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POSITION

Managing Director and Town Planner

S J CONNELLY CPP PTY LTD (ABN 40 125 970 783)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Environmental and Business Management, Newcastle University, 2009
- Certified Practising Planner, Planning Institute of Australia, 2007
- NSW Certified Local Government Town and Country Planner, 1982
- A. Diploma of Town and Country Planning, Mitchell College of Advanced Education, Bathurst, 1982
- Civil Engineering Certificate, Sydney Technical College, 1977

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, Planning Institute of Australia (Chair, Northern NSW Branch 1995 – 2004, Immediate Past Branch Chairman and Spokesperson on Regional Planning Issues 2004 – present) Member of the Urban and Regional Planning; Social Planning and Urban Design PIA Chapters
- Director, Mayne Investment Limited as Responsible Entity for Northern Investment Trust Fund and associated charitable entity – Northern Rivers Foundation Limited
- Director, Northern Rivers Urban Design Initiative

HISTORICAL PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Deputy Chair, Northern Rivers Region Strategy Management Committee 1998 – 2002
- Member, Far North Coast Regional Strategy Department of Planning Technical Advisory Group 2005 - 2006
- Civil Panel Member Ballina Shire Council Sustainability Project 2005 - 2006

FIELDS OF SPECIAL COMPETENCE

- Strategic Planning, Village Master Planning; Environmental Impact Assessment

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

■ **April 2001 to present**

Managing Director,

S J CONNELLY CPP PTY LTD. A freelance town planning practice specialising in land use Strategic Planning; ESD Design, Village Master Planning; and Environmental Impact Assessment.

■ **July 1991 to March 2001**

Founding Partner and Managing Director,

GeoLINK, a multidisciplinary consulting firm providing advice as Engineers, Planners, Landscape Architects and Environmental Managers.

■ **July 1986 to July 1991**

Managing Director,

Planners North Pty Ltd, a consulting private practice advising in the fields of Planning and Engineering.

■ **September 1981 to July 1986**

Town Planner, Ballina Shire Council.

Principal Council officer with respect to the management and administration of statutory planning responsibilities under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

■ **August 1978 to September 1981**

Town Planning Officer, Randwick Municipal Council.

■ **December 1973 - August 1978**

Engineering Assistant, NSW Public Transport Commission.

AWARDS

■ **RAPI NSW Division - 1997 Award**

"Northern Rivers – Framework for a Sustainable Future".

■ **RAPI NSW Division - 1997 Award**

Computers in planning.

■ **RAPI NSW Division - 1999 Award**

Clarence Valley Residential Strategy.

■ **PIA NSW Division 2004 Commendation**

Northern Rivers Regional Strategy, Villages Study

■ **Northern Rivers Urban Design Awards 2005 Merit Award**

Master Plan for Angels Beach North, East Ballina.

■ **PIA NSW Division -2005 Design Excellence Award**

North Sapphire Beach Draft Master Plan, Coffs Harbour.

■ **UDIA NSW Division – Best Residential Development 2008**

North Sapphire Beach Estate, Coffs Harbour.

Professional Experience



Angels Beach North

■ April 2001 to present

s j connelly pty limited and since 2008 S J CONNELLY CPP PTY LTD, Specialising in Strategic Planning; ESD Design, Village Master Planning; and Environmental Impact Assessment.
Managing Director.

Selected major projects include:

