2019 CAP Awards: SHORTLISTED ENTRIES

The following award entries are shortlisted for the 2019 CAP Awards for Outstanding Planning Achievement in the Commonwealth. These are summaries of the Award entries and are presented in random order. The award winners will be announced on the 9th November 2019 at the 50th anniversary conference of the Ghana Institute of Planners in Accra, Ghana.

Congratulations to all those who have made it to the shortlist!

- **Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands.**
  - **Key Organisation:** Department of Conservation, Te Papa Atawhai, New Zealand Government.
  - **Location:** Southern Ocean, New Zealand.

- **Te Putahi: The confluence – Cultural Impact Assessment Report.**
  - **Key Organisation:** Ngāti Kauwhata, Manawatu District Council, Massey University.
  - **Location:** Feilding, New Zealand.

- **Creating a Spatial Plan for Bo City.**
  - **Key Organisations:** One World Link, Bo City Council, Turley, Prince’s Foundation for Building Community.
  - **Location:** Bo, Sierra Leone.

- **Production of Orange Flesh Sweet Potatoes.**
  - **Key Organisation:** Ghana Institute of Planners.
  - **Location:** Chereponi District, Ghana

- **Traditional Knowledge and Use Assessment Study.**
  - **Key Organisations:** City of Lethbridge, Kainai First Nation, Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, Arrow Archaeology.
  - **Location:** Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

- **ShapingSEQ (The South East Queensland Regional Plan).**
  - **Key Organisations:** Ethos Urban, Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.
  - **Location:** South East Queensland, Australia

- **Strengthening Disaster and Climate Change Resilience in the Commonwealth Caribbean.**
  - **Key Organisations:** Commonwealth Association of Planners, Caribbean Planning Association, Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.
  - **Location:** Eastern Caribbean, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, St Lucia.

- **Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan.**
  - **Key Organisation:** National Capital Commission, Commision de la Capitale Nationale.
  - **Location:** Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

- **360 Degree City Podcast.**
  - **Key Organisation:** Intelligent Futures.
  - **Location:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

- **Draft Waimakariri Residential Red Recovery Plan.**
  - **Key Organisation:** Waimakariri District Council.
  - **Location:** Waimakariri District, Canterbury, New Zealand.

See following pages for further details ...
Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands.

Key Organisation: Department of Conservation, Te Papa Atawhai, New Zealand Government.
Location: Southern Ocean, New Zealand.

The Subantarctic and Kermadec Islands are internationally recognised for high biodiversity and natural character values. The Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands (jurisdiction of the territorial sea) has achieved some “firsts” in New Zealand planning for sustainable coastal management of those islands. Its innovative approaches to managing impacts of vessel activities and potential risks to international biodiversity values leads the way for planning agencies to consider different tools for managing similar problems. It’s approach to managing marine biosecurity risk for high value areas has received international recognition by the International Maritime Organisation in the Glofouling project. This Plan contains the only regulation in New Zealand that prohibits using and carrying heavy fuel oil (HFO) – which it does for the entire territorial sea of the islands. It’s also the first plan in New Zealand to control activities on the water outside internal waters (bays and harbours).


Key Organisation: Ngāti Kauwhata, Manawatu District Council, Massey University.
Location: Feilding, New Zealand.

Te Pūtahi, meaning the Confluence, is a planning project based on a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) prepared for a residential growth area in the small town of Feilding in the Manawatū district of Aotearoa New Zealand. Beginning as a technical report, the CIA evolved into a partnership between the indigenous peoples, Ngāti Kauwhata; the local planning and decision-making body, Manawatū District Council; and the Resource and Environmental Planning Programme at nearby Massey University. As the confluence metaphor suggests, the project brought together many strands that connect past and future, indigenous and planning institutions, and experienced and emerging planners. These strands join to support a greater vision that can serve us here in Aotearoa and across the many lands of the Commonwealth; of protecting the environment for future generations, of valuing indigenous contributions to planning, and of building partnerships to heal a nation.
Creating a Spatial Plan for Bo City.

**Key Organisations:** One World Link, Bo City Council, Turley, Prince’s Foundation for Building Community.

**Location:** Bo, Sierra Leone.

This project is a partnership between UK charity One World Link together with partner organisations in the UK and the city of Bo in Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone does not currently have an effective land use planning system and Bo had no spatial plan to guide development. Moreover, the City Council did not have the skills, tools, capacity, resources or confidence to develop one. The aim of this project has been change this; to begin to develop a spatial development plan for the city and empower the local community to understand and embrace the value of spatial planning in helping them become more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Furthermore, the project has sought to understand how the lessons learnt in Bo could be applied across Sierra Leone.
Production of Orange Flesh Sweet Potatoes.

Key Organisation: Ghana Institute of Planners.
Location: Chereponi District, Ghana

Orange Flesh Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) was first introduced to the District by USAID funded project in 2016. The crop was cultivated by two (2) women's group formed by the District Assembly. The groups were made up of 50 members who produced the crop on 10 ha of land. By the end of harvesting the group recorded poor yields (27kg) and as a result both project and groups were disappointed. A study on why the groups perform badly was that; the women were not given fertile lands for their farming. Women in general in Northern Ghana do not have access to land. Village Saving & Loan Associations groups formed by the District Assembly were tasked to cultivation of OFSP. Due easy access to loans by VSLA groups, members are respected in society fertile lands were released. 80 groups with 30 members cultivated on 25 acres, the yields were good 274,000 Kg..

