposal for The Courier-Mail to conduct a campaign to promote the use and development of the Brisbane River.

In conjunction with The Courier-Mail a campaign to promote the river and the BDA's goals was mounted. For eight-weeks between October and December 1984, the campaign received considerable exposure with The Courier-Mail printing 31 feature articles and other items directly related to the campaign. 31 letters to the editor focused on the campaign and 20 river related news stories were printed over the eight-weeks. Channel 10 also made a feature of the river in its news slot. The committee felt that the campaign has raised public awareness in relation to the committee's objectives.

## 4. Tourism Committee (Richard Bramely)

The committee centred its activities on three main themes.

- First was to generate ideas and initiatives to strengthen Brisbane's image as a tourist destination.
- Second was to formulate a promotional strategy for Brisbane.
- Third related to establishing a tourist precinct in the city centre. The committee planned to do this by centering its activities around Expo 88 and focusing attention on the actions and initiatives that needed to be taken to maximise the impact and ensure the success of Expo.

## Heritage Task Force

The Heritage Task Force was established following the successful seminar luncheon "Heritage – Where to Now" in February 1984. The BDA felt that it was in a unique position regarding heritage issues for two reasons, the first being that the BDA is obliged to look at all sides of any issue because of its community base. Secondly the BDA did not represent any



interest group on the issue. In the absence of Heritage legislation or guidelines, no one in the community had any idea of the legal status of heritage areas or buildings. The task force sought direction from the council as to its role and areas of research and promotion they should apply their efforts.

### **Expo**

A special task force attached to the planning and transport committee began communicating with the Expo organisation. The taskforce was designed to focus on the post-uses of the expo site and their influence on the surrounding areas.

### **Cathedral Square**

The BDA was concerned that proposals did not seem to realise the area's exciting potential-particularly its unique relationship to St John's Cathedral. The association believed that this stemmed from certain aspects of the brief on which submissions were invited. The BDA prepared a draft set of guidelines and submitted them to the BCC. The BDA was informed that the proposal likely to be accepted would reflect this new approach.

## **1985**

### **Executive**

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Immediate Past President: Harold Merrin  
Hon Secretary: Ted Stewart  
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### **Council**

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Ronald Voller

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National Mutual Life Association  
Ray White Real Estate Pty Ltd

National Australia Bank  
Kern Corporation Ltd  
Lend Lease Corporation

### **Committees**

1. River City Committee
2. Urban Environment Committee
3. Tourism & Culture Committee (Ted Stewart)

The committee believed Brisbane had many tourism issues to manage, however the following issues were a priority:

- Brisbane, beyond its role as a gateway to other tourist destinations, lacked identity as a tourist destination.
- The many tourist authorities and related bodies in the Brisbane area, lacked liaison and co-operation.

The BDA President called on Brisbane people to adopt a 'minder' mentality when it came to town planning issues. Stating that in the absence of any means of public input, Brisbane's town planners had become too powerful. The media picked up these powerful comments:

- "A close down on town planners", The Courier-Mail 29/03/85
- "BCC Too Remote: Planner", Daily Sun 29/03/85

## **1986**

### **Executive**

President: Noel Robinson  
Vice Presidents: Leon Fleming / Henry George

### **Committees**

1. River City Committee (Bob Borger)
2. Heritage Committee (Richard Allom)
3. Tourism & Culture Committee (Andrew Shultz)
4. Planning & Environment Committee (Elwyn Wyeth)

5. Traffic & Transport Committee
6. Parks & Open Spaces Committee (Paul Lewis)

### Seminars

- Meet Brisbane's Town Clerk with Dr Ted Campbell
- City Circle Route Seminar
- What Future for the Brisbane Town Reach
- "What's in the New Town Plan?" with papers presented by Mr K Todd, Mr J Butler, Mr B Alexander, Mr V Feros, Mr I Hodgetts, Alderman P Denman, Mr. Phil Day and Professor B Saini.

## 1987

### Executive

President: Noel Robinson

In 1987 some exciting ideas were put to the Brisbane City Council and the State Government. These ideas included reintroducing trams to the city, closing Burnett Lane to ensure pedestrian prominence similar to that of Little Collins Street in Melbourne, and introducing art and sculpture into city buildings and spaces.

### Seminars

- South Bank – Post Expo 88
- The Direction of Japanese investment in Queensland
- What Future for Queen Street?

The South Bank Post Expo design competition attracted substantial media interest. The competition called for the people of Brisbane and Queensland to have their say on the highly visible and strategic Expo site after 1988. A \$2500 prize was offered by the BDA. The competition presented an opportunity for architects, planners and interested members of the public to put forward proposals for a site that would become an important part of Brisbane's image. The aim was to encourage new directions in Australian urban design and to provide new ideas for the South Bank site. All competition entries went on public display in the

Wintergarden Centre. The ideas submitted included a Science and Space Centre, Zoological Gardens and the Time Capsule – a permanent theme park that was awarded second prize in the competition. Dr John Hockings submitted a master plan that won the competition. It featured a hotel casino, street cafes, canal and an island park.

### Committees

1. Public Relations Committee (Susan Davies)

Focused on achieving media publicity for luncheons and seminars.

2. River City Committee (Bill Edwards)

Investigated the possibility of a tourist package combining the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers with tourist orientated activities in Ipswich. It was designed to boost tourism along the river, while aiding the economy in the Ipswich area. In addition, the package would provide a further reason for tourists to stay in Brisbane for a longer period.

3. Tourism & Culture Committee (David Pradella)
4. Planning & Environment Committee (Elwyn Wyeth)
5. Parks & Open Spaces Committee (Thelma Rowatt)
6. Heritage Committee (Richard Allom)

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*The BDA proposed to the Brisbane City Council and State Government the reintroduction of city trams, and the introduction of public art and sculpture into city buildings and spaces.*

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## 1988

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 Secretary: Ted Stewart

### Patron Members

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The Association took steps to become incorporated to protect and limit the liability of the office bearers.

### Committees

In late 1988, due to some overlapping committee activities, the BDA decided to rationalise its committees and combine some. The rationalisation resulted in the following committees being formed:

- Planning, Development and Transport Committee (Elwyn Wyeth)
- Membership Committee (Thelma Rowatt)
- Tourism and Leisure Committee (Dorinda Hancock)
- Parks, Open Space and River Activities Committee (Paul Lewis)
- Heritage (Richard Allom)
- Public Relations Committee (Susan Davies)

#### 1. Heritage Committee (Richard Allom)

Monitored the application of the new legislative provisions regarding heritage protection at both state and local levels.

#### 2. Parks and Open Space and Committee (Paul Lewis)

Produced a comprehensive questionnaire seeking Brisbane residents' suggestions on how to improve park facilities in Brisbane.

#### 3. Tourism and Cultural Committee (Andrew Schulz)

The committee further investigated issues relevant to the future of Brisbane's tourism development, particularly:

- the redevelopment of the Expo site
- reviewing road access signage for motor travellers.

#### 4. Planning and Environment Committee (Elwyn Wyeth)

The committee had a number of projects in the pipeline in 1988 including:

- design for climate
- hypotheticals
- transport system – a cellular approach
- bus stop shelters
- public forum – Brisbane Beyond 2000

#### 5. Membership Committee (Thelma Rowatt)

This new committee focussed on increasing the BDA's membership.

## 1989

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In 1989, the BDA believed Brisbane needed a new International Airport Terminal and a Convention Centre. The association was also concerned about the post expo site redevelopment and a transport system that linked Fortitude Valley with the city and the post expo site.

### Seminars

- “Buses, Trams, Trains and Monorails” with Ken Davidson, John Jeffcoat, Robin Read and Barry Alexander.
- “Urban Design Issues – The State Government Precinct” with John Morton.
- “Post Expo-the master plan revealed” with Vic Pullar and Desmond Brooks
- “Very Fast Train”
- “John Burgee”
- “Monorails for Brisbane?”
- “Admiralty Wharf”
- “International Trends – Opportunities for Brisbane”

### Media

BDA seminars and activities achieved considerable media attention.

- “Post-Expo: a place for the people” (The Courier Mail 5/12/89)
- “Trust fights for heritage at Expo” (The Sun 19/11/89)
- “Larger Expo site costs \$125m” (The Courier Mail (18/11/89)
- “National Trust chief slams South Bank plan” (The Courier Mail 18/11/89)
- “Developers began push to sell \$1bn plan for Expo site” (The Australian 18/11/89)
- “Expo site plan could displace thousands” (The Courier Mail 20/11/89)

### Committees

1. Parks, Open Space and River Activities Committee (Mike Fordyce)

The committee presented a report to the BDA Council that considered and promoted the

concept of “public art”. The report examined national and international experiences and included recommendations the committee believed would improve the quality of Brisbane’s recreational facilities and scenic attributes, promote parks and open spaces, and improve the visual amenity of public facilities. The report recommended that the BDA should promote the concept of public art using private and public funding in the following ways:

- Introducing a discretionary provision that allows development bonuses to be granted to a developer for including public art within a project.
  - Contributing to the provision of public art within the development site or at another location approved by the BCC
  - Providing an incentive to the owner of a property (such as a rate rebate) who has contributed to public art on their property.
2. Planning Development and Transport Committee(Elwyn Wyeth)

During the year, the committee examined the South Bank proposal and the Roma Street goods yard.

3. Tourism and Leisure (Culture Sub) Committee (Marilyn Rafter)

The committee focussed on Moreton Bay/ Moreton Island, the proposed Cruise Ship Terminal and Fortitude Valley Mall.

4. Heritage Committee (Richard Allom)

### Trams/Light Rail

The BDA and the Brisbane Tramming Committee (BTC) appointed Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Pty Ltd (GHD) in August 1989 to investigate the feasibility of re-introducing a tram system to Brisbane’s CBD. The BDA believed a tram system would encourage greater people movement in the CBD and to other development nodes such as Fortitude Valley and Southbank and would also have tourism potential. The report drew the following conclusions:

- To establish a network to adequately service the CBD, excluding linkages to

South Bank and the Valley, would cost approximately \$10M.