- *West Ballina Highway Centre, West Ballina;*
- *Tallowood Ridge – Concept proposal plan 200+ lots and associated facilities;*
- *Byron Bay Golf Course – Rural residential subdivision;*
- *Greenwood Chase – 74 unit affordable housing project;*
- *South West Rocks – 200+ residential subdivision and Biobanking project;*
- *Bayshore Village – Integrated live/work community Byron Bay;*
- *Waterdale Living – DA for 200 Lot Seniors Living Community, Tamworth;*
- *Waterdale Living – DA for 201 Lot Seniors Living Community at Dubbo;*
- *Lennox Head DCP – preparation of Chapter 16 of the Ballina DCP, dealing with residential development standards in the Lennox Head locality;*
- *Junction Hill - Structure Plan and rezoning to accommodate a village expansion of 3,000 persons and associated civic infrastructure;*
- *Elevation – 150+ lot residential and environmental repair project, Lennox Head;*
- *Parklands – Regional open air cultural events site and private nature preserve, Yelgun;*
- *Reservoir site – Residential release concept plan and rezoning, Lennox Head;*
- *Burns Point – Mixed use urban and environmental repair Master Plan/rezoning, Ballina;*
- *Ballina Highway Service Centre – Highway Service Centre precinct, West Ballina;*
- *Pacific Pines – Mixed residential and retail community, SEPP 71 Master Planning;*
- *Lot 490 – Ecotourism and environmental repair proposal Kingscliff;*
- *North Beach Byron – 117 Key Resort and environmental repair project;*
- *Various Social Impact Assessments – Ballina, West Byron, Moonee Beach, Casuarina Beach; Rouse Hill, Tuggerah, Lakewood, Yelgun and Cabarita Beach;*
- *North Sapphire Beach – 1,000 person seaside village Master Plan and DA Planning, Coffs Harbour;*
- *Anchorage Point – 41 unit luxury deep water river frontage residential complex, West Ballina;*
- *Greenwood Grove – residential and environmental repair project, Lennox Head;*
- *Angels Beach North – 60 lot Master Plan and SEPP 71 DA, East Ballina;*
- *Sandy Beach Mill – 90 lot Master Plan, and first stage DA Coffs Harbour City Council and 2nd stage Part 3A approval by Department of Planning;*
- *Emerald – 200 site seniors lifestyle village proposal, Emerald Beach;*
- *Waghorns Farm – 99 lot new urbanist style subdivision, Grafton;*
- *Natural Valley, concept planning for an Eco-community, Byron Shire;*
- *Tinkerbell – DDS Commercial Rezoning and DA, Ballina;*
- *Broken Ridge – 12 lot Eco-community Byron Shire;*
- *Ramada – 4 star 100+ suite hotel, Ballina;*

- *Riverbend – 200 Site Manufactured Home Village, Ballina;*
- *Ballina Shire Council 3rd Plateau Rural Village investigation*
- *Site Master Planning, Cellulose Valley Technology Park, Lismore*
- *Various Neighbourhood Studies – Pokolbin, Corrimal, Leeton, Bankstown, Gosford, Circular Quay, Albury, Sydney CBC; Dapto; Goonellabah, Strathfield, Byron Bay, Bondi, South West Rocks, Gosford, Warners Bay, Northmead, Parramatta, Enfield, Hurstville, Chippendale, South West Rocks, Gosford, Corrimal, Erina and Shellharbour.*
- *Accela – pilot development of a comprehensive on-line DA lodgement and processing system;*
- *Various major DA assessments for Local Government; and*
- *Various Land & Environmental Court advice and Expert Witness work for hoteliers, Local Council's and private clients.*

■ **July 1991 to March 2001**

GeoLINK, Engineers, Planners and Landscape Architects,
 Founding Partner and Managing Director.

Selected major projects include:

- *Clarence Valley residential strategy;*
- *Eco Tourism and Environmental Repair Project, Goodwood Island;*
- *Campbelltown Town Centre Streetscape Refurbishment, Campbelltown;*
- *Development Application for Eco Tourism Establishment alterations and additions and Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Camp Eden*
- *Northern Rivers Regional Strategy;*
- *EMP, Crystal Creek Rainforest Resort;*
- *Neighbourhood Studies – Ballina, Banora Heights, Bonney Hills, Coffs Harbour, East Lismore, Emerald Beach, Grafton, Mayfield, Nerang, Ocean Shores, Orange, Parramatta, Port Macquarie, Pottsville, Stuarts Point, Tamworth, Tweed Heads and Valla Beach;*
- *Rural Residential Subdivision (29 lots), Forest Hills Estate, Uralba;*
- *Local Environmental Study (LES), Chinderah,*
- *Development Control Plan (DCP), Seagulls, Tweed Heads*
- *Environmental Impact Study (EIS), Reedy Creek Shale Quarry (250,000 m³ pa.);*
- *Linneaus Education Establishment and Environmental Repair Plan, Broken Head;*
- *Land Capability Assessment (LCA), North Creek Road, Lennox Head;*
- *Major commercial alterations and additions, Lismore Shopping Square;*
- *Ecotourism project, Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat;*
- *Casino Civil Construction Manual;*
- *Site Master Plan, Ballina Waterways Pty Ltd (270 lots);*
- *Local Government Area (LGA) Reclassification Hearing, Tweed Fire Station Site and Air Sea Rescue Site;*
- *Mullumbimby retail analysis;*
- *GeoLINK Quality Manual to ISO/NZS/AS 9001:1994;*
- *Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Closer Rural Settlement Proposal by Simpkins Family at Coopers Shoot;*
- *Corndale Hard Rock Quarry EIS (112,000 m3/pa);*
- *Blakebrook Hard Rock Quarry EIS (300,000 m3/pa);*
- *Parker Property EIR Closer Rural Settlement Proposal;*
- *Individual Farm Assessment Manual (Team Member)*
- *Pirlo's Quarry – Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE);*
- *Byron Bay – Suffolk Park retail analysis;*



