ABOUT US

What We Do

Established in 1996, the City Plan group of companies provides a multi-discipline consultancy incorporating professionals from the fields of building surveying and accredited certification, accessibility and heritage. Our level of integration is unique in authority approvals consultancies because we understand the process as a continuum, while many authorities and clients only deal with a slice of this multi–faceted process. Working collaboratively allows us to think beyond our clients brief.

Our charter is to map a clear path through a complex statutory environment to negotiate positive solutions for our clients. Through our strategic approach we facilitate land use change, unlocking value through providing innovative solutions within the existing frameworks controlling land-use, building and public domain design. The development process involves many steps requiring both technical skill and knowledge of the planning, design and building process.

From our offices in Sydney, and the Gold Coast we are able to provide our clients with specialist advice applicable to the local area. In addition to this we are fully prequalified to provide heritage services to the NSW Government under the NSW Government *Contingent Workforce Scheme* (SCM0007), *Built Heritage Conservation Consultants* (SCM3831), *Prequalification Scheme for Consultants in Construction* (SCM1191) and we are an approved supplier under the *Local Government Procurement Panel* (LGP). City Plan Heritage has also been appointed to the *Defence Infrastructure Panel - Environment, Heritage and Estate Engineering 2020 - 2025 (AZ6179)* for the provision of services in the category of Historic Heritage to the Commonwealth Government.

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

City Plan can provide the following specialist services:

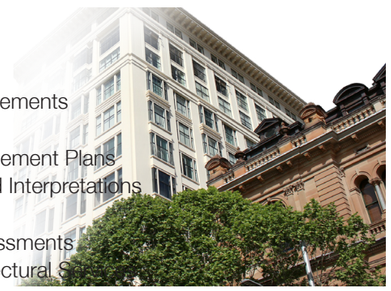
BUILDING

- Building Assessment and Certification
- Subdivision and Strata Certification
- Building Audits and BCA Compliance Advice
- Annual Fire Safety Statements

ACCESSIBILITY

- Access for People With Disabilities Assessments
- Reports and Advice
- Accessibility Audits
- Preparation of Performance Solutions

HERITAGE



- Heritage Impact Statements and Assessments
- Conservation Management Plans
- Heritage Studies and Interpretations
- Archival Recordings
- Archaeological Assessments
- Conservation Architectural S

EXPERT EVIDENCE

- Expert Evidence
- Court Matters
- Forensic Inspections
- Peer Reviews

City Plan's in-house technical experts work collaboratively and can organise for the streamlined provision of Heritage Assessment & Advice, Building Regulations Compliance Advice and Accessibility Services.

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OUR PEOPLE

Introducing the Senior Team

Building

Brendan Bennett - Managing Director
Brendan is Managing Director of the City Plan Services group of companies and leads the building regulation team. He offers experience and expertise in all facets of regulatory control. With over 18 years experience at senior levels in both Local Government & the private sector, Brendan has unrestricted registration in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria & the ACT allowing him to offer extensive experience & expertise in building regulations, certification & compliance matters across all classes of building developments.

Chris Michaels - Executive Director, Building
Chris has over 20 years experience in building regulations as an unrestricted registered building surveyor in both Local Government and the private sector. He has been involved in a large variety of developments including commercial, industrial, domestic, educational & health care buildings. He has also worked on developments where the use of alternative solutions to meet the performance requirements of the BCA has been necessary, involving negotiations with local authorities and the NSW Fire Brigades to facilitate necessary construction approvals.

Bill Nettleton, Associate
With over 35 years of industry experience including senior levels in local government and private certification, Bill offers extensive experience and expertise in all facets of planning and building regulations, certification, and fire safety engineering across all classes
of building developments.

Heritage

Kerime Danis - Director, Heritage
Trained as an architect & heritage consultant with over 40 years experience in heritage conservation & architecture both here and in the Turkish Republic, Kerime leads our Heritage team, working with a range of public & private sector clients & is actively involved in the development of sound conservation philosophy, practice & guidelines for NSW & Australia. She has demonstrated management skills in multi-disciplinary projects and offers extensive experience and expertise in all aspects of Heritage conservation and advice.

Carole-Lynne Kerrigan
Carole-Lynne has extensive experience working within a multi-disciplinary environment on a wide range of cultural heritage projects within Australia and internationally including: residential, commercial, educational, ecclesiastical and state funded initiatives. Her experience includes providing and employing best practice conservation techniques and methodologies while working alongside project teams to ensure all heritage deliverables are compliant with set guidelines.