- Patronage would be sufficient to offset operating costs.
- Re-introducing the necessary overhead catenary would impact on the CBD streetscape, and in some places this impact would be significant and adverse.
- A lightweight battery-powered system may be a lower cost alternative to the traditional system and would remove the need for overhead catenary.
- Other alternative systems (electric trolley buses etc.) would lower costs and provide more flexible services, but may not have the appeal offered by a permanent light rail system.

The report recommended conducting more detailed investigations and costings on the finally selected route, preparing specifications for an appropriate tram vehicle and obtaining costs. The BDA believed these further investigations should be carried out in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council.

## 1990

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In 1990, the BDA raised its profile by contributing to the Brisbane Plan, SEQ2001 and the heritage buildings protection, Land Tax Review, and infrastructure and urbanisation debates.

The BDA once again restructured. Part of this restructuring led to the formation of the Marketing Committee which replaced the Public Relations and Membership Committees. The new committee's main objective was to increase the Association's financial position so it could better cope with the high financial demands of preparing research, and assessing and

responding to the complex issues of the time. The committee was chaired by Vice President, Ted Stewart, and it focussed on membership drives, merchandising and special events.

In 1989 the BDA applied to the Department of Justice to incorporate the association under the Associations Incorporations Act 1981-1989. This meant changes to the BDA's Constitution. A new Constitution was adopted in November 1990. Under the new Constitution the BDA would be managed on a day-to day basis by the Executive, which must meet regularly to meet the Justice Department's requirements. The aims and objectives of the new Constitution were the same.

During the year, the BDA sponsored and managed City Image "The Brisbane Perspective" Conference held at the Mayfair Crest Hotel and the Town Hall from 22-24 April. The conference focused on people and the cities they live in, highlighting the need to improve our cities particularly from a pedestrian point of view. The need to find new community mechanisms to successfully design our built environments was also explored. The conference addressed the following issues:

- creating image and identity for a city
- guidelines or legal imperatives
- blending the natural and built environment
- conservation and heritage
- urban elements – design of street furniture, lighting
- landscaping and city signage
- outdoor advertising
- public transport – the visual aspect
- icons and monuments – the symbols of identity
- traffic and pollution.

### Committees

1. Tourism & Leisure Committee
2. Parks Open Space & River Activities Committee
3. Planning Development & Transport Committee
4. Heritage Committee

## 1991

### Executive

President: Elwyn Wyeth  
 Immediate Past President: Henry George  
 Senior Vice President: John Perrier  
 Vice President: Ted Stewart  
 Secretary: Marilyn Rafter  
 Treasurer: Russell Brown

### Patron Members

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 Richard Ellis

The proposed extension of the Queen Street Mall (MUR Scheme) resulted in the formation of the MUR Scheme Action Group, initiated by Elwyn Wyeth. The action group was formed to ensure the proposed development of an \$18 million underground mall, to be positioned between Edward and Wharf Streets, would be appropriately integrated with the existing Queen Street Mall. While the action group supported the extension in principle, it believed the scheme should be delayed until the developer, together with the appropriate authorities and other interested parties, had further investigated the development. The group believed the Brisbane City Council was the authority best placed to coordinate and control development within the city. The action group also felt that development in Brisbane should be laudable not a source of bitterness and mistrust. The action group and its recommendations received considerable media coverage and the BDA was asked to comment on various aspects of the proposal.

### Media

- "Trader cry out against mall call" The Courier Mail 02/03/91
- "Underground city road plan" The Sun 29/04/91
- "Tunnel plan for city roads" Daily Sun 29/04/91
- "Govt blasted on \$60m city mall secrecy" The Sun 30/04/91

### Committees

1. Planning and Transport (Wally Wight)

The committee focussed on consolidating a strategic position for the BDA on overall transport in Brisbane. The committee also spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the Brisbane Plan.

2. Heritage Committee (Ross Nielson)

Responded to the State Government's Green Paper for Heritage Legislation with a formal submission and met with the Heritage Minister several times to discuss the committee's concerns with the proposed legislation.

3. Tourism and Culture Committee (Gary Weigh)

The committee focussed on the following issues

- Morton Bay
  - RNA Grounds redevelopment
  - Southbank casino
  - International airport.
  - Investigated the need for a Brisbane Tourism Book.
  - Assessed a project that would centre on certain aspects of Brisbane city's tourist attractiveness. The BDA was concerned Brisbane's "core" was disappearing and that there were no real long-term strategies in place concerning visual pollution.
  - Developed a concept and format for proposed annual BDA Awards which recognised people who contributed to a better Brisbane.
4. Environment and Recreation Committee (Stephen Nall)

The River Parks and Open Spaces Committee changed its name to the Environment and Recreation Committee.

5. Membership Committee
6. Public Relations Committee

The BDA believed that since the mid 1980's Brisbane had been striving to be recognised as a tourist destination in its own right. The BDA developed the Brisbane Tourism Awards, sponsored by the BDA. The awards recognised individuals and companies who had made a



significant contribution to Brisbane tourism including:

- best corporate hotel
- best affordable accommodation
- best retailer
- best designer/architect
- friendliest service by an individual
- best tour operator
- best restaurant
- best tourism story on Brisbane
- best hospitality-training program

The gala awards night was to be held in November each year in conjunction with the annual BDA Ball.

## 1992

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*The association received a huge response to its Holes in Brisbane competition. The competition encouraged members of the public to suggest short term uses for vacant development sites throughout the city.*

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PRD Realty  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Associated Water Equipment  
Seymour Group  
Suncorp Insurance  
National Mutual Property Services

The big issues in 1992 included:

- controlling urban sprawl
- amendments to the whole planning process
- regional transit corridors and transport integration.

During the year, the BDA staged the inaugural and prestigious Brisbane Development Association City of Brisbane Awards. The evening's aim was to promote the BDA to the Brisbane community, as well as recognise and reward excellence in those who had helped to "create a Better Brisbane".

The BDA also conducted a promotion and competition to find short term uses for the various vacant development sites throughout the city. The BDA had a huge response to its 'Holes in Brisbane' competition. The competition ran for six weeks and was sponsored by Queensland Newspapers. Entrants could choose to nominate a particular site or submit ideas for general use. Sport and recreation was the most popular use for many of the city's vacant development sites.

A strategy document was presented to the BDA Executive in July 1992, which outlined how the association could expand via suburban committees. The BDA believed such an expansion would allow the suburban voice to be heard in the CBD.

### Committees

1. Planning Transport & Planning (Wally Wight)

The committee proposed policy documents in relation to the Urban Renewal Program, and recent proposals to amend Brisbane's Town Plan regarding residential consolidation, transport and land use. The committee also followed the SEQ2001 Regional Advisory Group actions and had prepared a response to the position paper on "Urban Consolidation".

2. Environment & Recreation Committee (Susan Timbs)

During the year, the committee reviewed discussion papers, green papers and new legislation issued by the Queensland Government. Representatives from the committee also sat on the BCC's Vegetation Protection Advisory Committee.

3. Heritage Committee (Chris McClusky)

The committee's primary objective was to bring important heritage issues to the forefront amongst the business community and the



general public. The committee also aimed to review the current legislation, and it prepared a proposal regarding financial assistance for owners of heritage properties. The BDA supported and encouraged the retention of heritage properties but also recognised that the high costs associated with the heritage properties' maintenance should be borne by the community at large and not wholly by the property owner.

#### 4. Tourism & Cultural Committee (John Fyfe)

The committee considered sponsoring the Brisbane Fringe Festival, and investigated "what makes a successful tourist destination".

#### 5. Marketing Committee (Ted Stewart)

#### 6. Membership Committee (John Perrier)

- Professor Ed Blakely, the President of the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development discussed urban development challenges in the Pacific Rim.
- A series of three seminars from April to June examined Brisbane's potential as a tourism destination, as a big business base and as an export base.
- A panel of experts including architect John Simpson, Professor Rod Troutbeck of QUT and Neville Fallon of the Queensland Performing Arts Complex reviewed the pedestrianisation of Victoria Bridge.
- Robert Gottlieb, the Editorial Director of Business Review Weekly magazine discussed how to beat the post recession financial blues.
- Lord Mayor Alderman Jim Soorley discussed his vision for urban renewal in Brisbane.

## 1993

### Executive

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 Vice Presidents: B Brown / W Wight  
 Hon Sec: C McClusky  
 Hon Treasurer: P Rasey

### Seminars

- Rob Borbidge MLA launched the opposition's housing and urban land policy.
- Sam Coats, Compass Airlines, mapped out his view of the future of his company in Brisbane.
- Richard Douglas, Suncorp Investments, gave the Association his view of how the future development of Brisbane would proceed.
- Trevor Reddacliff, chairman of the Urban Renewal Task Force, presented the master plan for urban renewal in the Teneriffe/New Farm area.
- Greg Martin, Chief Executive Officer of the Brisbane Port Authority, presented the plan for the extension of the port.
- Mal Grierson, Deputy Director General of the Department of Administration Services discussed the plans for the new Convention Centre at South Bank.

### Committees

During the year, the BDA's committees were restructured to better reflect the association's direction. The new committees included:

- Planning and Environment (Chair: John Neylan)
- Economic Development and Tourism (Chair: Russell Brown)
- Infrastructure and Services (Chair: Wally Wight)
- The Living City (Chair: Chris Blue)
- Membership Committee

#### 1. Planning and Environment Committee (John Neylan)

This committee assessed and commented on the relevant SEQ2001 RPAG papers released at the time. It was also interested in a variety of other issues such as:

- methods of handling building sites that were in limbo
- unused heritage sites
- achieving much higher density in the Brisbane context
- community noise
- Brisbane River – cleaning it up, transportation and bridging it
- RNA Showgrounds/Bowen Hills precinct – future zoning and uses.



