Weddell:
Tropical, Sustainable, Liveable

An Overview

The Territory Government is currently planning for Weddell, our next major urban development in the Top End. This key 2030 initiative presents a unique opportunity to plan living spaces for the future with good urban design, walkability, public transport links, environmentally sustainable homes and buildings and community spaces that work for people.

The new urban centre will be approximately 15 km from Palmerston, around 30 km from Darwin CBD by road and less than 20 km across the protected waters of the harbour to the city centre. Weddell has in the order of 3,000 hectares of developable land and housing for up to 50,000 people is currently proposed.

Towards 2030:
Conference and Design Forum

Darwin Convention Centre
27 September – 1 October 2010

The Weddell Conference and Design Forum will be a collaborative design planning event to:

- Bring community and a wide range of technical experts together.
- Engage a broad range of stakeholders.
- Facilitate integrated team design processes.

The Conference and Design Forum will provide an opportunity to create a sense of identity and place, establish design principles, concepts and develop options that will inform the development of a design brief for a national competition.

Register your interest to attend the forum at:
www.nt.gov.au/weddell

The Conference and Design Forum program will attract urban designers, architects, planners, government leaders, engineers, surveyors, developers, builders and bring them together with community members.
Achieving urban environmental sustainability means:

• Less dependency on non-renewable energy sources by reducing energy consumption through efficient urban design and architecture, and greater use of renewable energy such as solar power generation and solar water heating.

• Less dependency on car ownership by developing housing choices in close proximity to work, education, recreation, shops and community facilities with public transport at the heart.

• Less impact on natural resources through efficient use of water and design that responds to the landscape and the tropical climate.

Weddell Planning Facilitators

Wendy Morris: Director, Ecologically Sustainable Design Pty Ltd
Wendy Morris is a Director of Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD), an urban design and planning consultancy specialising in New Urbanism, sustainable growth management and mixed use development. ESD is known for its Enquiry-by-Design participatory processes. Wendy has been actively promoting New Urbanist approaches to growth in Australia and New Zealand for over 16 years and is a leading Australian Practitioner.

Stephen Bowers: Director, Novus Urban Pty Ltd
Stephen Bowers is a surveyor by profession, and has over 25 years experience in surveying, engineering and town planning consultancies. Since 2001 Stephen has focused on specialising in Enquiry-by-Design projects and fostering the development of high quality urban places and sustainable communities.

The Weddell Taskforce
The Northern Territory Department of Lands and Planning (DLP) has responsibility for developing and providing the strategic planning and growth frameworks, strategies and infrastructure plans required to develop the Territory, and is tasked with the planning for Weddell.

Weddell Taskforce Key Contacts

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For more information on Weddell call the Department of Lands and Planning on 8924 7540 or email weddell.dlp@nt.gov.au