

Summer Edition Newsletter



This 2022 Summer Edition Newsletter is focused on the built environment.

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[A universal design approach to urban planning](#)

A guide to taking a universal design approach to urban planning covers just about everything. The aim of the guide is to deliver sustainable solutions and to create inclusive places. Here are some of the reasons planners should take a universal design approach: avoids the need for wasteful and inefficient retro-fitting of solutions informs genuinely integrated strategies for land-use, transportation ...

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[Placemaking Toolkit](#)

Designing public space is seen as something for trained professionals. But the Placemaking Toolkit shows how community groups and residents can do their own place make-over. The Guide is for community-driven, low-cost public space transformation. With the support of local government anyone can change a neglected space in their neighbourhood into a clean and safe play area or park. This ...

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[How to design an inclusive school building](#)

A design project for a new school building shows how to make it inclusive for everyone. Architects involved users from the outset and then applied the knowledge they gained. This was no typical building because the task was to integrate two existing schools into

the one building. One was a primary school and the other is described as a special ...

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[Remembering to be dementia-friendly](#)

Here are some good resources for considering people with dementia in designs. The topic of dementia can also include people with acquired brain injury and other cognitive conditions at any age. They've been collected from this website for ready reference. Too many good publications are soon forgotten after their launch. Dementia Friendly Assessment Tool - a community assessment tool. Dementia ...

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[Age-Friendly Green Space by Citizen Science](#)

As cities become denser and populations age, quality green space becomes ever more important. In many cities at least a quarter of the population will be over the age of 65 years by 2030. Adelaide in South Australia has one of the oldest populations at 37% over the age of 50. So this is a good place to run a ...

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[Urban Design Toolkit](#)

The Urban Design Toolkit is a practical manual explaining the what, the how and when of urban design processes. This New Zealand publication supports the implementation of their Urban Design Protocol. Each section is written in the same straightforward format with the same subheadings: What it is; What it's useful for; How it's done; followed by References. Some sections give examples ...

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[Age friendly checklist for councils](#)

Making an urban area friendly for older people doesn't have to be difficult. If we want to

encourage older adults to get out and about it comes down to five key things. Footpaths, Seating, Wayfinding, Toilets and Lighting. These are explained simply in a four page age friendly checklist designed for local government. Each feature has a rationale, the basic ...

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[Universally designed leisure facilities](#)

What does washroom and change room design have to do with social justice? Darryl Condon answers this question in a Pools and Leisure Magazine article. He has a good grasp of all the relevant design issues across the diversity and inclusion spectrum for universally designed leisure facilities. The advice and information is explained using a universal design approach, which makes ...

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[Luminance Contrast: How to measure it?](#)

Visual contrast, or luminance contrast, is a key feature of universal design, but how well can we measure it? It's a mainstream issue and something designers need to consider from the outset. It's one thing to know the importance of visual contrast, but knowing how to measure it is another. Penny Galbraith explained the issues in her presentation at UD2021 ...

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[Just what is a hearing loop?](#)

There is a lot of confusion about hearing loops and assistive listening devices. Although public venues should have the loop switched on at the same time as the microphone (because that's how it works), there are some places that think it should only be switched on if someone asks for it. And then, sadly, all too often, that's when they ...

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[Guide to gender neutral bathrooms](#)

Gender neutral bathrooms are also good for other groups of people who are often neglected in the assignment of sanitary facilities. Prevailing social attitudes are probably the biggest barrier to gender inclusive public bathrooms for people who identify as transgender. A guide to gender neutral bathrooms is a great help. The Creating Bathroom Access & Gender Inclusive Society bathroom guide ...

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[Tokyo's Olympic legacy acknowledges population ageing](#)

Although Japan has the oldest population in the world, creating accessible urban spaces is making very slow progress. Tokyo aimed to have all parts of the city that linked to the Olympic venues completely barrier-free. That includes buildings, transportation, services and open spaces. Tokyo's Olympic legacy is discussed in a book chapter, which is open access. Deidre Sneepe discusses the ...

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