## 2. Infrastructure and Services Committee (Wally Wight)

This group also reviewed the RPAG findings and focussed on the transport and infrastructure implications. In 1993 both the Department of Transport and the Brisbane City Council had signage policies out for review, which were also of interest to this Committee.

## 3. The Living City Committee (Chris Blue)

The Living City Committee prepared a position paper regarding heritage legislation and its application. The paper examined how the Department of Environment and Heritage was administering the legislation.

The committee also sponsored the Warana Festival. T-shirts were printed featuring the BDA logo and provided to the staff that operated the information booth. BDA signage and BDA stickers were also provided to Warana to be exhibited at the information booth and other locations throughout the Botanical Gardens. A questionnaire was prepared and distributed at the festival for the public to complete regarding the use of the Brisbane River as a means of transportation and a tourist destination; and heritage places and their conservation. The committee proposed to use the questionnaire in its report regarding heritage legislation

## 4. Membership Committee

Responsible for strengthening the BDA's membership base, the committee explored the possibility of forming a sub-committee to implement membership 'suburbanisation' i.e. gaining subscriptions from Brisbane citizens. This reflected BDA's desire to broaden its membership base and influence, and to geographically represent Brisbane and its adjacent fringe, involving the wider business and general communities and not just the development community.

## 1994

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### Patron Members

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Australian Provincial Newspaper Limited  
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Richard Ellis  
Seymour Group  
Suncorp

1994 was described as an exciting year for Brisbane. The BDA President identified several factors that could be identified as signs that the city was coming of age including:

- Increased recognition of the river as one of the city's prime features and the resultant increase in property values along the river, including the take-up of riverside residential development in all regions of the city.
- Successful developments including medium-density residential in the city's inner suburbs and CBD which were described as heralding a new era in residential living in the inner city.
- Continuing success of the Urban Renewal Project in the inner suburbs and the willing acceptance by the people of Brisbane for this type of civic initiative.

The BDA was represented on the CBD Master Planning Committee which the BCC facilitated through an External Reference Group.

The association also hosted two highly successful conferences on urban development: the combined Metropolis Now and City Image 1994 Conferences. The conferences were supported and sponsored by the BCC, Queensland Cement Limited, Jupiter's Limited

and Springfield Land Corporation and attracted international delegates from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and South East Asia. The conferences were well attended, and provided excellent papers on urban development issues in the new age metropolis and on the micro issues of city image.

The annual BDA Ball was once again successful and the inaugural Golf and Tennis Day at the Royal Queensland Golf Club was also popular.

### Seminars

- SEQ 2001 workshop
- Ted Brown, University of Queensland, delivered a special presentation on the renovation of the Customs House Building.
- Judith Maestracci, Brisbane Visitors and Convention Bureau, Lois Appleby, World Masters Games, and Nell Arnold, QUT, facilitated an informative discussion on the benefits that Brisbane could gain from the Sydney Olympics.
- Roger du Blet examined the suburban character of Brisbane and the way in which it could be retained.
- Cr Tim Quinn, Brisbane City Council, Bob Ward, Liberal Party, and Willy Bvach, The Greens, addressed Brisbane's urban image in March.
- Arthur Mosley, new Executive Officer, the Brisbane Visitors and Convention Bureau was introduced in April.
- Peter Costello, the finance spokesmen and subsequently shadow treasurer and deputy leader of the opposition discussed the budget over breakfast in May.
- The issue of graffiti was discussed in the "Art or Garbage" luncheon that was addressed by David Eades, Queensland Rail, Superintendent Fletcher, Queensland Police, and noted local artist and City Council Alderman, David Hinchcliffe.
- Neil Cagney, Greg Goebel and Don Williamson focussed on Transport.

## 1995

### Executive

President: John Neylan  
 Immediate Past President: Ted Stewart

### Patron Members

Australian Provincial Newspapers  
 Civil and Civic  
 Jupiters Limited  
 Macquarie Bank  
 Marketshare  
 Minter Ellison  
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### Seminars

By 1995 BDA seminars had gained a reputation for being both controversial and informative with topics and speakers addressing the breaking issues about Brisbane's development. Seminars included:

- Brisbane Airport privatisation
- Recreating Brisbane's heritage
- Queensland Transport Department's Metropolitan Transport Study
- future of Roma Street Goods Yards site
- creation of 'affordable' housing in the urban renewal context.
- positive effects of the new Convention and Exhibition Centre on Brisbane's economy
- Brisbane's satellite communities (a half-day tour of Springfield and Forest Lake).

The BDA established a 'River City Taskforce'. Its mission was:

*'to work as an independent representative body to assist interested parties achieve the potential of the Brisbane River as a tourism, transport, and recreational asset, through the marketing and co-ordination of existing government and community initiatives.'*

The taskforce, driven by the BDA, sought input from various groups who had an interest in the

river including-Brisbane Visitors and Convention Bureau, Office of Economic Development for the City of Brisbane, Brisbane River Management Group and Brisbane Transport. In 1995 the taskforce was developing a multi-stage strategy to promote the river and planned to publicly release significant resource material.

The BDA continued to contribute the expertise of its members to numerous studies, position papers and external reference groups that were set up by the State Government and the BCC, including:

- Brisbane City Council's CBD Master Plan
- Brisbane 20011- the Liveable City of the Future
- new Town Plan for the City of Brisbane
- BCC Bikeways proposals
- Urban Renewal Taskforce Waterfront Development Guidelines
- Regional Transport Planning for South-East Queensland
- response to BCC on its draft Corporate Plan.

1995 provided its quota of social occasions including the Annual Ball, the Casino gambling night, and the Golf day. The BDA was also well represented at the annual Brisbane Day Lunch in City Hall as well as the elaborate official openings of both the Convention Centre and the Treasury Casino.

### Committees

Committees were not as effective as in previous years and the Executive of '95-96' hoped to resurrect four working committees.

## 1996

### Executive

President: John Neylan  
Past President: Ted Stewart  
Treasurer: Kathy Colwell  
Vice Presidents: Chris McCluskey / David Henry  
Secretary: Christopher Blue

The BDA was invited to participate on the Executive of the Urban Renewal Taskforce. This was a positive forum for the BDA to enunciate its ideas for developing specific parts of the city.

The association also contributed to a number of government discussion papers and proposals including the redraft of the Southbank Development Plan, the Central Business District Planning Strategy and the ongoing saga of the Roma Street Railyards redevelopment.

### Seminars

- Public transportation
- Busways concept
- new State Government Town Planning Legislation
- promotion of the Brisbane River as a recreation resource
- the need for a sophisticated multi-use sporting venue
- modifications to the Southbank Development Plan
- CBD Planning

In addition to the regular monthly luncheons, the BDA also organised a half-day seminar at the Brisbane Airport as part of 'Airport Awareness Week', which also coincided with the opening of the new International Terminal. The BDA believed the Airport 'campus' was a major component of the city both in terms of its economic importance and its size. The seminar sought to heighten awareness of those factors and to apprise attendees of the available commercial opportunities.

The annual Ball and Golf Day were once again successful. The Ball venue was New Farm Park on a balmy spring evening.

The BDA also finalised arrangements with the Office of Economic Development for the city of Brisbane (OED) to join with them in a new promotional activity aimed at attracting new businesses to the city. The BDA's role was to be a referral service for interested intending business migrants who were seeking information on Brisbane and guidance about their move. The name BRISINFO was registered and the BDA was in the process of establishing a database of services offered by its members. The service was designed to promote Brisbane as an ideal business location while also giving BDA members the opportunity to do business with individuals/organisations moving to the city.

## Committees

1. Living City Committee
2. Planning & Environment (including sub-committee for Roma Street)
3. Infrastructure & Services (Goods Yard Land Use)
4. Economic & Tourism

## 1997

### Executive

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 Past President: John Neylan  
 Vice Presidents: David Henry / Wally Wight  
 Hon Secretary: Christopher Blue  
 Hon Treasurer: Kathy Colwell

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 Seymour Group  
 Stanton Hiller Parker  
 Suncorp  
 JB Were & Son

The BDA marked its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with the development of a uniquely Brisbane image. Prominent local artist, Franki Birrell was commissioned to create the image/art work with the original artwork presented to the Brisbane City Council gallery.

### Seminars

- “Queen Street Mall – Shoppers’ Paradise or Developers’ Nightmare?” with Brisbane City Heart Chairman, David Clare; Architect, John Simpson; and Paul McDermott, Commercial Development

Manager with Suncorp-Metway.  
 Sponsored by Hassell.

- “New Directions in Public Housing – Dr Watson’s New Housing Rules” with Minister for Public Works and Housing, The Honourable Dr David Watson, MLA. Sponsored by Freehill Hollingdale & Page.
- “One more visitor night – can Brisbane Manage it?” with Ross Woods of Horwath Asia Pacific (Queensland), Alex Chapman, ACCOR Asia Pacific’s Regional Manager of Sales and Marketing and Barry Page, Chief Executive of the Brisbane Visitors and Convention Bureau. Sponsor: Novotel Brisbane.
- “Queensland Transport’s Strategic Planning – On the Road Again” with Les Ford, Executive Director of the Integrated Transport Plan, Queensland Transport. Sponsor: Ship Inn.
- “South Bank Masterplan – New Catalyst for Future Success” with South Bank Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Bill Grant and prominent architect, John Simpson.
- “\$150 Million Brisbane Cruise Port Development – Set to Boost Queensland Economy” with Chairman of the Brisbane Cruise Port Development Group, Barry Sands. Sponsor: Boral Construction Material (QLD).
- “Brisbane in a World Market” with Brian Roberts from DHL, Max Hill, WDM International, and Bevan Lynch, McKerrell Lynch Architects. Sponsor: Brisbane International Airport.
- “Monitoring a Sunbelt Metropolis” with Professor Bob Stimson, Director of the Australian Housing & Urban Research Institute and The Hon. Doug Slack, Minister for Trade and Economic Development. Sponsor: Business Queensland.
- “The BDA Great Debate – Who will build a better Brisbane?” Speakers: Lord Mayor Jim Soorley & Councillor Bob Mills.