Settlement plan prepared as part of Northern Rivers Regional Strategy



Site Analysis Plan for Lismore CBC



Constructed works in Lismore CBD

- Rezoning submission, McGettigans Lane Release Area, Byron Bay (1,100 lots);
- Master Plan, "Liteview" Estate, Byron Bay (250 lots);
- Master Plan, "Capeview" Estate, Byron Bay (270 lots);
- Adaptive reuse plan, former EMI site, Sydney;
- EIR Closer Rural Subdivision, Uralba;
- EIR Extractive industry, Corndale, (50,000 m3/annum);
- Master Plan, "Orchard Hills" Estate, Lismore (300 lots);
- Neo Traditional Urban Village (5,000 population), West Ballina;
- Town Planning report concerning major Aboriginal land claim, Fingal, for Crown Solicitor;
- Land capability assessment, "Coomera Woods Estate", Albert Shire;
- Master Plan, "Towalbyn Village", Uralba;
- Site analysis and expert evidence to Land and Environment Court for land resumption, "Round House Site", Ocean Shores;
- Lismore CBD Streetscape Study;
- Casino Council: State of the Environment Report ;
- Section 94 Contribution Plans Ballina, Casino and Richmond River LGAs;
- Neo Traditional Urban Village, (5,000 population), Coomera;
- Section 94 Contributions Software Program Development (Software North);
- Retail catchment analysis, Ocean Shores;
- Rezoning submission, residential and recreational land use, Ocean Shores;
- Town Centre Study, Coomera Woods Estate, Albert Shire;
- Draft DCP, Richmond River Shire (comprehensive Shire-wide DCP);
- GeoLINK Quality Manual and Procedures to AS3901, 1987 and Cat. A. AS 2990, 1987;
- Master Plan and EIR, Suffolk Park (510 lots);
- Land disposal strategy, Northern NSW, for St George Bank;
- Site Planning, retirement village project (65 units), Cooper Street, Byron Bay;
- Master Plan, Muli Muli Aboriginal Community, Woodenbong;
- Plans of Management: Acid Soils, Water Quality, Avifauna and Flora Conservation for Micalo Island, Yamba;
- EIR, Closer Rural Settlement, Willowbank, Ballina Shire;
- Development of a proforma Project Management Brief for Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Works for ATSIC;
- EIR, Closer Rural Settlement, Cumbalum;
- Consultant Planner to Casino Municipal Council (1987 to 1998) and Richmond River Council (1992 to 1996);
- Master Plan, Box Ridge Aboriginal Community, Coraki; and
- EIS, Extractive Industry (2,000,000m3), Yamba.

■ **July 1986 to July 1991**

Planners North Pty Ltd, Consulting Planners and Engineers,
Managing Director.

Selected major projects include:

- Research report, comprehensive review of Section 94 Contributions, Casino Municipal Council;
- EIR, Closer Rural Settlement at Sandy Flat, Ballina Shire;
- Micalo Island Golf Course Resort, Micalo Island, Yamba;
- Neighbourhood Studies, Tweed Heads and West Ballina; Ocean Shores; West Ballina;

