



## EVALUATION RESULTS

Thursday 19 July 2018 –

# Green Infrastructure and Urban Planning

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*Loci Environment & Place Inc. is a nonprofit change agent supporting knowledge growth and sharing among practitioners involved in shaping our cities for healthier environments and people.*

**Event:** [Green Infrastructure and Urban Planning](#)

**Time:** 9.30am-4.30pm

**Venue:** 3/124 Exhibition St, Melbourne 3000

**Attendees:** Strategic urban planners, statutory planner, environmental planners, horticulturalists, arborists,

### Content

Green infrastructure planning is about trees, open space, green roofs and waterways. And more importantly it's also the way that these natural elements fit together via our urban planning to maximise environment, health and liveability benefits.

It has been argued that 'with its focus on being multifunctional and integrated, green infrastructure reverses traditional planning practices'. This course explores this notion in a practical way.

The course is designed to be a conversation-starter for practitioners new to the idea of green infrastructure, before extending into practical policy, plan and design guidance to supporting resilient city shaping based around green infrastructure and ecosystem services.

### Learning Outcomes

- Introduction to green infrastructure (and ecosystem service) issues and how these can be supported across public and private land through urban planning, environmental planning and local action
- Be able to bring different urban specialists together from planners, engineers, landscape architects, water, soil and tree specialists, asset managers, conservation officers, placemakers and community groups to maximise green infrastructure implementation.
- Understand the rapidly emerging evidence base supporting green infrastructure including policy and design recommendations for addressing urban ecology and urban heat island impacts in policy; water, soil and air quality improvements in masterplanning, and community-led design in engagement.
- Examine the role of urban planners in setting targets, frameworks, links and direction to support strategic green infrastructure implementation.

### We want attendees to leave the event:

- Knowing that green infrastructure planning is holistic for urban planning (and not just an add on)
- Having some next steps to further support green infrastructure solutions in their own work.

### Course Presenters:

Sheridan Blunt, Loci Environment & Place

John Rayner, Green Infrastructure Research Group, University of Melbourne

Meg Caffin, Urban Forest Consulting

Amy Hahs, Urban Ecology in Action

# Evaluation Results

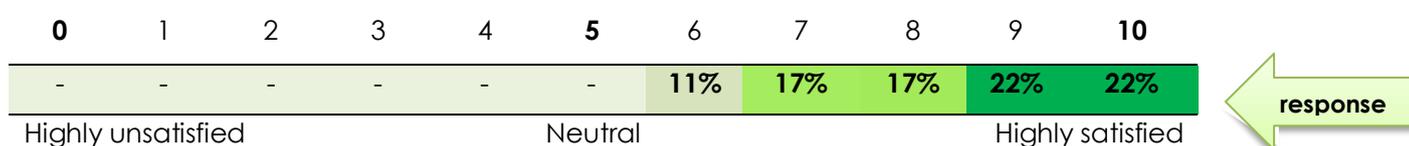
## PIA Planet Training Seminar – Green Infrastructure and Urban Planning

19 July 2018



18 people attended this training session hosted by Planning Institute of Australian (Vic) and run by Loci Environment & Place Inc. 18 evaluation forms were received and answers are compiled below (in green).

1. Out of 5, how likely were participants to recommend this seminar? Average 4.2
2. Out of 5, how well did participants feel the stated objectives were met? Average 4.2
3. Out of 5, how knowledgeable did participants feel the facilitators were? Average 4.7
4. Out of 10, how satisfied were you with today's seminar? Average 8.3



### 5. Which theme from today was most enlightening, practical and beneficial?

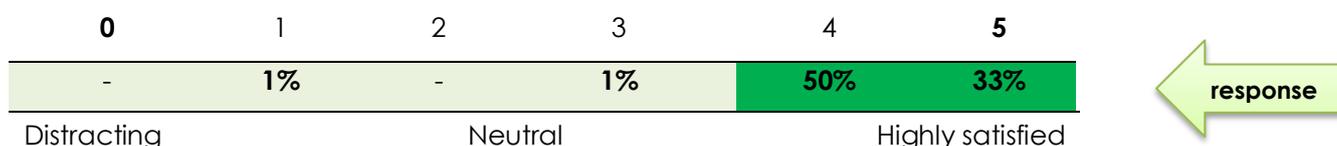
Session	Rating (out of 5)
Growing Vegetation in the City – John Rayner	4.4
Role of Cities in Urban Ecology – Amy Hahs	3.9
Urban Ecology Checklist Walk	3.6
Urban Forest and Urban Heat Island – Meg Caffin	4.9
Tutorial - Trees Controls	3.8
Open Space & Better Best Practice Notes – Sheridan Blunt	4.6

Background of attendees	No.
Strategic Urban Planning	3
Statutory Urban Planning	7
Environmental Planning	2
Conservation Planning	1
Urban Designer	1
Sustainability Planner	1
Engineering	1
Water	2
Community Development	1
Asset Manager	1
Architecture	1
Landscape Architect	1

\*attendees were able to select multiple disciplines

### 6. On a scale of 0 to 5, how did you find the idea of having diverse speakers ranging from practical applications to links to new research?

Average 7.8



**7. What were the most valuable parts of this seminar for you?**

<b>76%</b> General understanding of green infrastructure	<b>41%</b> Opportunities for questions and feedback with specialists
<b>64%</b> Changing roles for future urban planning (transformative policy, global context etc)	<b>12%</b> Learning from, and networking with fellow participants
<b>40%</b> Learning more about the existing Victorian planning system and considering new controls	<b>0%</b> Other (please describe below)

**8. What changes do you think today's session will generate for you?**

<p><b>75% agreed</b></p> <p>The session provided me with information and momentum to pursue green infrastructure initiatives in general (community projects, local analysis/modelling, policy updates, asset management etc)</p>	<p><b>33% agreed</b></p> <p>The session provided me with information and momentum to pursue local planning controls that support the multiple benefits of green infrastructure</p>	<p><b>13% agreed</b></p> <p>The session has promoted no changes for me, but will seek out more knowledge about green infrastructure for future possibilities.</p>	<p><b>0% agreed</b></p> <p>No changes. Unconvinced.</p>
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**Feedback and suggestions for improvement**

- John Rayner's presentation was most useful. It was very informative about where it works and doesn't work in landscape.
- It would be good to have more practicals and explanation of the practicals with feedback.
- Too much content. Delivery was rushed and need some time to explore.
- More discussion about possible controls or options to get green infrastructure into development and into planning schemes specifically. Although I understand that controls are not everything if non-planning tools can also be used. Some examples of places that have done this well (actual policy/strategies) or at least parts well.
- Better Best Practice in the morning would be better as too much info to absorb at the end of the day. Site visit last perhaps.