Sea Change, the demographic shift from metropolitan to coastal towns, and an associated Tree Change to rural Australia, is profoundly altering the 21st century urban pattern. Yet while the immediate significance of this shift is widely debated, there has been little attempt to consider ‘Sea Change Australia’ within an historical context.

This conference will address the long-term processes within which the transitions of the first decade of the 21st century can be best comprehended. Conference sessions concentrate on developments in 20th century Australia and on comparative examples drawn from the Pacific, Asia and elsewhere.

Conference session themes

- Memory and place on Queensland’s Gold Coast
- Indigenous communities and urban expansion
- Heritage issues in new urban regions
- Post-industrial urban landscapes in Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa
- The history of town planning associations in Australia
- Urban theory and the new urban region
- Tourist infrastructure and coastal urbanism
- Housing issues in ex-urban Australia
- Ethnic diversity and the per-urban

Conference keynote speaker

Professor Tony Dingle, Associate Dean, Education, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University

Professor Tony Dingle was formerly Head, Department of Economics at Monash University. His research interests include urban, environmental and economic history, especially of Australia. His current research projects include consumerism and domesticity in 20th century Australia, a history of miners’ cottages, Melbourne and the Yarra River, history of the olive industry in Australia, and the history of urban water supplies.

He has written or edited 10 books including:


He was Associate Editor on the recently published Encyclopaedia of Melbourne (2005). His most recent monograph is: Yan Yean: A history of Melbourne’s early water supply system (Public Record Office of Victoria, Melbourne, 2003).
# Conference program

## Monday 4 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra

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<td><strong>Reef Room</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>City and hinterland</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair: Chris McConville</strong>&lt;br&gt;1. The economic impact of big cities on inland Australia and the Pacific United States: Evidence from Sydney and San Francisco</td>
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Sydney and San Francisco
Presented by Lionel Frost, Monash University

2. Inside Sea Change: How dwelling prices in sea change areas are influenced by large cities
Presented by Peter Slade, University of the Sunshine Coast

3. Sea change? The impact of declining house affordability on a small coastal community. A case study of the Shire of Denmark, Western Australia
Presented by Hayley R Williams, Principal Planner, Shire of Northampton, WA

Enterprise Room
Sea/Tree change images
Chair: Stefan Petrow

1. Imagining suburbia as the roots of sea change and tree change: A study of Sydney and Melbourne’s media
Presented by Steve Harfield and Jason Prior, University of Technology Sydney

2. Media symbolism, knowledge production and image creation of Tree Changers in Australia: Tracing the historical development of a new social group and its impact on Australian landscapes
Presented by Angela T Ragusa, Charles Sturt University

3. Ashburton remembers: Uneasy celebration and commemoration in a New Zealand town
Presented by Michael Roche, Massey University

4.45–6pm
Reef Room
Business meeting

7pm
Beausang Room
Conference dinner
Guest presentation: Blair McNamara, photography, painting and the Sunshine Coast

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Beausang Room
Settlements in the city
Chair: Caroline Miller

1. The architectural form of housing in the process of settlement: Italians and Chinese in Melbourne
Presented by Iris Levin, University of Melbourne

2. "We live in urban streets and suburbs too": The growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in urban areas
Presented by Bronwyn Fredericks, Monash University and Alfred Hospital

3. How quality matters: Insights into the lifetime of Auckland’s typical homes
Presented by Corina Buckenberger, University of Auckland

Reef Room
New directions in heritage
Chair: Helen Bennett

1. A new approach to heritage preservation in The Rocks: Sustainability principles in adaptive re-use
Presented by Egle Garrick, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

2. Rethinking the intangible heritage and built environment of a gold fields region: A case study of the Castlemaine and its Diggings National Heritage Park
Presented by Keir Reeves, University of Melbourne

3. The impact of regional and town planning policies on heritage dwellings in coastal urban fringe areas
Presented by Margaret Blundell, University of Newcastle

10.20–10.40am Morning tea

Beausang Room
Place, memory and urban change on the Gold Coast A
Discussant: Professor Peter Spearritt, University of Queensland

1. From Kinkabool to Q1: The high rise experience
Presented by Grahame Griffin, Griffith University Gold Coast

2. Valuing the vernacular: The decorated shed
Presented by Judy Austin, Gold Coast City Council

3. Changing landscapes: Memory and ideals of homeownership
Presented by Caryl Bosman, Griffith University Gold Coast

10.40–12.20pm

12.20–1pm Lunch

1–2.40pm Parallel sessions

Beausang Room
Place, memory and urban change on the Gold Coast B

1. Alienary and ‘his things’: Urban memory on the Gold Coast
Presented by Graeme Griffin, Griffith University Gold Coast

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1. Allegory and 'big things': Urban memory on the Gold Coast
   Presented by Donna Houston, Griffith University Gold Coast

2. Very Gold Coast? Tourism, politics and possibilities of place
   Presented by Diana Dredge, Griffith University Gold Coast

3. Missing the bus to paradise: Public transport provision on Queensland’s Gold Coast
   Presented by Matthew Burke, Griffith University Gold Coast

