

HENRY HALLORAN RESEARCH TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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OVERVIEW

After successfully leading the Henry Halloran Research Trust since the Trust's inception in 2013, Professor Peter Phibbs stepped down from his role. During his distinguished tenure as Director, Peter worked tirelessly to build a strong research and events program and establish the Trust as a trusted voice on issues of urban and regional planning and policy.

In March 2021, Professor Nicole Gurran was appointed the new Director. Nicole has a long association with the Trust, as a leading urban housing scholar who led the Trust's first research incubator – the Urban Housing Lab. In line with Board recommendations, the Trust engaged its first Communications and Programs Officer to work with Nicole on raising the Trust's profile and expanding the scope and impact of its research programs.

While there were hopes that 2021 would bring more certainty, the pandemic and extreme weather events continued to cause disruptions. The Henry Halloran Trust adapted to the ongoing uncertainties and remote working directives. And the Festival of Urbanism in September once again pivoted to fully online events.

The series of panels for the 8th Festival of Urbanism focussed on the theme "Endangered" as cities and regions in Australia and across the world experienced existential threats – from the global pandemic to social division, economic turmoil, and deepening climate risk. For the first time the festival included a short film course for students at Monash University and the University of Sydney and the opportunity to enter short films in a Festival of Urbanism film competition. While the online format limited networking opportunities, it did mean that the Festival was able to attract a broader and more diverse audience in Australia and internationally. Following the Festival, the 2021 Festival of Urbanism Review was released including a number of papers, accounts, and images representing just a sample of the diverse perspectives shared at this year's Festival of Urbanism.

In December, the Trust launched a suite of 2022 Research Grants, introducing two new grant opportunities: the Research Publication and Seminar Scheme and the Post Doctorate Research Translation Scheme. These programs, together with the existing Practitioner-in-Residence Program and the Research Incubator, will continue to inform innovative and sustainable urban and regional planning priorities.

In 2022, the Trust looks forward to introducing a new 2022– 2027 Strategic Plan to outline the strategic priorities, research agenda and how the Trust will achieve its aims over the next five years.



ABOUT THE TRUST

The Henry Halloran Trust was established in 2013 through the generous gift of Warren Halloran, and honours his father, Henry, an active advocate for town planning in the first half of the 20th century. Henry introduced and implemented new concepts of town planning in the many settlements he established as part of his contribution to nation building.

Henry was a surveyor, valuer, engineer and town planner as well as a flamboyant and dynamic real estate developer who promoted and created new settlements throughout coastal NSW. One of his lasting successes was the development in 1905 of the Seaforth Estate, a waterside suburb on Sydney's Middle Harbour. His other well-known settlements include at Avoca on the NSW Central Coast, Stanwell Park and Jervis Bay on the South Coast.

The Trust aims to become a leading voice and advocate for the advancement of liveable cities, thriving urban communities, regional planning and sustainable development with the following objectives:

- To promote collaborative cross-disciplinary engagement of local and international scholars, practitioners, and industry and government partners in leading-edge research in innovative approaches to urban and regional policy, land and natural resources management, planning and development issues.
- To support scholarly research into critical policy issues relevant to current practice in Australian and international urban and regional land management, encouraging the development of innovative approaches to the management of land and natural resources.
- To support academic, professional and public debate through public lectures and the publication of research that can beneficially transform current practice and encourage inspirational thinking about how to better manage urban and regional development.
- To promote an interdisciplinary international network of leading scholars and practitioners who will assist and advise the Director of the Trust in identifying critical issues and on priorities for research.

More projects can be found on the [Henry Halloran Research Trust website](#).



The Henry Halloran Trust Research Incubator

Research incubators are the Trust's flagship research programs, supporting highly qualified multi-disciplinary teams develop and disseminate a program of research around key urban problems. Since 2015, the Trust has supported four Incubator programs.

The 2020–2023 Infrastructure Governance Incubator takes a comprehensive approach to the challenges of infrastructure planning and provision at a time of unprecedented social, environmental, economic, and public health challenges facing Australian cities. It aims to develop an integrated infrastructure governance framework for Australian contexts, seeking better alignment between strategic planning and project delivery – in terms of visioning and policy formulation, funding, and public legitimacy – to create more inclusive and deliberative processes and frameworks enabling advocacy for, and delivery of, fairer, more just and sustainable cities and regions.

The project is led by Associate Professor Tooran Alizadeh at the University of Sydney, alongside investigators Associate Professor Glen Searle (the University of Sydney), Associate Professor Liton Kamruzzaman (Monash University), and Associate Professor Crystal Legacy (the University of Melbourne). The project is also supported by Postdoctoral Fellow Rebecca Clements (the University of Sydney).



