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Expert Town Planning Witness Course and Mock Trial

The Branch recently conducted an expert witness **training course** in conjunction with **P&E Law**. The training course provided a unique opportunity for participants to **perform the role of an expert town planning witness**, in a mock Planning & Environment (P&E) Court appeal. As part of the course the candidates participated in an expert witness meeting and Court mediation, prepared a Court report and gave evidence at a mock trial. The participants were guided through the process by local solicitors, barristers and expert planning witnesses. Although demanding the course was enjoyed by all the participants who gained invaluable first hand experience of the appeal process.

Student Welcome – Sunshine Coast University

On 11 March 2009, the Branch held its second annual **'Welcome Function' for students at the University of the Sunshine Coast**. The event was a great success with many students attending together with some key industry professionals. Thanks to **GHD**, our sponsor, for providing 'goody bags' for the students! **Colleen Keegan**, winner of the PIA & Outdoor Media Association (OMA) scholarship, gave an inspirational speech about her journey so far and her future travels. An announcement was made detailing the PIA Sunshine Coast Branch **scholarship** for a PIA Student Planner to attend this year's PIA State Conference (held in Brisbane in November 2009). Entries for the scholarship close on Friday 28 August 2009, so get in now to avoid disappointment!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sustainable House PIA Networking Event – Noosa

Come and join us on **Thursday 9 July**, to explore ... **Stockland's** showcase display home at Doonella, Noosa that presents *"a new world of sustainable design for a sustainable future, with innovative ideas in energy efficiency, home safety and easy to use features"*.

The home showcases how sustainability focused design can create a comfortable, functional and sustainable home. We hope you can join us for this **mid year social function**. Numbers are limited so make sure you register soon.



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