



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Urban Design
- Master Planning
- Micro Planning
- Concept Planning and Structure Development
- Strategic land use planning analysis
- Multi-disciplinary planning reports
- Specialist planning technical studies
- Site development and design guidelines

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Architecture (Honours First Class)**, University of Queensland 1966;
- Awarded the **RAIA Queensland Chapter Memorial Medallion**, the **A E Brookes Travelling Scholarship** and a **Travelling Scholarship from the Commonwealth Public Service Board**;
- Master of Social Science in Urban Design**, Edinburgh University 1970;

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

December 2009 – Present

B P Development Consulting,
Senior Planning Advisor

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

An Urban Planner with over 50 years of experience in all spheres planning and micro planning of projects within Australia, Asia, and the Middle East.

His specialities include:

- Concept planning and urban design for large scale residential, commercial, mixed use and resort developments,
- Strategic land use planning analysis at local, district and national levels;
- Preparation and coordination of multi-disciplinary planning appraisals and spatial development strategies;
- Preparation of and input to specialist planning technical studies;
- Preparation of site development and design guidelines

Urban Development, Strategic and Master Planning Projects

Major projects within Australia include:

- Consultant Master Planner/Architect to the Robina Group, responsible for all aspects of planning including strategic to structure development and the provision of town planning and urban design advice in relation to the **Robina Estate and the Robina Town Centre**. This involved the supervision of an office working on all aspects of planning from strategic to implementation and development control, and close liaison with other expert professionals within the Robina Group as well as with outside specialist consultants;
- Senior planner and then external consultant to the National Capital Development Commission, Canberra, on strategic, district, local and development control during a period of rapid "New Town" metropolitan growth. Work was particularly "design" orientated as the Commission was responsible for both the planning and construction of Canberra.
- Preparation of a preliminary master plan for **Bond University** as part of a limited competition to select a Master Planner for the University Campus
- Involvement in a wide range of projects across Queensland and northern NSW requiring strategic planning as well as urban design, landscape planning and subdivision design inputs. Specific projects included Robina, Helensvale, Windaroo, Palm Meadows and Sanctuary Cove.

Major International projects include:

- Consultant reporting directly to the MAF Development CEO assisting in master planning and micro planning of projects across the Middle East and North Africa, including The Wave in Muscat, Oman.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Lawson McCowan



2006- 2009

Burchill VDM Pty Limited,
Senior Planning Advisor

Majid Al Futtaim Group,
Specialist Planner

1996 - 2006

Burchill VDM Pty Limited,
Senior Planner

1991 - 1996

Robina Planning Pty Ltd,
Principal Planner

1987 - 1991

Self Employed Consultant –
Architect/Planner

1981 - 1987

Burchill Bate Parker and Partners,
Consultant Planner

1972 - 1981

National Capital Development
Commission, Canberra, Town
Planner

1970 - 1972

Hampshire County Planning
Department UK, Architect/Planner

1963 - 1968

Commonwealth Department of
Works, Brisbane, Cadet Architect

COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE

- Australia
- Brunei
- China
- Indonesia
- India
- Libya
- Malaysia
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom

- ❑ Urban planning inputs to **Brunei National Master Plan 2006-2025 and Land Availability Study** the pre-eminent national land use strategy to guide the national physical planning of Brunei Darussalam.
- ❑ Concept Planning for 900 ha **Jade Island Integrated Resort** at Changli on the Bo Hai Sea, China.
- ❑ Concept planning for **Xugong Island** destination resort, south east of Shanghai, China.
- ❑ Master planning and conceptual urban design for **Beijing Ziqi Gerun Garden**, a 28 ha city extension project on the outskirts of Beijing. Comprising a mix of residential apartments in different building configurations together with associated commercial community & recreation facilities at a Plot Ratio of 1:5.
- ❑ Preparation of a Master Plan and ongoing microplanning for **Aamby Valley City, India**, a 4,050 ha master planned Hill Station project in the picturesque Sahayadri mountain range south east of Mumbai, Aamby Valley City is India's most famous elite residential and resort community.
- ❑ Significant input in conjunction with local consultants to an Urban Design and Landscape Sectoral Study for the Central Planning Area of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as part of a major review of the **Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan**.
- ❑ Senior Planner within the team responsible for transportation and infrastructure studies and for public communication in association with other local sub-consultants to the Institute Sultan Iskandar and the Johor State Government for the **Johor Bahru Central District Master Plan**.
- ❑ Master Planning for residential, commercial and mixed use development on 1000 hectares of the **Johor River basin** within the Johor Bahru metropolis. The project will ultimately accommodate a resident population of approximately 140,000.
- ❑ Urban planning input into the production of a revised Concept Plan for the 700 hectare **Ancol Baru** reclamation of the Jakarta waterfront adjacent to the port of Tanjung Priok, in association with an Indonesian consultancy team.
- ❑ Master Planning for mixed use extension of **Labuan Town** on the Island of Labuan which is Malaysia's International Offshore Financial Centre, within a 26 hectare reclamation site.
- ❑ Master Planning for an integrated resort and holiday home project at **Desaru**, Johor on an 89 hectare site.
- ❑ Urban Planning input within a Burchill VDM team responsible in association with other local sub-consultants to the Institute Sultan Iskandar and the Johor State Government for a **Strategic Planning Study of the Pontian District**.
- ❑ A concept strategy for the long term development of metropolitan **Dubai** to accommodate an additional 500,000 people.
- ❑ Local and District Area planning for **Hampshire County** Development Department, UK.