Access

Ranjith Arachchige, Senior Access Consultant
Ranjith is a highly skilled and well established architect and access consultant with 26 years in architecture and over 5 years in access consultancy in Australia, Sri Lanka, and the Sultanate of Oman. His expertise in Australian access regulations and standards ensures he provides pragmatic advice with an understanding of the potential impact on design. Ranjith is involved in developments across all sectors, from concept to completion, and has a special interest in inclusive design, housing for seniors and people with disabilities and accessibility master-planning.

How we can help you

OUR SERVICES

Building & Accessibility

Our established team specialises in providing the highest level of consultancy services for a full range of developments including: residential, retail, commercial, mixed used, health and aged care, educational and government projects, and land development across all states within Australia. Our involvement often continues throughout a project, beginning with the design and development phase where we provide advice on compliance issues assisting with design solutions, through the assessment of the necessary approvals documentation for building certification sign off and liaison with referral authorities on issues relating to building approval.

As a team of building surveyors we understand and interpret building law. With our multi-discipline team we offer a comprehensive integrated service that is unique within the industry and delivers value adding to clients, capitalising on professional expertise providing input into the design, planning and functionality of buildings. Our skills are in building legislation, technical codes and construction standards, detecting and diagnosing problems with design issues, construction techniques and materials and site inspection processes. We also provide building regulation advice, building audits, due diligence reports, access reports and fire safety upgrade audits. Our ability to provide clients with integrated specialist advice is both time-saving and cost effective.

Our services include:

Building Codes Assessment:
- Assessment of design documentation
- Compliance inspections during construction
- Compliance reports

Principal Certifier Role:
- Inspection regimes
- Compliance management
- Occupation Certificates

Private Certification (Building & Subdivision Works):
- Construction Certificates
- Complying Development Certificates
- Compliance Certificates
- Crown Building Works Certificates
- Construction Certificates for subdivision works
- Subdivision Certificates
- Strata Certificates

Maintenance of Fire Safety Measures:
- Annual Fire Safety Statement lodgement
- Contractor administration for maintenance
- Review of and compliance advice on Fire Safety Schedules

Fire Safety Engineering:
- Input into Fire Engineering Briefs as certifying authority stakeholder
- Identification of design initiatives
- Referral Authority liaison and process management
- Preparation of Alternative Solutions

Access for People With Disabilities:
- Code Compliance assessment
- Premises Standard compliance reports
- Justifications and practical design solution advice

Forensic Inspections:
- Building Compliance Audits
- Building Compliance defects inspections
- Fire Safety Upgrade Strategies
- Consent Authority liaison and process management

Heritage

City Plan Heritage was established within the City Plan Group in 2000. By offering professional heritage consultancy services within the infrastructure of a large mulitdisciplinary firm rather than being aligned to an architectural practice, City Plan Heritage can provide its clients truly independent advice. From large-scale developments to small residential extensions, empathy and respect for the work of the designers, architects and other specialists is assured, as is work quality and value. Our work assists a range of clients with decision making and approvals, demonstrating our commitment to meet the current statutory and philosophical standards. We offer the full range of independent heritage assessment & advice, collection care & management services available by virtue of the extensive breadth, skill & experience of our staff.

Our team is skilled in the disciplines of heritage conservation and management, bringing together a unique combination of experience, qualification and practise in architecture, archaeology, heritage conservation and interpretation. We are often involved from the earliest design stage of a proposal in order to provide the best technical and management advice for all heritage issues. Our principals are involved in the making of heritage legislation and principles at government, non-government organisations and institutional levels.

Our services include:

Heritage Impact Statements and Heritage Assessments:
- Design advice to ensure the best outcome for a site's heritage significance
- Heritage Significance Assessment of a site based on documentary evidence
- Assessment of the proposed works and of any impact on heritage issues against the relevant heritage planning provisions and in accordance with best practice heritage guidelines
- Assessment of significance of a place having regard to the documentary and physical 'evidence' and in accordance with the NSW Heritage Assessment criteria
- Opportunities and constraints to inform the management of heritage assets

Conservation Management Plans, Heritage Studies and Archival Recording:
- Written conservation management document to advise owners on why an item is significant & how its value can be conserved while ensuring future viability.
- Understanding of the heritage character and values of a local government area or parts of the area to inform strategic planning undertaken by the relevant council
- Undertaking expert photography and compiling digital and hard copy reports in accordance with the NSW Heritage Office guidelines

Aboriginal & Historical Archaeological Assessments & Services:
- Provision of research, field assessment, heritage management, planning and archaeological field services of Aboriginal and historic period sites.
- Traditional Owner engagement and relationship management.