Traditional Knowledge and Use Assessment Study.

Key Organisations: City of Lethbridge, Kainai First Nation, Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, Arrow Archaeology.
Location: Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

The Traditional Knowledge and Use Assessment Study (TKUA) is a unique and innovative project that examined the historical and continued presence of the Siksikatsitapi (Blackfoot peoples) within the urban landscape of the City of Lethbridge (or Sik’ooh’kotoki, as it is known in Blackfoot). The TKUA was a collaboration between the City and three Blackfoot Nations of Kainai, Piikani and Siksika to identify and understand places of traditional land use, Indigenous ecological knowledge and spirituality within municipal boundaries. The project relied on the knowledge, expertise and wisdom of Blackfoot Elders, Knowledge Keepers and technicians from across Blackfoot Territory. The information gathered through the TKUA will inform future land use planning projects in the City, as
well as advance conversations about historical resources management. At its core, the TKUA was an exercise of reconciliation and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities based on a foundation of shared values, history and respect.

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**ShapingSEQ (The South East Queensland Regional Plan).**

**Key organisations:** Ethos Urban, Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.  
**Location:** South East Queensland, Australia

ShapingSEQ is the Queensland Government’s plan to guide the future of South East Queensland (SEQ), in collaboration with 12 local governments and inspired by the community. The plan has been prepared amidst pressure from unprecedented population and economic growth, and global influences, such as climate change and evolving technology. It is conceived as an effective vision that gains support from government and industry, and is designed to be implemented ‘on-ground.’ ShapingSEQ begins with a robust understanding of the local implications of global megatrends, economic conditions and opportunities, the community, stakeholder needs and interests, place qualities, and environment. It then translates this understanding into regional and sub-regional strategies for housing, economics, connection (physically and digitally), sustainability (in terms of ecology, resilience, and culture), and liveability / place-making. The plan also outlines clear implementation streams and is already seeing the realisation of region-shaping infrastructure projects.

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**Strengthening Disaster and Climate Change Resilience in the Commonwealth Caribbean.**

**Key Organisations:** Commonwealth Association of Planners, Caribbean Planning Association, Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.  
**Location:** Eastern Caribbean, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, St Lucia.
The project reviewed the methodologies for preparing national and local area land use plans developed by the OECS in 2016. The methodologies were based on disaster risk reduction and watershed management and were being piloted in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Dominica (Marigot area) during the 2017 Caribbean hurricane season. The project evaluated the relevance of the methodologies in a real life disaster context. The review consisted of a desktop review of relevant documentation and field review in the pilot countries where, critical stakeholders in both the public and private sectors were interviewed and the filed conditions assessed. This was followed by a regional stakeholder workshop in St Lucia, organised with the OECS, to improve plan development and implementation in the BVI and Dominica specifically, but also to review the general methodologies and increase their relevance to the other countries in the OECS.

Ottawa River South Shore Riverfront Park Plan.

Key Organisation: National Capital Commission, Commision de la Capitale Nationale.
Location: Ottowa, Ontario, Canada.

This plan re-imagines 220 hectares of riverfront lands along the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway, within sight of Parliament Hill. The plan was triggered by a need to mitigate the impacts of future light rail in the vicinity, and public aspirations to improve access across the parkway. It represents successful collaboration and inclusive planning with input from the local Algonquin Anishinabe communities, municipal and federal governments, communities, stakeholders and the public. It demonstrates excellence in urban design by drawing from a range of professions and skill-sets. The park’s concept consists of a series of public activity nodes woven into the naturalized shoreline, balancing conservation with equitable and safer public access to the river. It addresses 4 key roles: environment, culture, waterfront experience, and connectivity. This planning approach provides adaptable guidelines that provide clear direction to future decision makers, leaving a lasting social and environmental legacy in Canada’s capital.
360 Degree City Podcast.

Key Organisation: Intelligent Futures.
Location: Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Cities are complex, messy and ever-changing creations that are built by many hands in many ways. 360 Degree City is a podcast that explores the city from every angle to help to understand what goes on in cities. The podcast was developed by the team at Intelligent Futures and has been live since the start of 2018. It now has 38 episodes with guests such as: Mikael Colville-Andersen, Larry Beasley, Jeff Speck, John Bela and more. The podcast has explored a wide range of topics, from community activism and urban cycling to food security and urban biodiversity.

A central goal with 360 Degree City is to ensure the episodes are accessible and interesting to all listeners, from people who know nothing about the planning profession to planning experts. The podcast aims to provide listeners with inspiration, ideas and a broader, more comprehensive perspective on the planning community and beyond.

Key Organisation: Waimakariri District Council.
Location: Waimakariri District, Canterbury, New Zealand.

The 2010 and 2011 Canterbury earthquakes caused unprecedented and widespread damage in Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach and Kairaki in New Zealand, with almost 100 hectares of mainly residential land "zoned red" and over 1000 homes demolished. Following the earthquakes the Waimakariri District Council undertook numerous community engagement, recovery and regeneration planning exercises, including the preparation of a Draft Recovery Plan for the worst affected areas in 2016. While developing the Plan, the project team displayed innovative and creative excellence in planning, community engagement and leadership, successfully responding to complex planning and technical requirements across three spatial areas within a relatively short time frame. Many of the techniques employed are directly transferable to Commonwealth countries faced with similar disaster-related planning needs. The discipline and skills provided by planners were critical to the project’s success, with the project winning four awards and wide praise from the community, agencies and academics.

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