Queensland
New Urbanism Overview

Most regional state, dispersed population, fast growing, only recently interested in urbanism, not strong on design leadership, innovation
**NEW** Urbanism: Queensland Timeline

**1990** City Image Conference Brisbane  
Integrated Employment Workshop (then DBIRD) Murrain Morris > Albert Corridor DCP Accessible Urban Neighbourhoods, Coomera Town Centre  

**1993** Peter Calthorpe in Brisbane > Integrated Employment Workshop (then DBIRD) Murrain Morris > Albert Corridor DCP Accessible Urban Neighbourhoods, Coomera Town Centre  

**1994** New Urbanism presented in City Hall Kaufman  

**1995** Peter Calthorpe in Brisbane > Integrated Employment Workshop (then DBIRD) Murrain Morris Mentz Higgs > Eggersdorf Rd Workshop Gold Coast new TOD Morris Kaufman > Coomera Charrette Higgs Murrain etal  

**1996** Brisbane to Gold Coast Railway line Federal Government ‘Building Better Cities’ Mixed-Use Primer (then DTSBI) Kemp Morris Kaufman > Seaside Coolum rear lanes mixed-use form-based code Neylan  

**1997** QT ‘Shaping Up’ Guidelines land-use transit integration Kemp et al Sippy Downs Town Centre DCP new regional town centre university integration MSC Walker > Southbank Parklands embraces a provocative urban concept - a street (thanks to Melbourne based urban designers)  

**1998** City Image Conference (reprise) Dover, Kuntsler  

**1999** BDA Inner City Necklace Design Workshop > Kelvin Grove Urban Village First Design Workshop Byrne Hassell+  

**2000** Sippy Downs Town Centre designed > Southbank mixed-use development opens Mirvac  

**2001** BDA ‘gabba Design Workshop  

**2004** Qld Transport EbD’s begin Edmonton QT/Cairns CC/UDAL > Rochedale Urban Community BCC > Redland Bay Retirement Community Petrac Bowers ESD DR > CalTOC design workshop QT/CCC/UDAL  

**2005** SEQ Regional Plan OUM FNQ Regional Plan  

**2006** OUM Design Workshops health care university transit integration  

**2007** Orion opens Main Street based retail centre, Springfield Town Centre > QT North Ormeau Workshop (was Eggersdorf Rd) > Ripley Valley design ICC Roberts Day DPZ Pacific Cardno etal  

**2008** ACNU Brisbane in Kelvin Grove Urban Village

Great Urban Policy and Implementation grunt with Regional Plans and Infrastructure Plans.
Sung to the tune of the twelve days of Christmas...

One the twelfth day of urbanism, Queensland gave to me,

12 Principal Activity centres, 11 major Activity Centres, 10 new railway stations, 9+ 8 LGMS’s, 7 mixed-use precincts, 6 Exemplar TODs, 5 new cities, 4 new railway lines, 3 Urban hospitals, 2 quality busways,

……..and a partridge in a prius (or a SEQ Regional Plan or an ACNU08 conference)
‘The Idea of a Town’
‘Structure & Meaning in Human Settlements’
Joseph Rykwert
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$324m train works begin

FINALLY the Gold Coast will be getting the infrastructure it needs to complement its booming growth. Works are due to start on a major expansion of Varsity Lakes rail station, with $324 million to be spent on the project. The station expansion will boost capacity, allowing significantly more trains to operate on the Gold Coast line.

The $324m works will involve two new tracks, with construction expected to start in the next few months. The expansion will also include a new platform for passengers, improved access for cyclists and pedestrians, and new facilities for station users. The project is expected to be completed within three years, providing a significant boost to regional transport infrastructure.

The Gold Coast Bulletin, Wednesday, July 11, 2007
Edmonton Town Centre, Cairns
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Sippy Downs Town Centre, Sunshine Coast for MSC
Gold Coast Hospital Planning Study

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Gold Coast Hospital Planning Study for OUM
Springfield Health City SLC

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Subtropical Design is..

An unselfconscious outcome of doing other things well

Good (or sustainable design) in a subtropical place?

and/or

something that directs actions in a cultural context (landscape)

What we want or understand it to be, the way we choose to live

….that captures our imagination
Which one is the Australian Flag??

The Australian Flag is the flag because we agree that it is. AusFlag ideas for a new Australian Flag
Jacaranda
distinctive Brisbane tree in Grafton, Santa Monica, San Diego??
Good Subtropical Design??
correct orientation for every dwelling, small footprints, openness, strong relationship to
landscape, touching the earth lightly?? But is it urban?

Trailer Court, Gulfport, Louisiana

I am an orientation and dirt nazi’ Peter Skinner c2006
Can we define subtropical by how it is different to other climate types?
The Subtropical Neighbourhood: Introduction

This document describes eight principles that can create an appropriate neighbourhood design for a subtropical location. Each could be considered an example of good design that could be applied anywhere but these principles have particular relevance in a subtropical place. They are:

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood is a Neighbourhood**
  the forming of residential subdivisions as neighbourhoods

- **Subtropical Neighbourhoods aggregate to form a Subtropical Town and City**
  the role of neighbourhoods in the overall structure of the city

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood has a distinctive relationship to its site and landscape**
  the role of the landscape form and its relationship to neighbourhood design

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood is characterised by its parks and open spaces**
  the importance of vegetated open spaces

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood has Subtropical Streetscapes**
  the qualities of streets for comfort, safety and richness of experience

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood creates sites for Subtropical Buildings**
  the importance of orientation for subsequent design of buildings

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood has a Subtropical Landscape and allows one to grow**
  the importance of the landscaped setting

- **The Subtropical Neighbourhood has walkable journeys that are legible, memorable and comfortable.**
  the development of subtropical journeys as a basis for walkability

Each is now described in turn.
Transit Oriented Development and Development Oriented Transit

Timing of transit in development cycle

Dominance of single use retail centres, especially in regional areas where basements can’t be afforded

Urban public architecture, hospitals, universities (evidence based research for a ‘park-like setting’)

Queensland Streets does not encourage urban neighbourhoods and towns

Achieving good medium density, (not in apartments or walled group title developments)

role of government (amalgamated councils, UDLA, etc)

What is the nature of our (urban) place in a subtropical and tropical region
Queensland has the ability (and responsibility) to show leadership and innovation to achieve a more sustainable, urban future

Getting centres to work and to provide integrated mixed-use places of enduring urban quality with great public transport

The principles of New Urbanism can help us create this future

........are we up for it???
Is New Urbanism a brand??
All I want for Christmas is Fine Grained URBANISM