### Committees

1. Economic Development & Tourism Committee (David Thomas)



## 1998

### Executive

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### Seminars

- “Sydney Olympic 2000 – Queensland...a medal Contender or an “Also Ran” in the Business Race?” with Dennis Buchanan, Queensland Olympic 2000 Taskforce Chairman.
- “Brisbane in Asia” with Kieran O’Brien, Manager of QUT’s Office of International Relations; Graham Mulligan, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Brisbane Corporation; and Michael Otago, Director of Export Services with the Department of State Development. Sponsor: The Department of State Development.
- “Why is Gateway Ports still an idea while Melbourne Docklands is a reality?” with John Tabart, Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne Docklands Authority. Sponsored by Pradella.
- “Art for Art’s Sake or Money-Spinner for Brisbane?” with Deputy Premier, treasurer and Minister for the Arts, The Honourable Joan Sheldon MLA. Sponsor: Hassell.
- “Building Brisbane’s Future – Commercialism versus Sustainability” with Queensland 1998 Architect of the Year, Michael Keniger. Sponsor: City Image ’98.

- “Goods and Services TAX Just Released- Implications for Business” with Bill Shields, Chief Economist & Executive Director, Macquarie Bank. Sponsor: Macquarie Bank.
- “The 1998 Brisbane City Council Budget- and What it means for Brisbane” with Hon Jim Soorley Lord Mayor of Brisbane. Sponsor: J B Were & Son

During the year the BDA commented on or was involved in the planning of some very significant projects and issues including:

- The proposed light rail project for inner urban Brisbane – the BDA was represented on the Briztram external reference group taskforce. The BDA was an advocate of a light rail network. The project was sidelined by the new state government.
- Refurbishment of the Queen Street Mall was a hotly debated issue primarily due to the initiative of the BDA. A public forum and discussion on the mall helped the issue to develop and the Brisbane City Council announced a \$17 million refurbishment of the mall.
- Urging government to establish a single focussed working group to coordinate the development of the Gateway Ports area. The end result was the establishment of a Gateway Ports Networking Group comprised of stakeholders in the area to plan the future of what was described as an economic engine.
- Promoting Brisbane’s intellectual and creative strengths and cultural assets particularly through the QCC200 Program.

City Image ’98 Urban design for tomorrow’s centre was organised by the BDA in conjunction with the Royal Australian Planning Institute and the Queensland University of Technology. The conference was sponsored by South Bank Corporation, Project Services and Queensland Transport and held at the Queensland University of Technology on 10 and 11 July. 160 delegates attended the conference. The conference focussed on the importance of city, metropolitan and regional centres and the underlying affect that they have on the economic, social and environmental health of Australia. The



conference explored ways that the development industry, government, professional designers and planners could promote place making techniques that are attractive, valuable and understandable to financiers, consumers and citizens. City Image 98' brought together leading international authorities on urban design with forums discussing the European, North American and Australian experiences.

Early in 1998 the BDA was approached by the Property Council of Australia, to merge the two organisations to form a single voice on Brisbane development/property issues. The BDA created a merger taskforce that consulted members. Members rejected the merger and it did not proceed.

### Committees

1. Living City Committee (Kirsti Simpson)
2. Planning & Environment/ Infrastructure & Services (Wally Wight)
3. Economic Development & Tourism (David Thomas)

## 1999

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*The inaugural BDA Focus Urban Design Workshop focusing on the Roma Street, Victoria Park, Bowen Hills triangle was coordinated. It was a successful collaboration between QUT, the URTF and the BDA, and the results were published and publicly released.*

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JB Were & Son

In 1999 the BDA's membership stood at 162 comprising 68 corporate, 14 patron, 30 individuals, 44 individuals from the professions, and six life members.

The BDA donned it's party hat for a Tuscan Feast celebration at Brett's Wharf Function Centre, encouraging participants to take the City Cat and enjoy the scenic river, while joining in the celebration of Brisbane.

The BDA launched its Reducing Car Dependency Campaign which promoted alternative transport options rather than the private vehicle. The campaign also encouraged the public to suggest strategies to promote other modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport.

The BDA participated in the following projects during the year:

- BDA FOCUS – an Urban Design Workshop. The desire to establish a long-term, sustainable design plan for Brisbane inspired the BDA to join with the Queensland University of Technology and key city stakeholders to create BDA focus and stage the Urban Design Workshop. The Workshop was effective in focusing attention on under-utilised major sites in Brisbane – Mayne Railway Yards, RNA Showground, Victoria Park and Roma Street Railway Yards – and canvassing and debating ideas, plans and visions for their future development. The workshop removed the traditional barriers commonly associated with the design and development of major landholdings, and encouraged the development of creative and coordinated plans and drawings. The workshop results were released and published.
- Roma Street Redevelopment Advisory Board. The BDA was represented as one of only two private sector seats on the advisory panel for this important project.

- Various responses to City Plan and other government policy initiated studies such as QCC2000.
- Urban Renewal Taskforce

### Seminars

- “Brisbane CBD and the Centres under the new City Plan” with Michael Kerry, BCC and Tony Winter, KPMG. Sponsored by KPMG.
- “Bus v. Rail-Why are the Cars Winning?” with Professor Newman, Murdoch University. Sponsored by Queensland Transport.
- “Taking Stock of Brisbane and SEQ Region” with Professor Bob Stimson, UQ and Ian Schmidt, Department of Communications & Information, Local Government and Planning. A joint CEDA/BDA event.
- “The Role of Icons in Modern Cities – A Review” with Phillip Cox, Cox Richardson and Professor Michael Keniger, UQ. Sponsored by Watpac.
- “Brisbane’s South Bank: a look at public infrastructure in cities outside Brisbane” with Bill Grant and John Simpson from South Bank Corporation. Sponsored by South Bank Corporation.
- “Intelligent Cities. Brisbane’s Future” with Dr Peter Newton, CSIRO and Helen Ringrose, BCC. Sponsored by Peddle Thorp and supported by Rider Hunt.
- “Retailing – An industry under review” with Patrick McKendry, Retailers Association of Queensland.
- “BDA Focus Urban Design Workshop” sponsored by the Department of State Development.
- “To Bridge or Not To Bridge...?” with Brisbane architect Michael Rayner and townplanning consultant Victor Feros.
- “Economic Update” with Bill Shields, Macquarie Bank. Sponsored by the Macquarie Bank.

## 2000

### Executive

President: Rebecca Sullivan  
 Immediate Past President: Chris McCluskey  
 Vice President: David Thomas / Steve Reynolds  
 Hon Secretary: Steve Wiltshire  
 Hon Treasurer: Peter Ball

Re-energising Woolloongabba – An Urban Design Study was the second in the series of BDA FOCUS programs. The task was to create visionary ideas for the future of what was once a vibrant fringe City suburb – a suburb that had been struggling over the past 30 years to retain its identity due to fragmentation resulting from major city-wide transport infrastructure projects. The result was a visionary process displaying an approach to urban design that was inclusive and multi-disciplinary. The process culminated in a three-day intensive design workshop which synthesised in graphic form the issues raised during the previous FOCUS meetings.

The BDA staged a half-day transport workshop featuring the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Hon. Steve Bredhauer, Brisbane City Council Chairperson for Transport and Major Projects, Cr Maureen Hayes, Western Australian Department of Transport, Travel Demand Manager, Bruce James and planner and engineer, Hans Westerman. These speakers discussed a range of initiatives and provided national and international examples of transport strategies adopted elsewhere. The forum was timely considering South East Queensland was and is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. The forum was designed to highlight future opportunities to meet increased demands and improve and integrate all aspects of the transport system. The forum was sponsored by Multiplex.

The Inaugural BDA Trivia Night was held during the year. The master of ceremonies for the evening was comedian Ian McFadyen who guided the teams through a series of “Brisbane” themed questions in a range of categories including history, entertainment, sport, government, building and development, and geography.

In November the BDA launched a public competition to design and develop an innovative Entry Statement for Brisbane to enhance and



celebrate the identity of the city. The Brisbane Airport Corporation pledged its support for the competition by consenting to allocate land for the winning Entry Statement design.

### Seminars

- “Parking Levying and Licensing Schemes in Brisbane CBD – Will they Work?” with Glen Holdsworth, President of the Parking Association of Australia Inc, Barry Broe, Director, Transport Planning SEQ and Colin Farqhar, General Manager, King Parking. Sponsored by TTM Consulting Pty Ltd and TTM Equipment Pty Ltd.
- “Telecommunications. The Next Phase of Infrastructure what does it mean for Queensland?” with Lindsay Pears, General Manager, Commercial Information Systems, and Stephen Hudson, Chief technologist, Commercial Information Systems, both from Boeing Australia Limited and Steven Taylor from PowerTel Limited. Sponsor: Network Design and Construction.
- “Brisbane River Debate...Increasing Use of Our River” with Steve Wilson, South Bank Corporation Chairman, Michael Rayner, QUT Masterplanner, Trevor Reddacliff, Brisbane Riverfestival Chairman, Mike Norris, Brisbane Marketing Chairman, Cr Maureen Hayes, Brisbane City Council Transport and Major Projects Chairperson. Sponsors: South Bank Corporation and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.
- “Urban Renewal Precinct – The People Factor” with Trevor Reddacliff, Urban Renewal Taskforce Chairman. Sponsor: Walter Construction Group.
- “The Queensland Film Industry – A Perspective” with Robin James, Pacific Film and Television Chief Executive Officer. Sponsored by Bovis Lend Lease.
- “Inner City Renaissance – The Changing Face, Functions and Structure of Brisbane’s Inner City” with Professor Bob Stinson and Dr Patrick Mullins from the University of Queensland. Sponsor: The Brisbane Institute.
- “Economic Update” with Bill Shields from Macquarie Bank. Sponsor: Macquarie Bank.
- “High street shopping, sports precincts or office parks for Woolloongabba?” with

John Neylan, BDA Past President and facilitator of the Woolloongabba study. Sponsor: Department of State Development.

