



## **A Charles Sturt University Initiative**

Curriculum Development on Environment Sustainability in Social Work  
15-16 JANUARY 2013 -----9.00am to 4.30 pm

### **Hosted by Griffith University**

At their South Bank Campus Venue:  
Building S02 - Webb centre, Room 6.38 (Map attached)

#### **Target group**

Academics from the Schools of Social Work- Australia

#### **Goals of the conference**

This is the first major national exercise of addressing curriculum development needs in the area of sustainability and environmentalism and social work.

The conference has two main objectives

1. To provide an opportunity to recognise the emerging environmental consciousness and its contribution to deepening the social work environmental focus
2. To clearly identify the values on which a new paradigm in social work may be developed.

#### **Intended outcomes of the conference**

The proposed outcomes of this small conference of academics and industry representatives include:

1. Articulation of the interface between social work and environmental issues
2. Sub groups to form for development of the curriculum in consultation with AASW

#### **Importance of this Initiative:**

One of the expected outcomes of this conference is to develop a small groups of concerned academics to develop major proposals that are not restricted to:  
Development of Australian literature in Social Work and Sustainability;  
Preparation of the Curriculum for AASW approval; Preparation of OLTS

application; Preparation of select review of literature in relation to the subject content of the conference

- Faculty from Schools of Social Work in Australia
- Association of Schools of Social Work in Australia
- Australian Association of Social Workers- key professional body will be invited at appropriate stages of the development of these initiatives.

#### **Background of the Convenors**

Co- Convenor Associate Professor Jennifer McKinnon's doctoral dissertation is on Environmental issues in social work and her contributions are very widely known in this area. Jennifer will play a key role in the conference. Associate Professor Jennifer McKinnon has just returned from Stockholm IFSW conference where she has initiated a social work ecology sustainability research network.

The principal convenor Venkat Pulla has proposed this National Workshop for 2 days that would bring social work academics and representatives to work on curriculum needs of social work in relation to the key areas of sustainability in social work and a series of activities after. Venkat Pulla has recently initiated an 'Asian researchers in social work and environment', which will be bringing out a Colloquium in South Asia in 2013 and will bring a compendium of environmental case studies in Asia. This is being done in conjunction with Sahabat Alam - Malaysia, Friends of the Earth, and Malaysian Schools of Social Work. The preparatory meeting took place in November 2013 in Penang.

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15 <sup>th</sup> January Session 1	9:15 AM – 11:00	Welcome Welcome: Purpose and introductions Including short reviews of what is happening in the respective schools of social work Agenda setting for the 2 days	Venkat Pulla and Professor Lesley Chenoweth Griffith University	Professor Lesley Chenoweth will also talk to us about the process and requirements for external teaching and Learning grants
	11:00: 11: 30	Morning Tea		
Session 2	11:30 -12:15PM  12:15 – 1:00 PM	Practitioner perspective: what skills we are looking for? Desley Hargreaves, Department of Human Services, Canberra  Input from a curriculum expert From curriculum to blended learning: options – central websites, cross student cross institutional boards? Dr Ganeshan, Griffith Health School		
Lunch	1:00 – 1:45 PM			
Session 3	1: 45 – 3:00 PM	Review of Social Work course and Curriculum so far		

		Jennifer McKinnon		
Afternoon tea	3:00 -3:15 PM			
Session 4	3:15- 4:00 PM	The scoping exercise a way out Purpose and Vision Venkat Pulla  <b>What does it take to do this?</b>		Looking for co-facilitators? Griffith, ECU? WA? Monash?
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16 <sup>th</sup> January Session 1	9:30 AM – 11:00	Experience so far with innovation and development		In other than AASW practice thrusts
Session -2	11:30: 12:30	Development of field practice Issues: How do we go about this? What may be required?		Field practice leaders get together
Lunch	1:00-1:30 PM			
Session -3	1:30 – 3:00 PM	Where to from here?		Books, literature writing projects
Afternoon tea	3:00 -3:15 PM			
Session -4	3;15-4:30 PM	Sub committees Time lines and delivery schedules		AASW curriculum approvals New courses field practice

