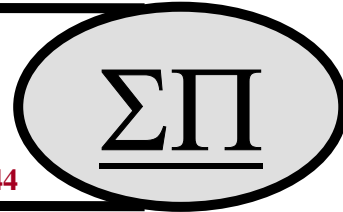


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CAPABILITY STATEMENT – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Listed below (and accompanied by a short description of responsibilities) are a selection of representative projects demonstrating Smithson Planning' capability in the area of Community Participation.

Project : Wandgee Resort Hotel
Client : Sharus Pty Ltd
Date : September 2006 - Current

Smithson Planning was engaged by Sharus Pty Ltd and Afforestation Pty Ltd to project manage the development of the Wandgee Resort Hotel, a boutique small luxury hotel at Green Range, City of Albany. An application for Planning Scheme Amendment is currently under preparation, following Council resolution to proceed.

Following initial briefings to local and state government agencies and elected representatives, the documentation path will now address the design and environmental management aspects of project development taking into account community engagement and participation.

Project : Subdivision – Special Residential Estate, Nanarup Road, Kalgan
Client : Kalgan Progress Association
Date : June 2005

The Kalgan Progress Association, a residents and ratepayers group, contracted Smithson Planning to provide technical, procedural and legal advice in relation to the proposed subdivision of land pursuant to the Town Planning & Development Act 1928 and the Environmental Protection Act 1996.

Project : Ravensthorpe, Esperance & Jerramungup – a Blueprint for the Future
Client : Ravensthorpe Shire Council, WA
Date : October 2001 – November 2002

The Ravensthorpe Shire Council in association with the WA Dept Mineral & Petroleum Resources and BHP Billiton – Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations engaged Smithson Planning to project manage the Blueprint for the Future Project as a federally funded initiative under the Regional Solutions Program.

Smithson Planning oversaw the community participation program as administered by SMEC Australia, and included a business breakfast launch forum to initiate participation in the project, community workshops and interviews to provide input to proposals, draft report exhibition period, community submissions supplementary evaluation report, and final report presentation in Ravensthorpe with a CD-Rom and Project Video.

Project : Rainbow 2000[®] - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & the Great Southern
Client : Sonshine Destiny Consortium, WA
Date : June 1997 – Current

The Sonshine Destiny Consortium is a property development group based in Western Australia. Rainbow 2000[®] is a \$5.0 Billion investment program which should generate an estimated 30,000 jobs in various commercial, industrial and related employment sectors arising from specific development initiatives.

Rainbow 2000[®] was delivered to the community in Albany & the Great Southern Region by :

- ❖ Advertising, media interviews and shopfront display
- ❖ Written statement including copies of three plans
- ❖ Public exhibitions (Albany Agricultural Show, Albany Lions Expo, Luncheon Forums)

- ❖ Industry briefings (Insurance, Finance, Real Estate, Transport, Farmers' Federation, Tourism)
- ❖ Commercial briefings (Albany & Denmark Chambers of Commerce, Albany City Heart)
- ❖ Community briefings (Rotary, Probus, Ecumenical, Lions, Apex)
- ❖ Local Government briefings (all Rainbow Coast councils, and most Great Southern councils)
- ❖ State Government briefings (most Departments were briefed with some notable exceptions)
- ❖ Federal Government briefings.

Smithson Planning undertook the role of principal project management and initiated documentation, supervision, community liaison, public affairs, and customer focus in the lead up to City Council elections in May 1999.

Project : Orana McKail District Shopping Centre
Client : Dufty Property Group, Albany, WA
Date : April 1998

The Orana McKail District Shopping Centre is situated 5 km from the Albany CBD, and was the former Orana Drive-in site. Smithson Planning were engaged to consult with the community and develop a design layout for a new district shopping centre (15,000m² GLA).

Two workshops were held : the first to solicit overall site layout opportunities / constraints, and the second to rationalise the best aspects of two detailed design proposals. The proposal requires a Town Planning Scheme amendment, which will involve further public consultation.

Community activists have been involved in the development of the proposal, and have facilitated the process by promoting the proposal and sourcing support through signatures on a petition to the Council to support a town planning scheme amendment.

Project : Wellstead Community Resource Centre Development Plan
Client : Wellstead Community Resource Centre Steering Committee, WA
Date : March 1998

The Wellstead community is a very active; futures orientated group of people who are trying to secure funding to construct a new Community Resource Centre. Smithson Planning were engaged to review the circumstances of the existing hall, and solicit comment via a public meeting on the prospect for and scope of future applications of the proposed resource centre so as to prioritise investment strategies.

