



# MAKING A PLACE FOR JOY EMPATHY, HAPPINESS + DESIGN

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# places<sub>for</sub> ageing



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MEET JOY

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# UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS

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As a society:

- We don't like facing these issues.
- We don't know how to relate to those who are.
- If we can't talk about it, how do we design for it?

WHAT DOES JOY NEED?

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Credit: Dr. Michal Boyd, University of Auckland



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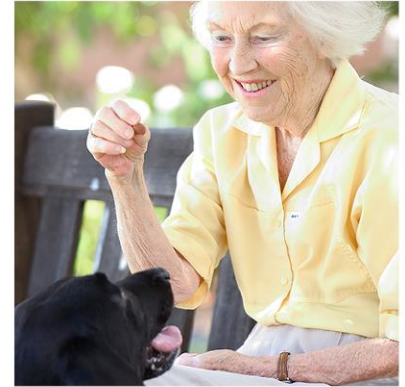
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A life of  
meaning

# DESIGN MATTERS

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- Most of us simply accept our buildings as background
- But our built environment has a profound impact on how we feel, how we behave and how we live
- And importantly on our interactions with each other





- The building is the most fundamental form of restraint

# 10 IDEAS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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# THE BLURRY EDGE

1.

- Most facilities are an island
- Pull the entry deep
- Make the site permeable

Project: Anam Cara Aged Care, Chermside QLD



# CO-LOCATION

2.

- What else can we include to activate the edges?
- How can we rebuild the diversity of real village?
- Cafe, library, childcare, learn to swim, school, church?

Project: St Joeseph's Primary, Tweed Heads NSW



# STICKY SPACES

3.

- Create destinations & places to go
- Invite the outside in
- Make them low and slow

- Project: Noosa Flexible Learning Centre, QLD



# ALL ACTIVITY IS GOOD ACTIVITY

4.

- Don't waste an opportunity
- Don't allow dead space



# HOME NOT HOSPITAL

5.

- Because it makes us happier
- Remove institutional cues

Project: John Wesley Gardens, Geebung QLD





# CHOICE + DIGNITY OF RISK

6.

- Provide options of places to be...to participate, to observe, to be alone
- Let me do what I can do, I'm a bloody adult

Project Parkview, Wheller Gardens, D





# LIGHT + SPACE

# 7.

Project: Montcler Aged Care, Clermont Hospital, QLD



# PATTERN + DETAIL

8.

Project: Parkview, Wheller Gardens QLD



# SACRED SPACE

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Project: Villa Maria Eastern Heights, Ipswich QLD



# CONNECTION TO COUNTRY

10.

Project: Wongaburra Aged Care, QLD

BUILDINGS ARE PART  
OF THE STORY

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- Staff have the biggest impact
- Every project is a renewal

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Design for joy needs an emotional connection

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