

Consulting: Sarkissian Associates Planners Pty Ltd.

Dr Wendy Sarkissian has extensive consulting and training experience working as a social planner, social design specialist and housing specialist with multi-disciplinary teams on large sites for private and public clients in several major Australian cities. Community engagement and social design are her forté. Wendy is known for her ability to deliver successful outcomes for complex developments in disadvantaged and highly politicised urban communities.

Major projects include...

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL PLANNING

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL, 2010

Community Liaison Group process for Suntown Landfill site, March to September 2010.

HOUSING NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION, 2009

Review of social housing upgrade program, year 1, Wellington City Council.

KYOGLE COUNCIL, 2009

Kyogle Social Plan community engagement.

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL, 2008-2009

Redland City Council Community Plan (with the Phillips Group).
Staff training in the SpeakOut model.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, 2008

Chermside Centre Neighbourhood Plan, Social Outcomes Investigation, with Sharyn Briggs, Andrea Young and Dee Elliott.

QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING, 2008

Study of community diversity in transit-oriented developments, with Andrea Cook and Sharyn Briggs.
Awarded Certificate of Merit, PIA Queensland Awards, 2009.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING, VANCOUVER, 2006-2008

A three-semester post-occupancy evaluation of a large inner city housing development, False Creek North, undertaken by students in the School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia.

LEND LEASE DEVELOPMENTS, MELBOURNE, 2007

Social planning, housing design and CPTED advice for Victoria Harbour development, Docklands, February. With Jason Prior, Elton Consulting.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, SYDNEY, 2004-2006

Specialist consultation advisor and consultation manager, Living Communities Program, Bonnyrigg Project. Fairfield, Sydney. Full-time, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS, QUEENSLAND, 2005

Consultation Advisor, Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation.

MIRVAC FINI, DEVELOPERS, PERTH, 2003-2004

Community consultation processes for the Kennedy Bay project, Rockingham, including extensive staff and consultants' training program.

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP, MELBOURNE, 1998-2002

- Community consultation manual and CD ROM (with Kelvin Walsh); Final version, 2002.
- Facilitation of community consultation for Parking Summit, February 2000.

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, 1999-2002

- Community participation process, Bracken Ridge Community Hub, 2002.
- Older Person's Policy, 2000 and Community Safety Strategy, 1999-2000.

URBAN AND REGIONAL LAND CORPORATION, MELBOURNE, 2001-2002

- Team development workshop, Aurora.
- Chair and Panel Manager, Expert Reference Group, integrated water management, Aurora.
- *KidScape*: Illustrated manual for planning residential environments for children.

MIRVAC FINI AND THE FINI GROUP, PERTH, 1999-2003

- Social design advice for high-density housing development, The Peninsula, Perth, 2002-2003.
- Social design advice for the redevelopment of public housing, Juliet Court, Coolbellup, as part of the *New Living program*, 1999

QUEENSLAND HEALTH, 1999-2001

- Community participation *Methods Manual*, 2001.
- Social planning and community consultation for Supportive Environments for Physical Activity, Queensland (SEPA-Q) Trial in Eagleby, with Danny O'Hare, QUT, 1999-2000.
- *Stories in a Park*, community planning and crime prevention project, with community artist Graeme Dunstan, 2000.
- Spirit of Eagleby Festival, SpeakOut consultation, associated research and management, September 1999.

QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET, 1999-2000

Review of consultation processes across government, with Dr. Patrick Bishop.

SOUTH SYDNEY COUNCIL, 1998-1999

Community participation, social planning and social design for Redfern Community Centre.

KOGARAH CITY COUNCIL, 1998-1999

Community engagement for Moore Reserve Masterplan.

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE VISIONING

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, 2005

Stakeholder Relationships Visioning Workshop, Minto.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING and PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL, 2004

Community visioning workshop and facilitator training, Greater Granville Regeneration Plan.

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE, 2004

Workshop for Community Education Division.

PLANNING NSW, 2003

- Research on international theory, processes and outcomes of community visioning.
- Capacity-building workshop for consultant team regarding visioning theory and practice.

URBAN LAND AUTHORITY, VICTORIA, 1988 to 2001

Design and conduct of community visioning workshops for several consultant teams for major suburban developments.