

# year in review



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005 – 2006

The Brisbane Development Association Executive and Management teams worked hard to implement a range of initiatives during the year. Achievements included:

- We hosted 12 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These luncheons featured a range of informative and inspiring speakers including Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale, and Port of Brisbane Corporation CEO Jeff Coleman.
- We hosted special events for patron members featuring guest speakers such as Coordinator-General Ross Rolfe, and the Queensland Government's Chief Scientist Prof Peter Andrews.
- The association's membership has been maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors. The BDA's patron members increased with four new organisations becoming patrons in 05 – 06.
- We continued to strengthen our relationships with local media.
- We continued to build on our strong voice in the public and private sectors.
- Members of our Executive participated in several committees ensuring we remained at the forefront of urban design and were proactive in the city-making process.
- We commenced a strategic planning process which is designed to strengthen the association's role in influencing change and shaping the future face of our city.
- We commenced planning activities to celebrate the association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the cusp of significant change and growth, Brisbane is clearly at a crossroads in ensuring its future vibrancy, livability, and sustainability.

In 2005–2006 the Brisbane Development Association (BDA) continued to play a leading role in influencing projects and setting agendas which will help Brisbane to navigate its journey forward.

Issues such as transportation, growth, density, and infrastructure development came under the BDA spotlight at our seminars and events. Attracting widespread support and interest, these events achieved record attendances during the year.

The BDA's sphere of influence grew with increased participation on planning and advisory committees such as the Lord Mayor's Roundtable and the Office of Urban Management's Transit Oriented Development Task Force.

During the year we enjoyed strong relationships with all levels of government. We look forward to continuing to ask the *hard* questions about influential and provocative proposals and projects such as Transapex and the SEQ Regional Plan.

In 2005–2006 BDA Executive embarked on a strategic planning process which will see the association strengthen its position as a forward-thinking organisation: one that has a leading role in influencing change and shaping the future face of our city.

During the year we were particularly pleased to note the long-term affects of the Tabula Rasa planning day which was held in August 2005. The exercise, which "re-imagined" Brisbane, continued to influence and resonate in Brisbane City Council neighbourhood planning processes: demonstrating yet again that BDA initiatives are helping to *create a better Brisbane*.

In 2007 the Brisbane Development Association (BDA) will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Earlier this year the BDA Executive commenced planning 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and will soon announce an exciting calendar of events and activities.

On behalf of the BDA Executive I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and contribution to the association: it is your input which ensures the continued success and future purpose of the BDA. Our Executive members are listed in this document and on our website. If you have suggestions for issues which you think the BDA should consider or ways in which the BDA can better satisfy your requirements, we encourage you to mention them to an Executive member.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow BDA Executive members, Executive Director John Pettit, and the BDA Secretariat for their commitment and hard work during the last 12 months.

I look forward to your ongoing involvement in the Association and a year of rigorous debate and activity as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and strive to enhance the development and livability of our city.

**DAVID THOMAS**  
President

## OUR 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.

## OUR 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 and 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 and non-partisan.
- Make proposals (ideas) to and influence planning by BCC, State and Federal Governments and statutory bodies for "building (creating) a better Brisbane".
- Provide an insight into the aspirations and concerns of the Brisbane community.
- Promote fresh ideas and challenge proposals for the future of Brisbane.

## OUR KEY FOCUS AREAS

The BDA seeks to address issues such 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.

## BDA PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2005 – 2006 the BDA embarked on a strategic planning process which assessed the association's current and future activities. Following the presentation of an innovative idea from BDA Executive member and South Bank Corporation CEO Malcolm Snow, 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. David Fischel from Positive Solutions provided leadership for the session which 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 is now being developed and will be launched in conjunction with the BDA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CREATING A BETTER BRISBANE

In 2007 the Brisbane Development Association (BDA) will celebrate 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.

The BDA Executive commenced planning an exciting calendar of events and activities early in 2006 to mark the association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The calendar will be launched at the end of 06.

## TRANSPORT

2005 – 06 was a very busy year for BDA on the transport front. Part of the group's strength is that the committee draws on the varied expertise of a wide range of transport and infrastructure stakeholders from within the BDA membership including users, planners, designers, financiers, constructors and most importantly users.

