

Urban Design For

Public Interest



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Education



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Mentorship & Support



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Change



Urban Design Forum Australia





**We are always working on
someone else's country**

What is the problem?



Cities are at the heart of the big challenges of our time, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, isolation and social inequality.

Urban practitioners are fragmented from each other, misunderstood and lack a platform for collective agency to take on these challenges.

Who are we?



Urban Design Forum is a non-profit organisation that supports public interest outcomes in our urban environments.

Our role



Building community

Creating a supportive network of urban designers and allied professionals

Knowledge sharing

Sharing knowledge on best practice urbanism

Advocating for change

Advocating for better urban education, systems and outcomes.

1. Building community

We create an active community of public-interest urbanists, through our regular member events, such as Forum Forum, tours of urban projects, online sessions with international allies and mentoring programs.

Forum Forum (for members)
Every two months



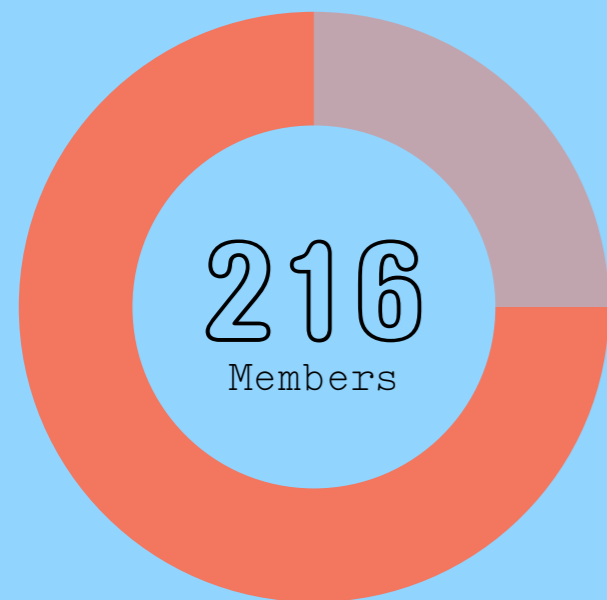
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October 2022



Practice Forum (for industry supporters)
Every two months



Fishermans Bend Tour
February 2023



156 Professional Members
54 Emerging Members
6 Non-Practicing Members

2. Sharing knowledge

We share knowledge on best-practice urbanism through public facing events, our website, social media, our engagement with major media agencies, and through our involvement with the Australian Urban Design Awards.

Public Works - The Upstream Designer
March 2022



Festival of Urbanism - Resilience and Recovery
September 2022



MPavilion - What Cities Need Now
December 2021



Melbourne Design Week - DIY Neighbourhood
March 2022



M Pavilion - Regenerating Natural Systems
March 2023



3. Advocating for change

We advocate for change through submissions to parliamentary commissions and strategies, sit on advisory boards to improve the curriculum of urbanism programs, and produce practice notes on contemporary urban issues.

We are currently speaking with stakeholders around what might be required to inform an umbrella urban design strategy for Victoria that has statutory effect.

Submissions:

- Parliamentary Inquiry Apartment Standards, Victoria, November 2021
- Design & Place SEPP Definitions, NSW, March 2022
- Parliamentary Inquiry Planning and Environment Act, Victoria, May 2022
- City of Melbourne Transport Strategy - Implementation of Protected Bicycle Lanes, June 2022
- A New National Cultural Policy, August 2022
- City of Melbourne Sustainability Building Design, March 2023

Upcoming Practice Notes:

- Community-led development
- Density done well
- Regenerating natural systems in our cities

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Public Submission

A New National Cultural Policy

The centrality of the artist: supporting the artist as worker and celebrating their role as the creators of culture.



August 22, 2022

Our organisational structure



We are a lean organisation that punches above its weight. We have a core elected volunteer committee supported by our volunteer members, a paid operations assistant and contributors.

We are funded 50% from our members, and 50% from our supporters.



Being a member



By being a member of Urban Design Forum, you are connected to a network of passionate urbanists striving to improve the design and governance of our cities.

We welcome urban thinkers backgrounds including urban designers, architects, planners, landscape architects, developers, lawyers, sociologists and academics.

As each member agrees to our purpose when they sign up, we encourage members to sign up individually on our website.

Benefits

- Discounted entry to events and invitation to member only events
- Access to a professional network of urban practitioners, and job listings, on through our Slack channel
- Access to resources such as the practice notes
- Access to mentoring, training and development opportunities

Annual contribution

- Professional \$209 inc. gst
- Non-practicing \$99 inc. gst
- Emerging \$55 inc. gst

Being a supporter



Our supporters are the power base of Urban Design Forum. We have supporters from major universities, local governments, and leading design industry practices.

Representatives come together twice a year to advise on our research and advocacy agenda, providing inter-institution and inter-disciplinary exchange.

Reach out to hello@udf.com.au if you would like to know more about becoming a supporter. Individual memberships are not included within the annual contribution.

Institutional Supporters

- Open to universities, local and state government
- Up to 6 hours of engagement and advisory from senior committee members
- Access to discounted custom training regarding design literacy
- Participation in 2x supporter meetings a year, to contribute to research and advocacy focus
- Support public interest research and advocacy

Annual contribution

- Institutional supporters \$1750 ex. gst
- Design industry supporters \$1750 ex. gst

Design Industry Supporters

- Open to consultancies engaged with urban practice
- Invitation to ‘Practice Forum’ every two months, open only to design industry supporters
- Participation in 2x supporter meetings a year, to contribute to research and advocacy focus
- Support public interest research and advocacy

How to get involved



We need your support in order to create public interest outcomes in environments we shape.

- Become a Member
- Become a Supporter
- Volunteer for our committee or sub-committees
- Contribute knowledge
- Participate in our events

2022-23 Supporters

University



Local Government



Design Industry



Thank you

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