- “An Entry Statement for Brisbane” with Bill Corker from Denton Corker Marshall.
- “Queensland...Emerging Biotechnology Hub” with Ross Rolfe, Department of State Development Director General. Sponsor: Walter Construction Group.
- “The City West Precinct – A look into the future” with the Minister for Communications and Information, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Sport, the Honourable Terry Mackenroth MP. Held in conjunction with UDIA, RAPI and the RAlA. Sponsor: Suncorp Metway.

## 2001

### Executive

President: Rebecca Sullivan  
Past President: Chris McCluskey  
Vice Presidents: David Thomas/Steve Reynolds  
Hon Secretary: Bill Redmond  
Hon Treasurer: Peter Ball

The BDA’s membership stood at 133 comprising 62 corporate, 11 patron, 24 individuals, 29 individuals from the Professions and 7 Life Members in 2001.

The BDA continued to focus on major projects and maintained positive relationships with key audiences. The association also continued to lead much of the debate on the merits of urban development and government infrastructure spending and implementation.

The BDA was involved in the following projects:

- Roma Street Parkland development
- Super stadium development at Lang Park
- Ministerial Transport Planning Advisory Group
- Urban Renewal task Force
- City West Precinct task Force
- Boggo Road Advisory Group.

The winner of the Entry Statement competition was announced (Ceccato Hall Architects). The BDA worked to secure funding to enable the project to proceed.

Following the abandonment of plans for a light rail system, the BDA began investigating alternative inner city bus routes that would address some of the same issues that a light rail system would have solved. Consultation with several traffic planners commenced and a proposal was presented the following year.

### Seminars

- “Goodwill Games” with Campbell Rose (Goodwill Games)
- “Development Outlook 2001” with Adam (PRD Realty), Ian Shimmin (Jeb Holland Dimasi), Michael Matusik (Matusik Property Insights)
- “Brisbane Entry Competition”
- “Living in Brisbane 2010” with Lord Mayor Jim Soorley
- “Great Streets” with John Simpson (South Bank Corporation) James Coutts (Brisbane City Council) John Neylan (Neylan Group)

## 2002

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*The third BDA Focus was staged in conjunction with the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL). The Northbank Focus was unique in that it interfaced with a Queensland Government masterplanning process on the same site.*

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### Executive

President: Steve Reynolds  
 Past President: Rebecca Sullivan

The BDA focussed on the following projects:

- Ministerial Transport Planning Advisory Group
- Urban Renewal Taskforce
- City West Precinct Task Force
- Boggo Road Urban Master Plan
- Northbank Urban Masterplan

Together with Arup Engineers, the BDA prepared an alternative, inner city bus route of less impact and cost than the previous light rail proposal. The plan was well received at a BDA seminar and was subsequently presented to the

State Government and BCC. The BCC subsequently announced an inner city bus route along similar lines and acknowledged the BDA's role in leading the debate.

The third BDA FOCUS was carried out in association with the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL). The Northbank Focus was unique in that it interfaced with a State Government master-planning process on the same site. Resulting from interest sparked by the Northbank Focus the Government decided to fund a study of their own.

City Image 2002 The Water's Edge was the latest in a series of BDA conferences dealing with urban issues of national relevance. The conference discussed the opportunities and challenges involved in waterfront renewal. The conference brought together respected industry speakers from around the world who shared their experiences. A timely debate also took place about how the development industry, government, designers and planners could utilise and maximise the valuable resources that our waterfronts provide while ensuring their preservation that is recognised as vital to the economic, social and environmental health of the regional and urban centres and cities that rely on their effective urban management. The conference was held at the Queensland University of Technology on 11 and 12 July. Major sponsors included the South Bank Corporation, Urban Properties, Queensland Government Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Public Works, Queensland University of Technology, Lend Lease, Tract and the Urban Design Alliance.

### Seminars

- “Architecture Debate” with Michael Raynor, Cox Rayner Architects, John Wardle, John Wardle Architects and Peter Tonkin, Tonkin Zhulaikha Greer.
- “Economic Clusters” with Tim Quinn, Brisbane City Council and Prof Paul Greenfield, University Of Qld.
- “River Park” Speaker: Trevor Reddacliff, Urban Renewal Task Force.
- “Inner City Transport” with Hon Steve Bredhauer MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Andrew Douglas, Arup Group.





- “Governor-General” with His Excellency the Right Reverend Dr Peter Hollingworth AC, OBE.
- “Northbank” Urban Design Workshop
- “Australian Inland Rail Expressway” with Everaldo Compton
- “Architectural Milestones” with Darryl Jackson, Phillip Cox and Ed Haysom.
- “The New Workplace” with Frank Hack, Lend Lease Corporate Solutions
- “City Image Conference Luncheon” with Hon Dean Wells MLA Minister for the Environment.

## 2003

### Executive

President: Steve Reynolds  
Past President: Rebecca Sullivan  
Vice Presidents: David Thomas / Mark Doonar  
Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

### Patron Members

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Suncorp Metway

The BDA Executive reflected on the association’s purpose, achievements, members and activities. This exercise involved critically assessing the association and past achievements and activities with a view of moving forward in a coordinated, proactive way. The BDA confirmed its basis as a public interest organisation with a broad agenda and non-political interests. This process led to the development of a new business plan for the future, a new mission statement and better-defined strategic aims and focus areas to guide future activities.

### Mission Statement

*“The Brisbane Development Association is Brisbane’s leading independent organisation that engages Government, industry and the community to make Brisbane’s urban environment a better place to live and work.”*

### Strategic Aims

- Be Proactive in the city-making process (rather than reactive).
- Represent the public interest (rather than only sector interests).
- Remain independent (non-political non-partisan).
- Promote excellence and innovation (providing insight and fresh ideas).
- Be a strong and influential (leadership) community-based organisation representing a cross section of business, professional and private sectors of the community, but remaining non-political.
- Make proposals (ideas) to influence planning by BCC, State and Federal Governments and statutory bodies for ‘building (creating a better Brisbane”.
- Provide insight into the aspirations and concerns of the Brisbane community.
- Promote fresh ideas and challenge proposals for the future of Brisbane.

### Key Focus Areas

- Ensuring development of the natural and built environment is to the highest aesthetic standards.
- Making Brisbane an attractive city for residents and tourists alike.
- Preserving the traditional character of Brisbane and further development of this character to maintain and enhance our uniqueness.
- The economic development of Brisbane.
- The planning of Brisbane and its place in the South East Queensland Region.

### Seminars

- “Suncorp Metway Stadium Redevelopment” with Hon Terry Mackenroth MP.
- “What’s Happening at the Airport” with BACL Chief executive Officer, Koen Rooijmans.

- “Brisbane-Australia’s Preferred Port” with Port of Brisbane Corporation, BD Manager Richard Tooher.
- “The Traffic Debate” with BCC, Cr Maureen Hayes
- “Kelvin Grove Urban Village” with QUT Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dennis Gibson, QUT, Prof. John Byrne, and Department of Housing, David Manzie.
- “Southbank Education and Training Precinct” with South Brisbane Tafe Director, Craig Sherrin.
- “Is Brisbane really the most liveable city in Australia” with UQ Emeritus Professor John Western.

## 2004

### Executive

President: Steve Reynolds  
 Past President: Rebecca Sullivan  
 Vice Presidents: David Thomas / Mark Doonar  
 Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
 Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

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 Suncorp Metway  
 Three Plus

During the year, the BDA remained at the forefront of urban design and were proactive in the city-making process. The association consolidated its strong position and voice within the community by participating in the following external committees and taskforces.

- Regional Interest Group of Business, Commerce and the Development Industry, Office of Urban Management
- City West Precinct Task Force
- Year of the Built Environment 2004, Department of Public Works

The association hosted two special events for patron members featuring Urban Renewal Taskforce Chairman Trevor Reddacliff and the Honourable Terry Mackenroth MP.

The Executive also finalised a complete redesign of the association’s website, strengthened the group’s relationship with local media including The Courier-Mail and Quest Newspapers, and developed a range of new and creative marketing and membership materials which highlighted the association’s mission, strategic aims, and activities.

The association’s membership was maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors.

### Seminars

- New CBD Building Heights with James Coutts, Wayne Petrie, Andrew Borger, Jeff Humphreys.
- Lord Mayor Tim Quinn’s vision for Brisbane.
- Lord Mayoral Candidate Campbell Newman’s vision for Brisbane.
- Are tunnels the best solution for Brisbane’s transport future? with Maureen Hayes, Mark Gray, Peter Newman.
- What Future do we really want for South East Qld? with Office of Urban Management Executive Director Michael Kerry.
- What makes a great street? with South Bank Corporation’s Master Architect Prof John Simpson and Property Solutions Group Kevin Miller.
- 100 Days in Office with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman.
- Better Cities – Better Brisbane with Brian Howe
- Shifting Gears in the Global & National Economies – risks and opportunities with Richard Gibbs and Patrick Wilde
- What Effect will a 200km City have on Brisbane? with Cr David Hinchliffe and Alan Chenoweth
- What Does Planning South East Queensland Mean for Brisbane with Hon Terry Mackenroth MP

## 2005

### Executive

President: David Thomas  
 Past President: Steve Reynolds  
 Vice Presidents: Mark Doonar  
 Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
 Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

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 Association of Queensland (RNA)  
 South Bank Corporation  
 Suncorp Metway  
 Three Plus  
 Tract

In 2005 the BDA Executive reviewed its strategic planning and, in the process, considered the Association's achievements, spheres of influence, and key focus areas. The BDA confirmed its focus areas as:

#### The built and natural environment

- Ensuring development is to the highest aesthetic standards.
- Preserving the character of Brisbane to maintain and enhance its unique identity.

