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1957 to 2007... celebrating 50 years

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 50TH YEAR

In 2007 the Brisbane Development Association (BDA) celebrated its 50th 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 include:

- We hosted 11 successful breakfast and luncheon seminars during the year. These events featured a range of informative and inspiring speakers including Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, South Bank Corporation CEO Malcolm Snow, and Cox Rayner Principal Michael Rayner.
- We 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.
- We hosted special events for patron members featuring guest speakers such as Lyndon Terracini, Steven Ames and the Queensland Opposition leaders.
- The association's membership has been maintained with broad representation in the public and private sectors. The BDA's patron members increased with one new organisation becoming a patron in 06 – 07.
- 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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Brisbane Development Association (BDA) has a long history engaging its members, business, the professions, government and the community to create a better Brisbane.

2007 was a milestone year for the association: we celebrated our 50th anniversary and staged a number of innovative events to commemorate this achievement.

In addition to our monthly Seminars and quarterly Patrons' Breakfasts, we staged the inaugural *Brisbane Awards presented by FKP Property Group* and the *50th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner* on Friday 18 May. The *Awards* were created to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of an individual, an organisation and/or a place, and their role in making Brisbane a better place. The inaugural award was presented to Brisbane City Council and accepted by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman.

Looking forward, the Association initiated the *Brisbane Future Roundtable presented by Brisbane Airport Corporation* held on 5 July. The *Roundtable* also celebrated the BAC's 10th anniversary and helped to identify the most important issues affecting the future of Brisbane and the South-East Queensland region. It was an exciting think tank involving 15 leading professionals and renowned thinkers who discussed and debated Brisbane's future during the facilitated three-hour forum. To assist the *Roundtable* panellists, the BDA and BAC invited members, community leaders and government representatives to contribute their ideas and insights to influence this important debate. The *Roundtable's* outcomes will be used to guide the BDA's public forums over the coming three years and beyond.

These initiatives have and will continue to go a long way to acknowledging and celebrating the Association's people, projects and activities over the past 50 years.

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 have thoroughly enjoyed my three years as President of the Association and would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow BDA Executive members, Executive Director John Pettit, and the BDA Secretariat for their support and commitment during my presidency.

I congratulate and welcome the new President and Executive and wish them well as they continue to work to enhance the development and livability of our city.

DAVID THOMAS
President

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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.

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BRISBANE AWARDS PRESENTED BY FKP PROPERTY GROUP AND THE BDA 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

To celebrate its 50th 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 which also featured:

- Key-note presentation by Sir Murray Rivers QC (AKA Bryan Dawe)
- Queensland-inspired five-course degustation menu, specially created by acclaimed Brisbane Chef David Pugh (Restaurant II)
- Steve Wilson's Barambah wines
- Performance by Queensland Conservatorium ensemble, in celebration of the Conservatorium's 50th anniversary.

Moving forward, the Brisbane Awards will be presented annually. There may be one to two awards presented each year. The awards are for an individual or organisation's outstanding contribution to the urban fabric of the city of Brisbane. The contribution may be through the provision of a place or an individual's contribution. While the place needs to be a recent addition, the individual contribution could be for a body of work or a long-term contribution to the city.

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BRISBANE AWARDS CITATION

Awarded to Brisbane City Council

The Brisbane City Council has the benefit and responsibility of servicing all of Brisbane City.

This compels it to embark on major public works on a larger scale than many other city councils.

Over fifteen years the Brisbane City Council has put in place several civic and urban design initiatives that have made significant contributions to the quality of life in Brisbane.

These initiatives include:

- *The SCIPS programme for providing suburban communities with their own identities*
- *The City Cats ferries*
- *The Urban Renewal programme in Teneriffe and Newstead*
- *The River Walk and the connections to the river*
- *Queen Street Mall refurbishments*

Each one of these initiatives is connected to the notion of living in a subtropical place and future generations will view the implementation of these initiatives as the turning point when the city finally embraced its subtropical environment.

The initiatives were achieved by a Council fully committed to this ideal. 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. In some of these the Council acted as the initiator, and in others completed the project themselves.

It is a mark of the success of the projects that in the cases where there was Council initiation the community has responded positively and exceeded expectations such as in the SCIPS and the River Walk.

The initiatives have transformed the city both individually and collectively. It is the celebration of our suburban communities nestled into the Brisbane hills and valleys. It is the embracing of the river, seeing it as an important amenity, and it is the establishment of new communities within old industrial sites that have given our city national prominence.

The BDA recognises the key role that the Brisbane City Council has made in establishing an identity for Brisbane that is formed out of the essential nature of living in Brisbane. The BDA believes that these urban design initiatives have been essential to the ongoing life of the city and are therefore worthy of being awarded the inaugural Brisbane Awards presented by FKP.