Reef Room
New communities?
Chair: Nancy Cushing
1. The Italian restaurant scene in Brisbane in the 1930s
   Presented by Lynette Finch, University of the Sunshine Coast and Francesca Laura, Dante Alighieri Society

2. Wairarapa's Sea Change
   Presented by Ben Schrader, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, New Zealand

3. 'Building a sense of community': Kelvin Grove urban village
   Presented by Helen Klaebe, Queensland University of Technology

Enterprise Room
Metropolitan planning
Chair: Mike Roche
1. Reading Sydney regional planning through the life of Norman Weeke
   Presented by Peggy James, University of NSW

2. Puatahanui by the sea: Planning for Wellington's growth
   Presented by Caroline Miller, Massey University

3. Out of bounds? Reviewing community as the foundation of urban growth management in Auckland, New Zealand
   Presented by Clare Mouat, University of Auckland

2.40–3pm Afternoon tea
3–4.40pm Parallel sessions

Beausang Room
Coastal design
Chair: Claudia Baldwin
1. The Hobart waterfront
   Presented by Eve Gibson

2. Post industrial urban landscape: Regenerating Newcastle’s city centre
   Presented by Steffen Lehmann, University of Newcastle

3. Henry F Halloran’s coastal town planning projects of the 1920s
   Presented by David Nichols, University of Melbourne and Robert Freestone, University of NSW

Reef Room
The coast, the city, the apartment block
Chair: Caroline Butler-Bowdon
1. Towers by the sea: from holiday flats to high-rise
   Presented by Caroline Butler-Bowdon, Museum of Sydney and Historic Houses Trust and Charles Pickett, Powerhouse Museum

2. An interwar ‘sea change’: The impact of the modern Brisbane flats on the urban environment
   Presented by Helen Bennett, EPA, Queensland

3. Refabricating the towers: Overseas influences on Melbourne’s high-rise public housing
   Presented by Peter Mills, Monash University

Enterprise Room
Round table
Vital connections: Economics, housing and environmental history in the work of Tony Dingle
Convenor: Seamus O’Hanlon

4.45–6.15 Reef Room
Business meeting (if required)

5.15–6.45pm Evening walking tour
Caloundra history: holiday makers, diggers and seachangers
Meet at Happy Valley Boardwalk entrance (refer to map in conference pack)

Thursday 7 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra

Time Session
8.40–10.20am Parallel sessions

Beausang Room
**Post-war Melbourne**

**Chair:** Andrew Brown May

1. Walking the baby back home: Victoria's baby health centres and post-war urban boom  
   Presented by Heather Sheard, University of Melbourne
2. Mapping Koonung Creek: Urban planning and the child in 1950s North Balwyn  
   Presented by Carla Pascoe, University of Melbourne and Museum Victoria
3. Lifting and enlightening: The civic centre ideal and its application in Australian suburbs  
   Presented by David Nichols, University of Melbourne

**Enterprise Room**

**Urban planning and sustainability**

**Chair:** Tony Dingle

1. Understanding capacity to respond to environmental change within sea change communities  
   Presented by Tim Smith, University of the Sunshine Coast
2. From MFP to Mawson Lakes, the suburb making a contribution to Australia's water future  
   Presented by Anna Hurlimann, University of Melbourne
3. The art of influence: Strategies of change agents for sustainability; Noosa 1960 to the late 1990s  
   Presented by Dana C Thomsen, University of the Sunshine Coast

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   Presented by Graeme Davison, Monash University
|               | 2. Mismanagement and conflict: Supplying greater Hobart with water 1890-1917  
   Presented by Stefan Petrow, University of Tasmania
|               | 3. Water use in South-East Queensland  
   Presented by Peter Spearritt, University of Queensland
|               | **Enterprise Room**                          |
|               | **Changing urban identities**                |
   Presented by Adrian Regan, Monash University
|               | 2. Victoria Square, Christchurch, New Zealand: A microcosm of urban change  
   Presented by Geoff Rice, University of Canterbury
|               | 2. 'Well and truly planted': Honour avenues in Western Australia  
   Presented by John R Stephens, Curtin University of Technology
| 12.20–1pm     | **Lunch**                                    |
| 1–2.40pm      | **Beausang Room**                            |
|               | **Landscape and memory**                     |
|               | 1. Streets of gold: Finding the past in a changing city  
   Presented by Virginia Rigney, City of the Gold Coast City Art Gallery
|               | 2. A photographer's perspective: An exploration of coastal urban sites  
   Presented by Debra Livingston, University of the Sunshine Coast
| 3–4pm         | **Beausang Room**                            |
|               | **Conference closing panel: Historical contexts, public policy and the new urban landscape** |

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|               | Shire of Noosa and Sunshine Coast hinterland  
   Meet at entrance to Events Centre

**Call for abstracts**

The call for abstracts (PDF 622KB) closed on 1 June 2007.

**Conference registration**

To register for this event please complete the Registration Form (PDF 57KB) / Registration Form (Word 126KB). Early bird registration closed on 22 September 2007, however registrations are still open.

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