### 2005 – 2006 highlights include:

#### **Transport Vision**

The committee pursued BDA's endorsed transport vision in assessing the implications of transport planning, services and infrastructure as issues emerged during the year.

#### **Tunnels**

Following BDA's earlier submissions on the terms-of-reference for the North South Bypass Tunnel impact assessment terms of reference and on the impact assessment report itself, BDA has participated in the Major Project's Industry Reference Group, continuing to pursue key questions and seeking optimum outcomes for a better Brisbane.

#### **Walking and Health**

In partnership with Queensland Transport, BDA hosted a seminar featuring Dr Rod Tolley as keynote speaker. Dr Tolley discussed the social, health environmental and economic benefits of walking and explored the mechanisms to encourage walking as a transport and lifestyle choice.

#### **Sustainable Transport Future**

BDA examined Queensland Transport's green paper on "Smart Transport Choices" and lodged a submission supporting the strategic direction and adding value in relation to BDA's transport vision.

#### **New Chair of the BDA Transport and Infrastructure Committee**

We welcomed Gerard Reardon of McCormick Rankin Cagney as the new Chair of the BDA Transport and Infrastructure Committee. We are looking forward to a dynamic year ahead.

### 2006 – 07 Challenges include:

#### **Peak Oil**

The Transport and Infrastructure Committee has researched the phenomenon of oil depletion and has provided advice to the Executive on the implications for Brisbane. We are looking forward to creating an appropriate event to seek new transport planning responses to address this global factor.

#### **Sustainable Transport Future**

BDA will continue to press the boundaries of transport planning and infrastructure provision to serve a more sustainable future. We look forward to working closely with both Brisbane City and Queensland Transport to achieve outcomes consistent with our BDA Transport Vision, leading to a "better Brisbane".

## COMMITTEES

BDA continues to lead much of the debate on the merits of urban development and government infrastructure spending and implementation.

Some of the projects and groups we have been involved in include:

- Lord Mayor's Roundtable (BDA representative is David Thomas)
- Office of Urban Management Commerce and Development Industry Regional Interest Group (BDA representative is John Pettit)
- The Office of Urban Management Transit Oriented Development Task Force (BDA representative is Steve Reynolds)
- Brisbane City Council Major Infrastructure Projects Industry Reference Group (BDA representative is John Pettit)
- The Gateway Duplication Project Industry Reference Group (BDA representative is John Pettit)

## EVENT CALENDER

<b>SEMINARS</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker/s</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
31 August 2005	2005 economic and investment outlook	Richard Gibbs & Peter Crossman	Macquarie Bank
14 September 2005	Tennyson riverside development takes centre court	Chris Freeman	Baulderstone Hornibrook
20 September 2005	Brisbane Airport – meeting the growth challenge	Jim Carden	Baulderstone Hornibrook
5 October 2005	A clean slate for leading built environment professionals	Michael Rayner, James Coutts, Andrew Wilson	South Bank Corporation & Brisbane City Council
18 October 2005	Port of Brisbane... more than just a port	Jeff Coleman	Baulderstone Hornibrook
24 November 2005	ReNAissance plan	Dr Vivian Edwards, Jonathan Tunny, Alastair Richardson	Arup
21 February 2006	Moving Brisbane... transport plans for Brisbane	Graham Quirk	Baulderstone Hornibrook
28 March 2006	Spotlight on Brisbane's growth corridor... the western corridor	Paul Pisasale, Alan Rix, Michael Samios, Gary White	Tract and supported by the Local Govt Assoc of Qld
6 April 2006	Vital signs: why walking has a role in successful cities	Rodney Tolley	Queensland Transport
5 May 2006	One size does not fit all: Transit Oriented Development, the long and short of it	Lindsay Enright, Bruce James, Matthew Miller	Baulderstone Hornibrook
14 June 2006	Sky Communities – can the urban high-rise contribute towards creating communities?	Kerry Spencer, James Grose	Baulderstone Hornibrook
19 July 2006	Future Brisbane – what will the shape of Brisbane be?	Lord Mayor Campbell Newman	Baulderstone Hornibrook
<b>PATRONS' BREAKFASTS</b>			
23 September 2005	Prof Peter Andrews, Queensland Government Chief Scientist		
17 March 2006	Prof Michael Keniger, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), The University of Queensland		
21 March 2006	Ross Rolfe, Coordinator General		
6 June 2006	Dr Hugh Lavery, Chairman, Australian Environment International		
4 July 2006	Peter Hicks, River City Motorway Acting CEO		