Project : South Coast Aboriginal Steering Group
Client : Aboriginal Affairs Department, Albany, WA
Date : November 1997

The WA Aboriginal Affairs Department contracted Smithson Planning to facilitate in the establishment of an Aboriginal Steering Group to liaise with the WA Dept of Conservation and Land Management in the review of the Shannon Park and D'Entrecasteaux National Park Management Plan.

A community / industry workshop was held to identify relevant interested parties, and receive community comments (written & oral) on the formation and direction of the Steering Group.

Project : Footscray Cemetery Trust Business Plan
Client : Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne, VIC
Date : July 1997

The Footscray Cemetery Trust, a subsidiary organisation of the Maribyrnong City Council is responsible for the Footscray General Cemetery who sought to have a Business Plan prepared for their organisation.

As a component of the preparation of the Business Plan, Smithson Planning conducted an industry workshop to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and received community comments (written & oral) on proposals that might be included in the Business Plan.

Project : Mildura Airport Management Committee
Client : Mildura Rural City Council, Mildura, VIC
Date : October 1996

Mildura in the Sunraysia Region of Victoria is one of Australia's leading inland tourist and business destinations. Situated on the Murray River, 550 km from Melbourne and 450 km from Adelaide, the Mildura Airport plays a pivotal and expanding role in the economics of the region.

Following Local Government amalgamations in Victoria, Smithson Planning was contracted by the new Council to redefine the key objectives of the Committee; call for registrations of interest for Committee membership; convene the Committee on a bimonthly basis to report on airport operations; and prepare a business plan in consultation with the Committee.

Project : Mildura Cemeteries Management & Design Project
Client : Mildura Rural City Council, VIC
Date : October 1996

The Mildura Cemetery Trust is a subsidiary organisation of the Mildura Rural City Council, and is responsible for two cemeteries located at Nichols Point (95% occupancy) and Murray Pines (future new location - near airport).

In preparation for (and direction during) the project, Smithson Planning was contracted by the Council to form a Project Steering Committee comprising representative interest groups from funeral directors, stonemasons, religious groups, and state government departments, and subsequently act as project managers / community liaison for the duration of the project.

Project : Ouyen Regional Saleyards Advisory Committee
Client : Mildura Rural City Council, VIC
Date : October 1996

The Ouyen Regional Saleyards are a key regional economic facility located in the heart of the Mallee Region of north-western Victoria servicing the livestock industry.

Following Local Government amalgamations in Victoria, Smithson Planning was contracted by the Mildura Rural City Council to redefine the key objectives of the Committee; call for registrations of interest for Committee membership; convene the Committee on a monthly basis to report on operations; and prepare a business plan in consultation with the Committee.

The Committee was instrumental in the implementation of the 'Ouyen - Prime Mallee Lamb' promotional strategy and marketing campaign.

Project : Mildura City Heart Management Committee
Client : Mildura Rural City Council, VIC
Date : October 1996

The Mildura Central Business District, like many aging town centre commercial precincts, has been subject to competition from suburban free standing shopping centres offering the latest in commercial service variety, shopping comfort and customer parking convenience.

Following Local Government amalgamations in Victoria, Smithson Planning was contracted by the Mildura Rural City Council to redefine the key objectives of the Committee; call for registrations of interest for Committee membership; oversee elections as returning officer; attend the Committee on a fortnightly basis to liaise on City Heart operations; and prepare a business plan in consultation with the Committee.

The Committee, as a development forum and liaison venue, was instrumental in the :

- ❖ implementation of the ‘Mildura City Heart Redevelopment Project’
- ❖ initiation of the Special Rate Levy to finance CBD promotion and development
- ❖ promotion of regional tourism activity (Mildura Country Music Festival).

Project : Winterschool 1992
Client : RAPI, LGPA, AAPC (Western Australian Divisions)
Date : August 1992

Smithson Planning undertook the role of Executive Convenor to this industry training session as part of the Royal Australian Planning Institutes’ Continuing Professional Development program. The agenda included a full one-day program of speakers and inter-active workshops covering :

- Town Planning Schemes
- Regionalisation
- Environmental Planning.
- Urban Consolidation
- Planning Administration
- Urban Expansion
- Community Participation

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