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Festival of Endangered Urbanism

The 2021 festival theme of 'endangered' urbanism engaged with the existential threats facing cities and regions in Australia and across the world – from the global pandemic to social division, economic turmoil, and deepening climate risk. But it also highlighted the strategies of resistance and innovation by which communities, policy leaders, practitioners and researchers can and are responding to these dangers.

Due to the COVID restrictions, all 22 diverse events coming out of the University of Sydney and Monash University were all held online. Over 85 experts led conversations, with record registrations numbers.

From Indigenous perspectives on country to the future of urbanism; from public health in cities to the flight to the regions; and from infrastructure governance to ethics in urban decisions; the two-week Festival featured 22 diverse events and 85 speakers across online events.

Researchers from the Universities of Sydney, Monash, Melbourne, Western Australia, NSW, RMIT, Harvard and more were joined by industry leaders, policy makers, politicians and community advocates, debating the spatial logic of Australia's cities, disrupted by public health concerns, new patterns of working, and the ongoing housing crisis. Festival audiences were invited to experience an extraordinary smoking ceremony filmed on Bundjalung country in Northern NSW before engaging with a rich conversation on the need to transform planning, environmental and cultural heritage processes in ways that genuinely respect and foreground Indigenous knowledge, stewardship and land.

A panel of leading international urbanists, from North America to Australia, discussed the lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for future city planning and urban life. The NSW Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Dr Rob Stokes MP shared his own reflections on the future of Australian cities and the role of planning, informed both by his professional and public roles as well as his research experience most recently at the University of Oxford.



Among the many other Festival highlights, the Trust was delighted this year to establish a student film competition which yielded numerous, creative and thought-provoking entries exploring endangered urban environments and communities. We also launched the Festival of Urbanism book club podcast series on City Road Pod, curated by Dr Dallas Rogers and featuring a diverse collection of fiction, essays, and non-fiction books by Australian and international authors and launched the Festival of Urbanism Review, highlighting the need for ongoing research informed dialogue about the future of the city and the quality of urban policy and debate.

The Festival program attracted more than 5,000 registrations and strong audience participation. The Henry Halloran Research Trust would like to thank our Festival audiences for bringing their own insights and perspectives to the discussion. The Trust would also like to thank the speakers and panel chairs, the Festival curatorial committee of Drs Dallas Rogers, Sophia Maalsen and Jennifer Kent, as well as the expert technical and communications team at the School of Architecture Design and Planning.



Advisory Board

Emeritus Professor Tong Wu

Professor Wu is an urban planner with specialities in regional development strategies, urban dynamics and impacts of migration on urban development. His work includes collaborations in China, South Korea and other South-East Asian countries. He was previously the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development and International) at UWS. Previous appointments include Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment at the University of New South Wales and various academic appointments at QUT, University of Sydney, University of Hawaii and the University of Singapore.

Professor Peter Phibbs, Director (until March 2021)

Peter Phibbs is a geographer, planner and social economist with extensive experience in program evaluation, financial analysis and cost benefit analysis. He has over twenty years' experience undertaking housing research.

Professor Nicole Gurrán (commenced March 2021)

Nicole Gurrán is an urban planner and policy analyst whose research focuses on comparative urban planning systems and approaches to housing and ecological sustainability. She has led and collaborated on a series of research projects on aspects of urban policy, housing, sustainability and planning, funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC), the Australian Urban and Housing Research Institute (AHURI), as well as state and local government.

Dr Gary Cox

Dr Gary Cox is a public sector expert with wide experience in the UK and Australia. He is an economist, policy analyst and a chartered urban and regional planner. He excels at managing complex policy negotiations with multiple government and non-government stakeholders. Dr Cox has a broad academic background encompassing environmental policy, economics, international development, urban regional planning and international environmental law.

Dr Deborah Dearing

Dr Deborah Dearing has over 25 years experience across all planning and design aspects of urban development including the delivery of large-scale urban communities. She has extensive experience across both private and public sectors in Australia and overseas.

Professor Roland Fletcher

Roland Fletcher completed his undergraduate degree and his PhD at Cambridge University (UK) in the 1970s. He joined the staff of the University of Sydney in 1976 and is a member of the Department of Archaeology in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry. In 2007 he was a Distinguished Fellow in Durham University at the Institute of Advanced Study. He became Professor of Theoretical and World Archaeology at the University of Sydney in 2008.

Glenn Grimshaw

Glenn currently works at the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC, where he focuses on domestic and international climate, energy, infrastructure and trade policy issues. Prior to working at the Embassy, Glenn served as Associate Director at the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet and Principal Advisor at NSW Treasury where he worked on a range of urban policy and planning issues, including metropolitan planning, planning reform, housing and infrastructure financing. Glenn has a Bachelor's degree in economics from Macquarie University, a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Sydney and a Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.