#### The economy

- Promoting the economic development of Brisbane.

#### The community

- Making Brisbane an attractive city for residents and visitors.
- Ensuring a well planned Brisbane, considering its place within the South East Queensland region and beyond.

During the year the BDA pursued and initiated activities which reflected these areas, such as profiling the significant Brisbane City Centre Master Planning exercise and coordinating the exciting and visionary Tabula Rasa workshop.

The BDA continued to ask the *hard* questions about influential and provocative proposals and projects such as Transapex, the SEQ Regional Plan, and Translink.

The association participated in the following external committees and taskforces.

- Lord Mayor's Roundtable (BDA representative is David Thomas)
- City West Taskforce (BDA representatives included Mark Clements, Brian Matthews, John Pettit and Steve Reynolds)
- Office of Urban Management Commerce and Development Industry Regional Interest Group (BDA representative is John Pettit)
- Brisbane City Council Major Infrastructure Projects Industry Reference Group (BDA representative is John Pettit)

On Thursday 25 and Friday 26 August 2005, the BDA staged *Tabula Rasa*, an exciting, challenging, and visionary project, unlike any other. It re-imagined Brisbane in the 21st century as a new city with a population of two million.

While the context for this new Brisbane was that of South East Queensland, the focus for the settlement was the broad expanse of land that currently makes up the Brisbane Metropolitan Area – generally bounded by Caboolture to the north, Ipswich to the west, and Beenleigh to the south. In the scenario while Noosa and the Gold Coast still existed, all infrastructure for our new city, including roads, rail, airports, and bus ways needed to be planned and built again.

This exercise was designed to allow Brisbane's finest architects, urban designers, planners, landscape architects, engineers and artists to meet over a day and a half and take part in a workshop that re-imagined and re-thought Brisbane.

Although the outcomes from each team were diverse in their approach, all provided fascinating insights into how Brisbane could be developed moving into the future. While some were fanciful

and theoretical, others were practical and "do-able". The results were given to the Brisbane City Council at its City Shapes conference on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August. *Tabula Rasa* was supported by South Bank Corporation and the Brisbane City Council.

The association's membership was maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors.

The association hosted three special events for patron members featuring Brisbane City Council CEO Jude Munro, Queensland Department of Transport Director General Bruce Wilson, and Queensland Government Chief Scientist Prof Peter Andrews.

### Seminars

- Unlocking Brisbane's potential - a masterplan for the future with Trevor Reddacliff AM
- City West Strategy...under the spotlight with the Hon Terry Mackenroth MP
- Kelvin Grove Urban Village with John Byrne, Laurie Truce, Stephen Pincus, David Jay, Peter Coldrake
- Will SEQ Infrastructure Plan Equip us for the Future? with the Hon Terry Mackenroth MP
- CBD Masterplan Report Card with Trevor Reddacliff AM
- Brisbane's Metropolitan Planning Project with BCC's Michael Papageorgiou
- What is the Future for Water for Brisbane & South East Queensland with Dr John Cole and Nick Apostolidis from GHD
- 2005 economic and investment outlook with Richard Gibbs & Peter Crossman
- Tennyson riverside development takes centre court with Chris Freeman
- Brisbane Airport – meeting the growth challenge with Jim Carden
- A clean slate for leading built environment professionals with Michael Rayner, James Coutts, Andrew Wilson
- Port of Brisbane... more than just a port with Jeff Coleman
- ReNAissance plan with Dr Vivian Edwards, Jonathan Tunny, Alastair Richardson

## 2006

### Executive

President: David Thomas  
 Past President: Steve Reynolds  
 Joint Vice Presidents: Mark Doonar / Phil Kesby  
 Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
 Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

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In 2006 the BDA continued to play a leading role in influencing projects and setting agendas. Issues such as transportation, growth, density, and infrastructure development came under the BDA spotlight at its seminars and events. Attracting widespread support and interest, these events achieved record attendances during the year.

The association participated in the following external committees and taskforces.

- Lord Mayor's Roundtable (BDA representative: David Thomas)
- Office of Urban Management Commerce and Development Industry Regional Interest Group (BDA representative: John Pettit)
- The Office of Urban Management Transit Oriented Development Task Force (BDA representative: Steve Reynolds)

- Brisbane City Council Major Infrastructure Projects Industry Reference Group (BDA representative: John Pettit)
- The Gateway Duplication Project Industry Reference Group (BDA representative: John Pettit)
- Department of Public Works

During the year the BDA continued its strategic planning process which assessed the association's current and future activities. The agenda for planning focussed on the BDA's long-term future, taking the big picture approach.

The Policy Chair for the BDA Executive, Chetana Andary, proposed a facilitated planning session, which was undertaken in May 2006. This session addressed a variety of issues including:

- what makes a successful 21<sup>st</sup> century city
- how can the BDA be pro-active and demonstrate leadership
- and what partnerships are required to achieve our mission, *creating a better Brisbane*.

An implementation plan was developed to be rolled-out in 2007.

The executive commenced planning an exciting calendar of events to mark the BDA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.

The association's membership was maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors.

The association hosted four special events for patron members featuring:

- Prof Michael Keniger, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), The University of Queensland
- Ross Rolfe, Coordinator General
- Dr Hugh Lavery, Chairman, Australian Environment International
- Peter Hicks, River City Motorway Acting CEO

## Seminars

- Moving Brisbane... transport plans for Brisbane with Graham Quirk
- Spotlight on Brisbane's growth corridor... the western corridor with Paul Pisasale, Alan Rix, Michael Samios, Gary White
- Vital signs: why walking has a role in successful cities with Rodney Tolley
- One size does not fit all: Transit Oriented Development, the long and short of it Lindsay Enright, Bruce James, Matthew Miller
- Sky Communities – can the urban high-rise contribute towards creating communities? with Kerry Spencer, James Grose
- Future Brisbane – what will the shape of Brisbane be? with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman





## 2007

### Executive

President: David Thomas  
Past President: Steve Reynolds  
Joint Vice Presidents: Mark Doonar / Phil Kesby  
Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

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Leighton Properties  
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Royal National Agricultural and Industrial  
Association of Queensland (RNA)  
South Bank Corporation  
Suncorp Metway  
Three Plus  
Tract

In 2007 the BDA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

50 years asking the hard questions. 50 years initiating projects and proposals to help shape the Brisbane region. 50 years working with the Queensland Government, the Brisbane City Council, industry, the professions, tertiary institutions and individuals to create a better Brisbane.

Highlights from the year included:

- Hosted 11 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These events featured a range of informative and inspiring speakers.
- Staged the inaugural *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP* and gala dinner on 18 May.

- Brisbane's future was the subject of a frank and open discussion of local visionary thinkers at the *Brisbane Future Roundtable presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation* on 5 July.
- The association's membership was maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors.

The association hosted three special events for patron members featuring:

- Steven Ames, Consulting planner and futurist
- Jeff Seeney & Bruce Flegg who discussed the Qld opposition's vision for a better Brisbane
- Lyndon Terracini, Brisbane Festival.

### Seminars

- King George Square: *A Space in Transition* (with James Tuma)
- South Bank Corporation: The pursuit of design excellence (with Malcolm Snow)
- A new parallel runway for Brisbane Airport (with Cam Spencer)
- The Sunburnt State... *battling to protect South-East Queensland's water supply* (with John Bradley, David Stewart)
- Development and the environment: new tools of trade (with Dr Hugh Lavery)
- City Designed for Subtropical Living
- Carrying forward the momentum from Subtropical Cities 2006 (with Rosemary Kennedy, Michael Papageorgiou)
- South Brisbane Peninsula (with Malcolm Snow, Alison Quinn, John Montgomery, Libby Anstis, Professor Brendan Gleeson)
- The new Tank Street Bridge... *a fusion of Art, Science and Architecture* (with Jeff Griffin, Michael Rayner, Ian Ainsworth)
- Lord Mayor's vision for transport in Brisbane (with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman)
- 2007 economic and investment outlook (with Richard Gibbs)



## **Inaugural Brisbane Awards & BDA Gala Dinner**

To celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the BDA staged the inaugural *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP Property Group*.

The award, designed to celebrate the contributions of individuals and organisations in creating a better Brisbane, was presented to Brisbane City Council for making Brisbane a better city to live in.

Brisbane City Council was specifically awarded for several civic and urban design initiatives that have made significant contributions to the quality of life in Brisbane over the last 15 years. These include the SCIPS programme for providing suburban communities with their own identities; City Cat ferries; the Urban Renewal Programme in Teneriffe and Newstead; River Walk; and the Queen Street Mall refurbishments.

The initiatives were achieved by a council fully committed to the ideal of city-improvement. This commitment from the Mayors and Councillors through to the officers who implemented the ideas, demonstrates how municipalities can be enormously effective in improving the lifestyle of the community when they are engaged and motivated.

The *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP* was presented to Brisbane City Council and accepted by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman at a black tie event at the Gallery of Modern Art on 18 May.

200 BDA members and Brisbane design and business leaders attended the gala dinner.

## **Brisbane Future Roundtable**

Brisbane's future was the subject of a frank and open discussion of local visionary thinkers at the *Brisbane Future Roundtable presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation* on 5 July.

Against the backdrop of a rapidly growing population, worsening traffic congestion, ageing infrastructure, urban sprawl and environmental pressure, the BDA staged the *Roundtable* to strategically re-think Brisbane's future and identify tangible opportunities to protect Brisbane's livability.