## EXECUTIVE AND COUNCILLORS

<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
David Thomas	President	Minter Ellison
Steve Reynolds	Immed Past President	Humphreys Reynolds Perkins
Mark Doonar	Vice President	Tract Consultants
Phil Kesby	Vice President	Thiess
Brian Mathews	Hon Secretary	Outpost Consulting
Chris Skelton	Hon Treasurer	BDO Kendalls
<b>COUNCILLORS</b>		
Geoff East	Councillor	Queensland Investment Corporation
Andrew O'Brien	Councillor	GHD
Ed Haysom	Councillor	Haysom Architects
Wally Wight	Councillor	Queensland Transport
Chetana Andary	Councillor	Craft Queensland
Michelle Lee	Councillor	Baulderstone Hornibrook
David Duveck Smith	Councillor	Consultant
Ann Rainbow	Councillor	ARC Communication
Malcolm Snow	Councillor	South Bank Corporation
Gerard Reardon	Councillor	McCormick Rankin Cagney
Bill Grant	Councillor	Consultant
<b>BDA</b>		
John Pettit	Executive Director	
Lorelei Broadbent	Secretariat	

## PATRONS

### Ariadne Australia



Guided by Chairman Mr Kevin Seymour and Deputy Chairman Dr Gary Weiss, Ariadne is fast becoming the dominant property developer and car park manager in Queensland.

With primary interests in key southeast Queensland locations, Ariadne has secured numerous property developments and is receiving first opportunities on many more.

### Boulderstone Hornibrook



Boulderstone Hornibrook is one of the largest integrated engineering, building and service providers in Australia, with diverse operations across building, civil engineering, services and capital solutions. The organisation's capabilities encompass construct only, design and construct, design, construct and maintain, build, own, operate and transfer and maintain.

### Bovis Lend Lease



Bovis Lend Lease is one of the world's leading companies in the project management and construction services industry. They offer a broad range of skills that can be tailored to match client's specific requirements. These skills can be applied over a number of sectors where they hold specialist understanding and experience.

### Brisbane Airport Corporation



Brisbane Airport is Australia's fastest growing airport and the world's best privatised airport. It is operated and developed by Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Limited (BAC) under a long term (50+49 year) lease from the Commonwealth of Australia. BAC is part of a holding company group corporate structure, the ultimate shareholders of which are major Australian and international organisations. BAC's corporate philosophy is "Make the most of life." And its mission is to achieve this objective for our employees, customers and partners.

### Devine Limited



Devine Limited is a major force in Australia's residential property market offering affordable housing products in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia and is also active in the high-rise residential unit market in the Brisbane CBD. The company is also actively involved in medium density developments and has an in-house mortgage loan origination, securitisation and servicing business.

## FKP Limited



With more than 30 years experience in the Australian property industry, FKP is one of Australia's leading diversified property and investment groups. Originally founded in Queensland, FKP has grown into a truly diverse group with operations across the country and dedicated offices in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and a ranking as an ASX top 200 performers. FKP successfully operates with an integrated business model, drawing on expertise in development, construction, land subdivision, retirement village ownership and management, investment, property & asset management.

## GHD



GHD is an international professional services company. Its people deliver innovative solutions by combining technical expertise and experience with an understanding of clients' objectives and aspirations. GHD serves the global market sectors of Infrastructure, Mining & Industry, Defence, Property & Buildings and the Environment. Established in 1928, GHD is today ranked in the world's top 50 engineering and architecture companies.