Development Assessments, Peer Reviews and Expert Witness:
- Provision of independent heritage advice to assist councils' in their assessment of heritage related DAs or a second opinion on council's own assessment
- Expert witness in the Land and Environment Court (NSW)

Collection Services:
- Significance assessments
- Collection management, cataloguing & research
- Exhibition research & curating, and Public Program Development
- Disaster Preparedness

Heritage Interpretation and Conservation Architect Services:
- Communicating the history and story of the place via a series of graphic panels, guided walks and displays guided by Interpretation Strategies and Plans
- Specialist technical advice before and during construction and provision of sign-off for occupation certificates

ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIAN CERTIFIERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

AUSTRALIA ICOMOS International Council on Monuments and Sites

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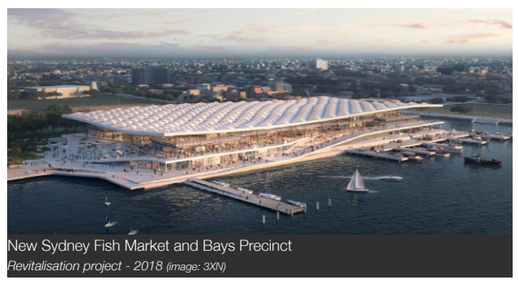
A Sample of Recent Projects

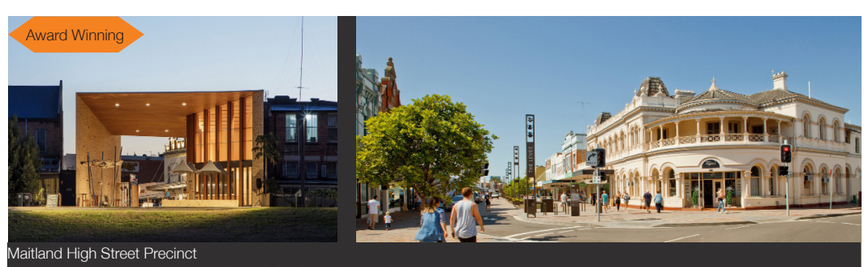
OUR PROJECTS



New Sydney Fish Market and Bays Precinct
Revitalisation project - 2018 (image: 3XN)

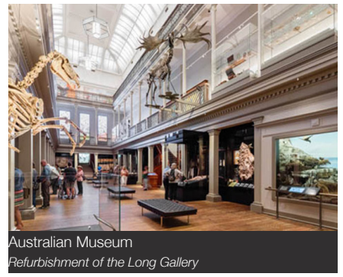
QT Hotel (Formerly David Jones Building), Newcastle
Adaptive reuse and Conservation Works 2017-2022 (images: City Plan & Iris Capital)

'Bara' Monument of the Eora, Sydney
Aborignal Heritage - 2017-2022



Maitland High Street Precinct
Revitalisation and renewal for the High Street & Riverfront of Historic Maitland - 2013 (image: McGregor Coxall)

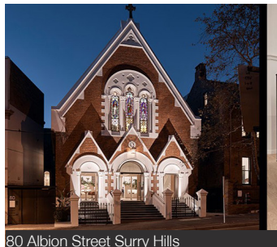
Newcastle East End Precinct Stage 1
Revitalisation of Newcastle East End, adaptive reuse of historic buildings (image: Iris Capital)

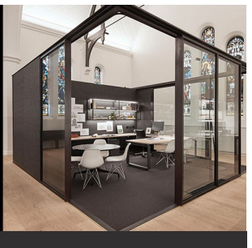


Australian Museum
Refurbishment of the Long Gallery

Industrial Warehouse Buildings (City of Sydney)
Heritage Study - 2014

Shepherd Hill Defence Group
Conservation Management Plan and Schedule of Conservation Works - 2016





80 Albion Street Surry Hills
Restoration & adaptive re-use of historic church (images: Albion Studios)

Gardener's Lodge, Victoria Park
Adaptive reuse and restoration - 2013

El Alamein Memorial Fountain, Kings Cross
Repair, conservation and restoration works - 2013

Carlton United Brewery Redevelopment
Revitalisation of the precinct, adaptive reuse