The BDA believes significant change to our city fabric is inevitable, as a consequence of continued population growth and investment throughout the South East Queensland region. The challenge for the region's civic, corporate and community leaders is to face this change in a positive and visionary way. We have moved beyond asking whether the community 'wants' change. The future livability and prosperity of Brisbane will be driven by its capacity to change and change smartly: a shift in thinking is required to look at how we can best 'manage' that change.

The BDA together with Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) invited 15 experts who represented a variety of disciplines and market sectors to participate in the facilitated *Roundtable*.

Roundtable facilitator: Lisa Backhouse

## **Panellists**

- Griffith University Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor
- Smart State Council member and principal of Cox Rayner Architects Michael Rayner
- Lumbu Indigenous Community Foundation CEO Jacqui Katona (unable to attend)
- Red Cross Community Services Manager Matthew Cox
- Australian Environment International Pty Ltd Chairman Dr Hugh Lavery
- South Bank Corporation Chairman and Executive Chair of Wilson HTM Steve Wilson
- Department of State Development Science & Community Engagement Manager Dr Fiona Barbagallo
- The Courier-Mail editor David Fagan
- Queensland Motorways Chairman David Gray
- Kelvin Grove Urban Precinct Project Director & ex CEO Bill Grant
- FKP Property Group Executive General Manager (Queensland) Matthew Miller
- Founding Director Ideas Festival Kylie Murphy
- Brisbane Airport Corporation Managing Director & CEO Koen Rooijmans
- BDA President and Partner of Minter Ellison David Thomas
- Honeycombes Property Group Director of Sales and Marketing Marina Vit



## 2008

### Executive

President: Mark Doonar  
Past President: David Thomas  
Joint Vice Presidents: Matthew Miller / Phil Kesby  
Hon Secretary: Brian Matthews  
Hon Treasurer: Chris Skelton

### Patron Members

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South Bank Corporation  
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2008 was characterised by the BDA's concerted efforts to lead discussion and debate about issues and opportunities facing Brisbane city.

Highlights included:

- Hosted 11 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These events featured diverse and inspiring speakers including Premier Anna Bligh MP, Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, South Bank Corporation CEO Malcolm Snow, and Arup Deputy Chairman of Infrastructure Colin Stewart.
  - Staged the second *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP* and gala dinner in October 2008.
- The second *Brisbane Future Roundtable presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation* was held on 20 February 2008.
  - With support from South Bank Corporation, the BDA staged Super Studio: an exciting, challenging, and visionary event, involving key advisory and educational institutions that provided innovation, rigor and passion to deliver a glimpse of what Brisbane may become in 2057.

The association hosted three special events for patron members featuring:

- Greg Rowell, Lord Mayoral Candidate for Brisbane
- Campbell Newman, Lord Mayor of Brisbane
- Lawrence Springborg, Leader of the Queensland Opposition

### Seminars

- Smart Cities: Rethinking the city centre (with Hon Anna Bligh MP)
- Fortitude Valley & Bowen Hills – Brisbane's CBD growth corridor (with Peter Edwards Ben Pritchard)
- Building a sustainable Brisbane (with Cathy Crawley)
- Planning for the future (with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman)
- The Urban Land Development Authority (with Paul Eagles)
- Creating a world class Mass transit system for inner Brisbane (with Colin Stewart)
- Brisbane 2057 – bigger thinking (with Malcolm Snow)
- Australia TradeCoast: a key driver of employment, business and trade within Brisbane and Queensland (with Wendy McMillan)
- Lord Mayor's record infrastructure budget
- Retrofitting Brisbane (with Michael Kenniger, Michael Rayner, Alison Quinn, Barry Gyte)
- 2008 Economic & Investment Outlook (with Richard Gibbs)

## **SUPER STUDIO: Brisbane 2057**

The Super Studio was an exciting, challenging, and visionary event, involving key advisory and educational institutions that provided innovation, rigor and passion to deliver a glimpse of what Brisbane may become in 2057.

Facilitated by Malcolm Snow, CEO of South Bank Corporation, the Super Studio imagined the future of our city. All those who participated devoted a day of their busy lives to this exercise. Strong collaboration of a diverse mix of people culminated in interesting visions, propositions, debate and discussion about Brisbane's future. All agreed these events are critical for a sustainable future, allowing unencumbered creative thinking and innovation.

The creative inspiration that occurred with such extensive collaboration of like minded professionals, government and industry representatives, students and key stakeholders was exciting and timely, as Brisbane faces rapid growth, demographic change, economic challenges and climate change.

Brisbane will be a vastly different place with its rapid growth in population and diverse social and cultural mix. As the fastest growing city in the southern hemisphere, in a subtropical climate, on the driest continent on the planet, we need to imagine how Brisbane will look and retain the image as one of the most liveable cities in the world.

As there has been extensive work undertaken in the inner city, and a number of key urban redevelopment and growth initiatives being investigated and delivered based within the inner city, the studio focused on a manageable area of a 5kilometre radius. To achieve the most out of the day, five themes were established as significant layers that together provide a sound foundation for growth, sustainable development and community well being.

The five Super Studio themes included:

- economic drivers
- social cultural drivers
- climate change
- transport mobility
- housing.

Ten passionate people led the five teams providing guidance and inspiration to their team members. They included:

- Economic drivers – Malcolm Aikman, Director Urbis and James Tuma, Director, Urbis and Vice President of UDAL
- Social cultural drivers – John Montgomery, Principal Urban Cultures and James Coutts Director EDAW and President of UDAL
- Climate Change – Caroline Stalker, Director Architectus and Peter Skinner, Head of Architecture, University of Queensland
- Transport “City of our Dreams” – Peter Edwards, Director Hassell and Jarrett Walker, Associate Director McCormick Rankin Cagney
- Housing – Leigh Shutter, Head of Architecture Queensland University of Technology and Andrew Wilson, Queensland University of Technology.

To inspire the participants, the event began with a variety of creative and knowledgeable presentations from a diverse mix of industry leaders, educators and topic experts.

These presentations set the scene as thought starters for the Super Studio, some with predictions or scenarios for the future and others with specific theme information including:

- Mark Doonar, Director Tract and BDA President 2007
- Michael Papageorgiou, Brisbane City Council
- Rosie Kennedy, Director Centre of Subtropical Design
- Peter Skinner, University of Queensland
- Caroline Stalker, Director Architectus
- Cathy Hunt, Principal Positive Solutions
- John Byrne, Principal Byrne Urban Design
- Andrew Wilson, Queensland University of Technology
- Peter Edwards, Director Hassell
- Malcolm Aikman, Director Urbis – Economics

Following the thought provoking presentations, the participants broke into the five groups to start investigating the key issues and desires for the city and then to develop a vision and potential implementation opportunities.



A common theme that emerged was a strong desire for participation and 'stewardship' by a diverse range of people to ensure the city was not planned and design by a monoculture and to ensure that the existing and future communities would embrace change and be empowered to play vital roles in sustainable growth of the city. There was also a strong desire to promote the character and identity of the city as a subtropical and liveable city.

Concluding with a panel discussion of passionate advocates for the future, led by Malcolm Snow, the outcomes of the group work was debated with the entire Super Studio participant group.

Panel members included:

- Mark Doonar, Director Tract and BDA President 2007
- James Coutts, Director EDAW
- Katie Holt-Demant, Queensland University of Technology
- Jarrett Walker, Associate Director McCormick Rankin Cagney
- James Tuma, Director Urbis
- John Montgomery, Principal Urban Cultures

The panel concluded that strong leadership and "stewardship" was the most robust, democratic and pragmatic way to manage sustainable growth and development over the next 50 years in Brisbane.

### **Brisbane Future Roundtable**

The second *Brisbane Future Roundtable presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation* event was held in February 2008.

At the first *Roundtable*, many valuable comments and arguments were presented, however the group concentrated on five important themes...planning, transport, governance, disadvantaged / housing affordability and identity. These were further explored at the second *Roundtable* event.

### **Brisbane Awards & BDA Gala Dinner**

The BDA staged the second annual *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP Property Group* on Saturday 8 November at the State Library of Queensland.

The award, designed to celebrate the contributions of individuals and organisations in creating a better Brisbane, was presented to Steve Wilson – Chairman of South Bank Corporation and Executive Chairman of Wilson HTM Investment Group.

The BDA honoured Steve Wilson for his extraordinary contribution to Brisbane's urban fabric and economic and social well-being. Specifically, Steve was recognised for his involvement in several significant public projects including the redevelopment of South Bank, the development of the highly successful Goodwill Bridge, preservation of Queensland's Maritime Museum, the completion of St John's Cathedral, and the activation of the Brisbane River.

Steve was acknowledged as a tireless and persuasive advocate of strong urban design and community development practices in Brisbane city.

200 BDA members and Brisbane design and business leaders attended the gala dinner.



## 2009

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The BDA fared well during the global financial crisis. During 2009 the BDA focused on three important themes, and delivered information, debate and analysis in these areas:

#### 1. Greater housing choice in Brisbane

The BDA assisted the Urban Land Development Authority in their endeavours to devise appropriate affordable housing formulae for their Bowen Hills and Northshore Hamilton areas. David Cant, CEO of the Brisbane Housing Company (BHC), also addressed members and guests on how the BHC delivers affordable housing.

#### 2. Leading the creation of a better Brisbane

- The Association increased the number of BDA patrons to 22, and staged 10 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars.
- Immediate Past President David Thomas continued to represent the BDA on the Lord Mayor's Roundtable.
- The BDA submitted submissions on the following projects:
  - North Bank Proposals
  - Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031
  - Draft South East Queensland Climate Change Management Plan.

#### 3. Retrofitting Brisbane with excellent and sustainable design

BDA Executive Director John Pettit continued his ongoing involvement in the Brisbane City Council's Long Term Infrastructure Plan Reference Group and the South East Queensland Regional Infrastructure Plan Reference Group.