## Humphreys Reynolds Perkins



Humphreys Reynolds Perkins provides a comprehensive range of town planning services for private and public sector clients. Services are focused on property development strategies and planning applications; preparing statutory planning instruments; town centre planning; urban research; environmental planning; urban design; tourism planning; expert advice for Courts of Law; and planning in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Leighton Properties



Leighton Properties is a leading property development, management and investment company. Leighton Properties is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited, Australia's largest contracting and development Group with total assets over \$1.6 billion and an annual turnover of \$3.2 billion. Established in 1972 they provide property development and project management services for the Leighton Group.

## Macquarie Bank



Macquarie Bank is a pre-eminent provider of investment banking and financial services. In Australasia Macquarie provides a full range of investment, financial market and advisory products and services. Internationally they focus on select markets where they are able to provide special value.

## Minter Ellison



The Minter Ellison Legal Group is the largest law firm in Asia and amongst the largest law firms in the world. It has offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra, the Gold Coast, Auckland, Wellington, London, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Shanghai. Since 1995 the firm has more than doubled in size, has over 2,000 people working in seven countries and an annual revenue of some A\$300 million.

## Port of Brisbane Corporation



The Port of Brisbane Corporation is a Government Owned Corporation responsible for the operation and management of Australia's third busiest container port. Established as a statutory authority in 1976 it was corporatised in 1994 under the Government Owned Corporation (GOC) Act 1993. The Corporation is a publicly owned entity, but operates on a commercial basis and in a competitive environment. This has enabled the Port to improve its efficiency, effectiveness and accountability and to meet the objective of corporatisation under the GOC Act – 'to improve Queensland's overall economic performance'.

## PRDnationwide



PRDnationwide is an internationally respected group of real estate agencies and consultants with over 27 years experience in the business including project marketing, property research and residential developments. In 1999 PRDnationwide acquired Nationwide Realty which created a strategic alliance that provides a greatly enhanced presence throughout the eastern States of Australia. This strategic alliance was further developed by the acquisition of Asset Realty in 2001 which provided a greater presence in the northern suburbs of Sydney.

## Rider Hunt

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Rider Hunt, Queensland's leading property and construction consultancy group, provides a range of services and systems to the construction and property industries to optimise cost, time, quality and value outcomes. Rider Hunt's goal is to protect Clients' investments by providing independent professional advice for controlling and reducing the acquisition, development, ownership and disposal costs associated with their assets.

## Royal National and Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA)



The RNA promotes and encourages the development of Queensland's agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, industrial, manufacturing and cultural resources. Established in 1875, the RNA owns and operates the RNA Showgrounds at Bowen Hills, Brisbane, stages Queensland's largest annual event, the Royal Queensland Show, and is responsible for managing 22 unique venues across the 22 hectare Showground site and staging the annual Royal Queensland Wine Show.

## South Bank Corporation



South Bank Corporation's vision is to plan and facilitate the development and operation of a successful, world-class leisure, business and residential precinct for the enjoyment of South Bank visitors and the economic benefit of Brisbane's community and investors. The job of the South Bank Corporation Board is to ensure that the south bank of Brisbane's great river realises its potential.

## Suncorp Metway



Suncorp-Metway Ltd is one of Australia's top 30 biggest companies and the largest Queensland based corporation with a sharemarket value of around \$5.8 billion. The Suncorp Group comprises Australia's sixth largest bank and second largest general insurance group, with total assets of \$36 billion and funds under management exceeding \$9.5 billion. The Group's main businesses are banking, insurance, investment and superannuation products with a focus on retail consumers and small to medium size businesses.

## Three Plus



Three Plus is a Brisbane based Business and Marketing Communication consultancy with senior consultants in most Australian states. Established in 2002 it is owned by three of Queensland's most experienced business and communications consultants, Paul Bird, Barton Green and Robert Allan. Each brings more than 20 years' experience and contacts to the firm. Services include business and strategic planning, government liaison, event management, media, community partnerships and bid preparation.

## Tract



Tract Consultants is a leading professional consulting firm providing services in landscape architecture, urban design and town planning. Established in 1970, the firm has grown to its present level of prominence through a commitment to design and technical excellence, together with an understanding and experience of the development process. Tract offers comprehensive services in landscape design, urban planning and design, strategic planning, masterplanning, statutory planning, development facilitation, consultation and environmental planning to a wide range of private and government clients.