- *Site analysis and expert evidence to Land and Environment Court for land resumption, Brooms Head;*
- *Demographic study and Liquor Court report, Nerang;*
- *Town Planning Software Program Building: ARMS;*
- *Casino Municipality LES and LEP;*
- *Master Plan/Rezone, neighbourhood shopping centre, tavern and recreational facilities, Nerang;*
- *EMP, rainforest and dune management, Fingal;*
- *Concept Design, 27 hole golf course, Newrybar Valley;*
- *Master Planning and SEE – 18 hole golf course, club house, marina, residential enclave, private education establishment and natural systems regeneration, Micalo Island;*
- *EMP, for a private Botanical Park, Lennox Head;*
- *Comprehensive review of development codes and Municipality-wide DCP, Casino;*
- *Master Plan and Rezoning Submission, Hill Village development (660 units), Nerang;*
- *EIS, Hard Rock Quarry, Richmond River;*
- *Master Plan and SEE, 18 hole golf course, Cudgen Creek;*
- *EIR, residential student private education establishment (470 sites), Seven Mile Beach;*
- *Rezoning Submission, integrated tourism resort, Fingal;*
- *Research Report, clinical waste disposal, Sydney Region;*
- *Master Plan and EIR, rural cluster subdivision (50 lots), Meerschaumvale;*
- *Feasibility Study, Aboriginal Medical Centre, Kempsey;*
- *Master Plan and SEE, ecotourism resort complex, Whian Whian;*
- *Rezoning Submission, aquatic gardens and low intensity tourism proposal, Suffolk Park;*
- *Rezone and SEE, integrated tourist resort (500 units), Wooyung;*
- *Rainforest Management Plan for The Big Scrub, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Northern NSW;*
- *Rezoning Submission and Master Plan, integrated tourist resort, South Ballina;*
- *Research Report, residential land demand and supply analysis, Byron Bay;*
- *EIS, marina complex, Tweed River;*
- *Master Plan and Rezoning Submission, 790 dwelling neighbourhood, shopping centre and district open space facility, Lennox Head;*
- *EIS, rescue helicopter, helipad Lismore;*
- *Conservation Strategy, The Big Scrub remnants for NPWS, Northern NSW;*
- *SEE, 150 unit beach resort and 9 hole golf course, Byron Bay;*
- *Concept design, civic precinct, Cairns;*
- *LES and Residential/Tourism Development Strategy, Eden/Two-fold Bay;*
- *Concept Design, Ewingsdale new town, Ewingsdale; and*
- *Master Plan/Rezone, 3,300 person hotel, caravan park, cabin and hostel development, including 18 hole golf course, Tyagarah.*



Constructed works at Tallow Beach Estate

■ **September 1981 to July 1986**

Ballina Shire Council, Town Planner.

Principal Council officer with respect to the management and administration of statutory planning responsibilities under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

Selected major strategic planning projects include:

- *Report to Commission of Inquiry, Ballina LEP;*
- *Draft Shire LEP;*
- *Comprehensive review of Development Policies and Codes consolidated to Draft DCP No. 1 – Urban Land and Draft DCP No. 2 – Rural Land;*
- *Research report for Rural Cluster Development Plan Brief;*
- *Shire LES, Draft Planning Principles;*
- *Natural Environment Research Report, Ballina Shire (Team Member); and*
- *Lennox Head – Ballina Coastal Concept Plan.*

■ **August 1978 to September 1981**

Randwick Municipal Council, Town Planning Officer.

Principally involved in development assessment with respect to Council's Coogee and Randwick planning precincts.

Selected major strategic planning projects include:

- *La Perouse Precinct Plan (Team Member);*
- *EIS, Wylies Baths, Coogee (Team Member);*
- *Comprehensive review of Dual Occupancy, Residential Flat Building and Off Street Car Parking Codes; and*
- *Design and implementation of Randwick Municipality Heritage Survey and Registrar.*

■ **December 1973 - August 1978**

NSW Public Transport Commission, Engineering Assistant.

Responsible to Divisional Engineer with respect to engineering surveying, permanent way, access road and stormwater drainage design, minor culvert design, engineering drafting, quantity estimation and supervision of minor contract works.

Awards

■ **RAPI NSW Division
1997 Award**

Community planning for work associated with "Northern Rivers – Framework for a Sustainable Future".

■ **RAPI NSW Division
1997 Award**

Computers in planning for work associated with the Northern Rivers Regional Strategy Web site associated with community access to planning strategies and digital community survey form.

■ **RAPI NSW Division
1999 Merit Award,**

Clarence Valley Residential Strategy

■ **PIA NSW Division 2004 Commendation**

Northern Rivers Regional Strategy, Villages Study

■ **Northern Rivers Urban Design Awards
2005 Merit Award**

Master Plan for Angels Beach North

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2005 Design Excellence Award***

North Sapphire Beach Draft Master Plan

■ ***UDIA NSW Division – Best Residential Development 2008***

North Sapphire Beach, Coffs Harbour