The association hosted three special events for patron members featuring:

- Peter Rose, Queensland Transport
- Michael Papageorgiou, Brisbane City Council
- Julieanne Alroe, Brisbane Airport Corporation

#### Seminars

- Kelvin Grove Urban Village: The inside story (with Bill Grant, Warren Ebert, David Cant, Matt Leyshon, David Manzie, Stephen Pincus)
- ULDA Showcase Vision for Bowen Hills & Northshore Hamilton (with Paul Eagles)
- A connected, people oriented vision for Brisbane (with Jan Gehl)
- Howard Smith Wharves Revitalisation (with Cr Amanda Cooper)
- Help Save City Hall (with Nigel Chamier)
- Brisbane Housing Company – delivering affordable housing (with David Cant)
- The New Brisbane City Centre Neighbourhood Plan (with Jeff Humphreys, Michael Papageorgiou, Philip Follent, Andrew Borger)



- Evolving South Bank as a world-class creative destination (with Malcolm Snow, Mike Gowan)
- Australia's New World City: Brisbane's future after the financial crisis (with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman)

## 2010

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The BDA Executive and Management teams worked hard to implement a range of initiatives during 2010. Highlights included:

- Hosted 12 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These events featured a range of informative and inspiring speakers including: Rob Adams, Director, Design and Urban Development, City of Melbourne; Lord Mayor Campbell Newman; David Fagan, Editor, The

Courier Mail; and Julieanne Alroe, CEO, Brisbane Airport Corporation.

- Redeveloped the Brisbane Development Association website.
- Staged the inaugural Brisbane Open House.

The association hosted four special events for patron members featuring:

- Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure & Planning
- Philip Follent, Queensland Government Architect
- Bevan Lynch, Chair, Urban Futures Brisbane Board
- John-Paul Langbroek, Leader of the Queensland Opposition.

The association participated in the following external committees and taskforces.

- Lord Mayor's Roundtable (BDA representative: David Thomas)
- Brisbane City Council City Plan Review Reference Group (BDA representatives: Matthew Miller and Ben Lyons)
- Brisbane City Council Long Term Infrastructure Plan Reference Group (BDA representative: John Pettit)
- South East Queensland Regional Infrastructure Plan Reference Group (BDA representative: John Pettit).

### Seminars

- Transforming Australian Cities to meet the challenge of Climate Change (with Rob Adams, Director, Design and Urban Development, City of Melbourne)
- Subtropical Urbanism – the future is green (with Elizabeth Watson-Brown, Architect, Amalie Wright, EDAW / AECOM, Shaun Lockyer, Arkhefield)
- New Science and Technology Precinct to Transform QUT & Brisbane City Gateway (with Professor Peter Coaldrake, Vice-Chancellor, QUT)
- The changing face of media (with David Fagan, Editor, The Courier Mail)
- Is Brisbane on the verge of becoming the next great metropolis (with Matthew Cox, GM Human Services, Red Cross, Stephen

- Conry, National CEO, Jones Lang LaSalle, Rob Riddel, Riddel Architecture & Qld's pre-eminent architectural historian, Russell Hall, Russell Hall Architects, Philip Bacon, Brisbane's leading gallery owner)
- Cross River Rail: Transforming SEQ's Rail Network (with Luke Franzmann, Project Director, Cross River Rail)
  - Bris Festival Promotes our New World City (with Noel Staunton, Artistic Director, Brisbane Festival)
  - Brisbane; Australia's New World City (with Campbell Newman, Lord Mayor of Brisbane)
  - Managing Places for Success (with Malcolm Snow – CEO, South Bank Corporation, Simon Rumbold – National Director, Urbis, Kate Brennan – CEO, Federation Square, Philip Follent, State Government Architect)
  - Brisbane Airport – moving towards 2010 (with Julieanne Alroe, CEO, Brisbane Airport Corporation)
  - Transforming the Woolloongabba Urban Development Area (with Steve Conner, Director of Planning, Urban Land Development Authority)
  - The Future of Housing in Brisbane (with Kevin Doodney, CEO, LJ Hooker Land Marketing)

### **Brisbane Open House**

The Association's greatest achievement in 2010 was staging the inaugural *Brisbane Open House* (BOH) in conjunction with the Office of the Queensland Government Architect.

The BDA initiated *BOH* to encourage residents and visitors to explore, re-examine and engage with Brisbane's built environment. It was designed to open residents' eyes to the amazing and curious buildings and spaces nestled around our city and help them to develop a new appreciation for the wealth of architecture and engineering on offer. It provided residents and visitors with the opportunity to explore some of Brisbane's historically significant buildings and to see inside some of the city's most iconic developments.

Brisbane's historic and architectural gems that opened their doors to the public included: The Grand Hall at The Masonic Temple in the city centre; one of Brisbane's oldest buildings, the

Commissariat Stores; the Gallery of Modern Art; the Queensland Performing Arts Centre; the Queensland State Library; the TriGeneration Plant high up in the new Santos House; Kurilpa Bridge; Old Government House, and many more.

Briefly:

- More than 12,000 people participated in the initiative.
- 20 buildings, structures and spaces situated throughout the Brisbane CBD and Southbank precinct were involved.
- BOH received strong media support from Queensland Newspapers and local radio stations.
- Almost 50,000 people visited the BOH website.
- More than 240 people volunteered to assist with tours of the buildings.
- The BDA received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding the inaugural event.

## 2011

### Executive

President: Matthew Miller  
 Past President: Mark Doonar  
 Joint Vice Presidents: Michelle Lee / Ed Haysom  
 Hon Secretary: Andrew Batts (resigned June 2011) / Ben Lyons (appointed July 2011)  
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The BDA Executive and Management teams implemented a range of initiatives during 2011. Highlights included:

- Hosted 10 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These events featured a range of informative and inspiring speakers including: Lord Mayor Campbell Newman; Translink Chief Executive Peter Strachan; RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny; and Premier Anna Bligh MP.
- Staged the 2011 Brisbane Award presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation and the BDA Gala Dinner in November 2011.

- Staged the second annual Brisbane Open House.

The association hosted three special events for patron members featuring:

- Queensland Reconstruction Authority Chief Executive Graeme Newton
- Brisbane City Council Chief Executive Colin Jensen
- Minister for Government Services, Building Industry & ICT, Hon Simon Finn MP.

### Seminars

- Brisbane – the Public Transit Capital of Australia (with Cr Margaret De Wit – Brisbane City Council; Dr Paul Mees – Author; Professor Simon Washington – QUT; and Barbara Van Heerden – GHD)
- Rebuilding Brisbane (with Lord Mayor Campbell Newman)
- TransLink – delivering an integrated public transport network for Brisbane (with Peter Strachan – TransLink)
- Airport Atelier – BAC envisions the future for Brisbane Airport (with Renaye Peters – Brisbane Airport Corporation)
- RNA Showgrounds Regeneration – History in the making (with Jonathan Tunny – RNA)
- Queensland Premier's Update – The Role of Queensland in Tomorrow's Queensland (with Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh MP)
- Together: Brisbane is Back in Business (with Lord Mayor Graham Quirk)
- AirportLink – a road revolution is coming (with Dr Ray Wilson – BrisConnections)
- Campbell Newman's vision for Brisbane and his plan to get Queensland back on track (with Leader of the LNP, Campbell Newman)
- Breakfast with Ray Smith (with Brisbane Lord Mayoral Candidate, Ray Smith)

### 2011 Brisbane Open House

On Saturday 1 October, Brisbane Open House (BOH) gave the public a free-of-charge and rare opportunity to discover the often hidden wealth of architectural, engineering and historic buildings nestled around our city.



An initiative of the Brisbane Development Association and the Queensland Government, BOH is designed to enrich Brisbane residents and visitors' affinity with the city by encouraging them to explore, re-examine and engage with Brisbane's built environment.

In 2011 BOH opened a total of 31 buildings to the people of Brisbane. BOH had big shoes to fill – aiming to reach the heights of Brisbane Open House in 2010 which saw 12,000 visitors take part as well as matching events in Melbourne, London and New York which have been running for a number of years.

The event exceeded expectations and attracted more than 17,500 visitors throughout the day, achieving enormous public support.

This year, Brisbane's historic and architectural gems that opened their doors to the public included: The Masonic Memorial Temple in the city centre; one of Brisbane's oldest buildings, the Commissariat Stores; the Gallery of Modern Art; the Queensland Performing Arts Centre; the Queensland State Library; the Riparian Plaza; Tattersall's Club; Hassell Studio, and many more.

Visitors to the 31 buildings and spaces heard from volunteer architects, engineers, planners and users about the buildings, how they work, and their past, current and future uses.

The BOH event was run by a dedicated committee of professionals who came together through the Brisbane Development Association, the Department of Public Works, the Office of the Queensland Government Architect and the National Trust of Queensland.

### **2011 Brisbane Award**

The BDA staged its annual Gala Dinner and the 2011 Brisbane Award presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation on Friday 4 November at the Brisbane International Terminal.

The award, designed to celebrate the contributions of individuals, organisations and places in creating a better Brisbane, was presented to the Millennium Arts Project at the Queensland Cultural Centre.

Accepted by the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, on behalf of Premier Anna Bligh MP, the Award acknowledged the Queensland Government's efforts in supporting and growing the State's vibrant and innovative arts sector through the development of the creative and interactive precinct.

Queensland's largest capital works project in the arts for three decades, the Millennium Arts Project included the new Queensland Gallery of Modern Art designed by Architectus + Davenport Campbell, the redevelopment of the State Library of Queensland designed by Donovan Hill + Peddle Thorp, and the construction of new entrances for the existing Queensland Art Gallery and the Queensland Museum.

The two buildings, while differing in architectural language, work exceptionally well together, and by their essentially democratic outward looking connectivities, have created a new urban place for Brisbane that is greatly enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike.

Members and guests also enjoyed a spring-inspired meal and entertainment by acclaimed trio Elixir featuring Katie Noonan.