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The Sunshine Coast Planners Newsletter

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Seminar: Contrasts in Master Planning approaches – Have we got it wrong?

Speaker: Mr Bruce Harper – General Manager (Queensland) Investa

We may have all come across (or are yet to) Master Planning for communities. Mr Bruce Harper from Investa presented two interesting case studies, comparing the challenges, opportunities and potential outcomes of Mawson Lakes (SA) and the Palmview (Qld) Structure Plan at our recent seminar held at the Sunshine Coast University on Tuesday evening, 31st May.

After an enjoyable seminar and great turnout, many were left to think and discuss the challenges and opportunities Master Planning presents. Some interesting points included:

- 'Less is more' in planning codes and plans
- 'Collaborative relationships are the key' particularly between private industry, Council and State Government
- 'Innovation is evolutionary, not revolutionary' –bringing new ideas to the community rather than 'dragging communities along'.

Thank you Bruce for an enjoyable presentation which got us all thinking!

Thank you to our sponsor for this event



Our Upcoming Events

Make a note in your diary for:

- **1 July 2011** Celebrate the New Financial Year with us at the Solbar Maroochydore ([details below](#)).
- **September / October 2011** Surprise CPD Event!
- **25 November 2011** AGM and Christmas Party

Sunshine Coast Branch Welcome Function at USC

The Sunshine Coast Branch held its annual welcome function, kindly sponsored by Goodwin Midson, at the University of the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday evening, 23rd March. The function proved a rousing success with a total of 48 people, consisting of students, lecturers, and planning professionals in attendance.

Entertaining and informative presentations were provided by Paul Gleeson (Sunshine Coast Council Coordinator Master Planned Communities) and Mark Farrell (RPS Group, Sunshine Coast General Manager) who spoke about the highlights and challenges of their careers.

At the close of a successful evening, student attendees were provided with a carry bag of material donated by PIA and Goodwin Midson highlighting the many possibilities available to those within the planning industry.



Guest speakers: Mark Farrell (RPS Group, Sunshine Coast General Manager and Paul Gleeson (Sunshine Coast Council Coordinator Master Planned Communities)

New Financial Year (NFY) Social Event

What: Celebrate the NFY with drinks and canapés

When: Friday 1 July 2011, 6-8 pm

Where: Solbar on 19 Ocean St, Maroochydore

Cost: \$30 per person

Register: Visit the PIA Website

<http://www.planning.org.au/events/event/new-financial-year-nfy-social-event>

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