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BRISBANE FUTURE ROUNDTABLE PRESENTED BY BRISBANE AIRPORT CORPORATION

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

The BDA was delighted with the Roundtable outcomes and looks forward to hosting similar events in the future.

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TRANSPORT

2006-2007 has seen the progress of many significant transport infrastructure projects within Brisbane city, most notably the North South Bypass project, the Hale Street Link, the Airport Motorway and Northern Busway and the Eastern Busway.

During the year the BDA's Transport Planning Committee focused on:

- Providing responses to the numerous impact assessment studies prepared for the transport infrastructure projects. This included responding to the Hale Street Link project.
- Preparing a draft transport policy paper and assessment framework to guide the BDA Executive's input into future transport policies and projects for the city.
- Assisting with organising transport related seminars.
- Representing the BDA at various industry briefings and government workshops including the recent Inner City Transport Capacity Study workshops.

The recent release of the Smart City Strategy by the State government offers the opportunity for reassessing the most appropriate mass rapid transit network for the city. The BDA is currently encouraging further debate on this important element of the city transport system, particularly in relation to its effect on the future shape of the inner city.

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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).

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EVENT CALENDER

SEMINARS			
Date	Topic	Speaker/s	Sponsor
22 August 2006	2006 economic and investment outlook	Richard Gibbs & Antony Skinner	Macquarie Bank
19 October 2006	King George Square: <i>A Space in Transition</i>	James Tuma	Urbis JHD
2 November 2006	South Bank Corporation: The pursuit of design excellence	Malcolm Snow	South Bank Corporation
28 November 2006	A new parallel runway for Brisbane Airport	Cam Spencer	Baulderstone Hornibrook
14 February 2007	The Sunburnt State <i>... battling to protect South-East Queensland's water supply</i>	John Bradley David Stewart	Baulderstone Hornibrook
14 March 2007	Development and the environment: new tools of trade	Dr Hugh Lavery	Thiess
24 April 2007	City Designed for Subtropical Living Carrying forward the momentum from Subtropical Cities 2006	Rosemary Kennedy Michael Papageorgiou,	Brisbane City Council
19 June 2007	South Brisbane Peninsula	Malcolm Snow Alison Quinn John Montgomery Libby Anstis Professor Brendan Gleeson	South Bank Corporation
4 July 2007	The new Tank Street Bridge <i>... a fusion of Art, Science and Architecture</i>	Jeff Griffin Michael Rayner Ian Ainsworth	Baulderstone Hornibrook
13 July 2007	Lord Mayor's vision for transport in Brisbane	Lord Mayor Campbell Newman	Baulderstone Hornibrook
21 August 2007	2007 economic and investment outlook	Richard Gibbs	Macquarie Bank
PATRONS' BREAKFASTS			
13 February 2007	Steven Ames, Consulting planner and futurist		
16 May 2007	Jeff Seeney & Bruce Flegg – the Qld opposition's vision for a better Brisbane		
9 August 2007	Lyndon Terracini, Brisbane Festival		

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Steve Reynolds	Immed Past President	Humphreys Reynolds Perkins
Mark Doonar	Vice President	Tract Consultants
Phil Kesby	Vice President	Buildev Development (Qld)
Brian Mathews	Hon Secretary	Outpost Consulting
Chris Skelton	Hon Treasurer	BDO Kendalls
COUNCILLORS		
Matthew Miller	Councillor	FKP Property Group
Andrew Chapman	Councillor	Seymour White
Andrew Batts	Councillor	Arup
Ed Haysom	Councillor	Haysom Architects
Wally Wight	Councillor	Queensland Transport
Chetana Andary	Councillor	Artisan
Michelle Lee	Councillor	Baulderstone Hornibrook
David Duveck-Smith	Councillor	Consultant
Ann Rainbow	Councillor	ARC Communication
Tanya Neville	Councillor	Urbis
Gerard Reardon	Councillor	McCormick Rankin Cagney
Bill Grant	Councillor	Consultant
BDA		
John Pettit	Executive Director	
Lorelei Broadbent	Secretariat	

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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.

BDO Kendalls



BDO is a world wide network of public accounting firms. Each independent BDO Member Firm serves local and international clients in its own country. We offer a wide range of accounting and business advisory services to individuals, clients ranging from large corporates, to small and medium growth-focused organisations - representing a broad range of industry sectors, as well as government departments and the public sector.

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.

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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 30 engineering and architecture companies.

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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.

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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 Levett Bucknall



The global practice of Rider Levett Bucknall was launched on 25 June 2007, in response to growing globalisation and the growing demand of its clients. With over 1,750 staff in more than 60 offices across Asia, Oceania, Europe, Middle East and the Americas, Rider Levett Bucknall brings together three companies who are committed to the quality of their core services (cost consultancy, project management and advisory services).

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.

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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.

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