Ms Jill Hannaford

Jill is a social scientist and passionate about diversity. She has worked in community and stakeholder engagement and social sustainability for over 25 years. She was a founding member of the International Association for Public Participation, and a founding partner of CareerTrackers, an indigenous internship program that promotes and enables diversity at GHD and in the industry sectors in which we work. Jill has also been a key driver in GHD's award winning approach to diversity in the workplace.

Martin Payne

Martin Payne is now an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Faculty. He teaches in the graduate planning and the undergraduate architecture programmes. Martin has extensive consulting experience on matters relating to urban development. Urban policy analysis, and related argumentation are central to his research interests.

Professor Susan Thompson

Susan Thompson is Professor of Planning in the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. Susan's planning career has its foundations in local and state public sector planning practice. Her academic career encompasses both research and teaching in social and cultural planning, qualitative research methodologies and healthy built environments. Susan was a pioneer in the development of healthy planning in Australia from an urban planning perspective, contributing to research, education and advocacy for health supportive environments.

Honorary Associate Professor John Toon

Honorary Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning John Toon, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University from 1960–2005, has been an adviser to Warren Halloran for many years, working on a number of projects for his company Realty Realizations. These projects included the master plan for Jerrabomberra, a suburb of Queanbeyan, and plans for Vincentia and other settlements in the Jervis Bay region.

Researchers and Visiting Scholars

Dr Cameron Murray

Research Fellow

Dr Murray is a Research Fellow in the Henry Halloran Trust at The University of Sydney. His expertise covers housing and property markets, public finance, resource and environmental economics, and corruption. He is co-author of the popular book on Australia political favouritism, *Game of Mates: How favours bleed the nation*.

Dr Josh Ryan-Collins

Dr Ryan-Collins is Head of Research at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, University College London. Before joining IIPP, Josh was Senior Economist at the New Economics Foundation, one of the UK's leading think tanks.

Josh is the author of two co-authored books: *Where Does Money Come From?* and *Rethinking the Economics of Land and Housing* which was featured in the Financial Times's economics editor Martin Wolf's top summer reads of 2017. His new book *Why can't you afford a home* will be released in Australia in November this year.

Halvard Dalheim

Halvard has over three decades of experience covering state and local government and the private sector, including the NSW and Victorian state governments planning departments, the Greater Sydney Commission, the City of Casey, Ratio Consultants and Wolinski Planners. After 14 years as an executive in state government, across two jurisdictions, Halvard has established his own consultancy, with a focus on executive leadership in city planning. Halvard sees this new role as a natural progression from a decade of leading metropolitan plans across Sydney and Melbourne. Most recently he led the delivery of the Greater Sydney Region Plan. Halvard also has had extensive experience in spatial planning including regional plans, growth area plans for new communities and town centre plans across NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Greg Withers

Greg Withers has more than 30 years' experience in the development and implementation of public policy. He has worked extensively across the public sector including in many policy leadership positions and in different jurisdictions including Qld and NSW. Greg has also worked in significant roles in the not for profit, academic, trade union and private sectors. He has central agency and intergovernmental experience across policy program and research areas in climate change, transport, local government, housing, rural and regional policy and arts and culture.

Income and Expenditure Statement 2021
Fiscal Year: 2021 Time Period

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Investment Income	582,297	612,198
Other Revenue	(258,878)	(148,000)
Total Revenue	323,419	464,198
Expenditure		
Salaries (Employee Benefits)		
Academic Employee Benefits	171,751	209,993
Academic Salary Costs	164,142	209,993
Part Time Teaching Costs	7,609	
Non-Academic Employee Benefits	57,846	49,638
General Salary Costs		37,651
Casual Salary Costs	57,046	11,987
Overtime Costs	800	
Annual Leave	1,122	(1,683)
Total Salaries (Employee Benefits)	230,719	257,948
Non Salaries		
Employee Related Costs	7,754	129
Consumables	195	(8)
Repairs and Maintenance		123
Equip Purchases & Lease <\$10,000	3,118	(28)
Utilities, Services and Comms	1,940	801
Consultants and Contractors	84,752	40,387
Insurance, Legal, Motor, Admin	4,524	6,652
Scholarships & Prizes	3,509	11,289
Student, Printing, Library	2,163	8,401
Commercial Business Expenses		131
Total Non Salaries	107,955	67,876
Total Expenses	338,674	325,824
Operating Margin	(15,254)	138,374
<i>Operating Margin % Revenue</i>	(4.7)%	29.8%
Net Operating Margin	(15,254)	138,374
<i>Net Operating Margin % Total Revenue</i>	(4.7)%	29.8%
Net Financial Performance	(15,254)	138,374
<i>Operating Accum Funds C/Fwd</i>	112,198	96,944
Closing Balance	96,944	235,318

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