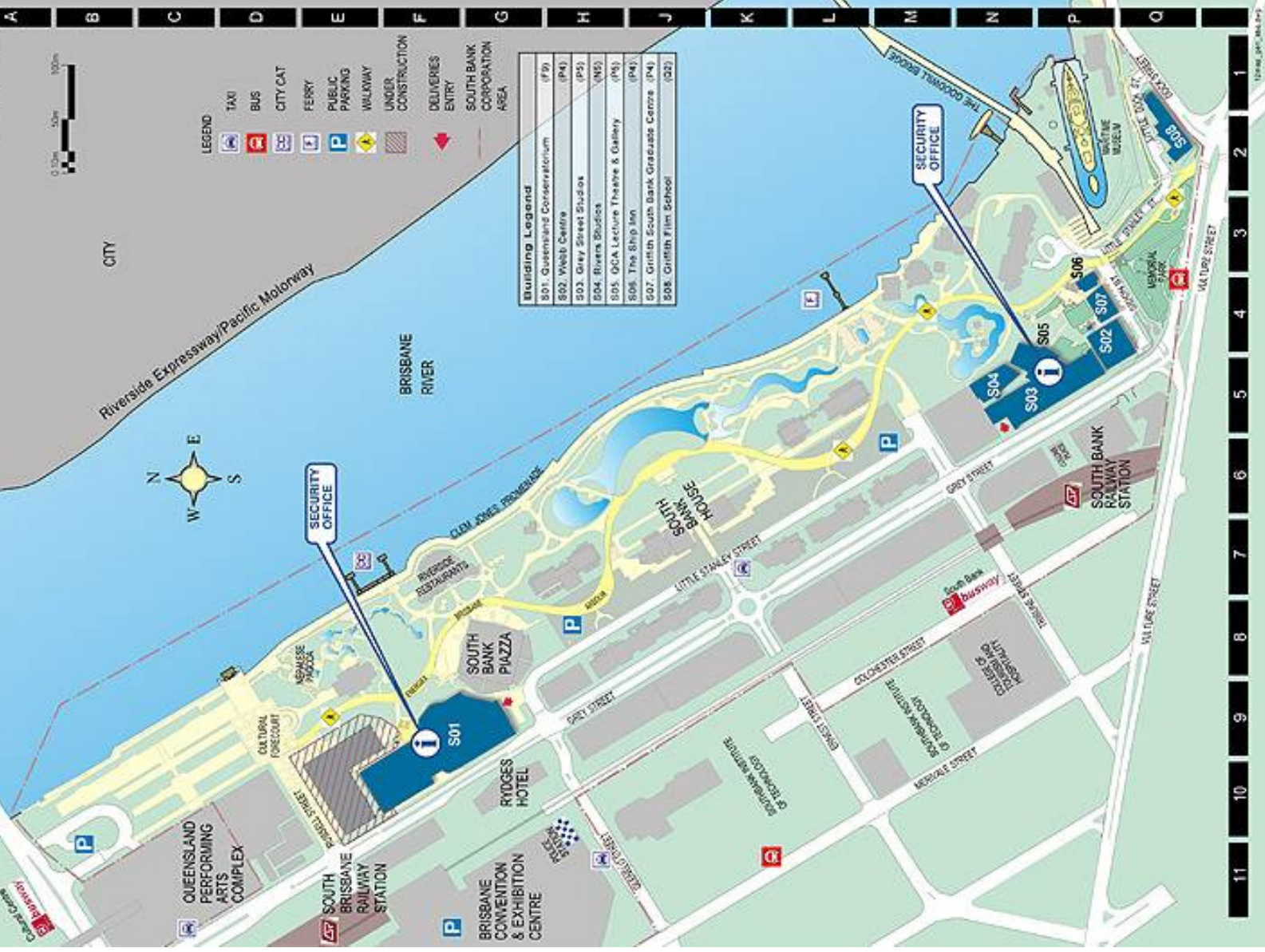
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# South Bank campus

General site map

current @ January 2012



- LEGEND**
- TAXI
  - BUS
  - CITY CAT
  - FERRY
  - PUBLIC PARKING
  - WALKWAY
  - UNDER CONSTRUCTION
  - DELIVERIES ENTRY
  - SOUTH BANK CORPORATION AREA

Building Legend	
S01. Queensland Conservatorium	(F9)
S02. Webb Centre	(P4)
S03. Grey Street Studios	(P5)
S04. Rivers Studios	(W5)
S05. OCA Lecture Theatre & Gallery	(P4)
S06. The Ship Inn	(P4)
S07. Griffith South Bank Graduate Centre	(P4)
S08. Griffith Film School	(G2)