

## *COMPANY PROFILE*

### OVERVIEW

**Planscapes** is a Town Planning Consultancy that provides expert town planning advice and development application assistance, specialising in coastal, rural and urban subdivision, along with complementary advice on other development types and land uses. We are also able to provide bush fire advice and reports to accompany development applications with regard to rural and residential subdivision and rezoning proposals.

With 17 years experience in Local Government in both strategic and statutory planning roles (and over 20 years Planning experience in total), a broad range of knowledge has been accumulated in various fields with a focus on subdivision since re-entering private practice in 2005.

Planscapes Principal – Kerry Rourke, has a comprehensive knowledge of, and first hand experience in, the development application process and local government operations. Kerry has also had experience with project delivery through the State Government sector and expert evidence preparation for the Land and Environment Court (both as a consultant and Council Planner).

An extensive network of contacts has been established throughout the many years of local government and private sector planning experience, guaranteeing an excellent working relationship with numerous other professionals in both environments including State government authorities.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Kerry Rourke holds a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Urban & Regional Planning (University of New England) along with associated complementary qualifications in Urban Horticulture and Arboriculture. Kerry has recently completed the Graduate Diploma in Design for Bushfire Prone Areas (University of Western Sydney).

Kerry Rourke has also completed a range of other Planning related short courses including:

- ♣ Economics of Development Short Course – PIA Certified Practising Planner Program through Chifley Business School – September 2008;

- ♠ Legislation & Governance Short Course – PIA Certified Practising Planner Program through Chifley Business School – November 2007;
- ♠ Planning Law Short Course (University of New South Wales – Completed November 2005);
- ♠ Risk Based Land Use Planning - Emergency Management Australia (Mt Macedon Victoria Completed September 2004);
- ♠ Planning for Bushfire Protection (Short Course – University of Technology (Sydney) Completed September 2004) & the PBP 2006 Extension Course (October 2007);
- ♠ Innovation & Entrepreneurship (University of Wollongong 1 unit only of Masters [work related] Completed November 2003 – Credit);
- ♠ Safer by Design NSW Police (held at Nowra - Completed July 2000);
- ♠ Environmental Management Short Course – University of Technology Sydney Undertaken May & July 2001 Certificate of Attendance);
- ♠ Facilitation & Negotiation Skills (SCC – Twyford Consulting);
- ♠ In the Hot Seat – Court Evidence;
- ♠ Dealing with Difficult People (SCC – Twyford Consulting);
- ♠ Urban Design Short Course (SCC – John Toon);
- ♠ Heritage Workshop (SCC – Sue Jackson).

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Kerry Rourke is a Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia and Consultant Planners group, taking part in the Certified Practising Planner program, where on going professional education and development is assured.

Kerry is also a Corporate Member and Chapter Committee (Southern Chapter) member of the Urban Development Institute of Australia attending many development oriented forums and seminars, particularly on the Part 3A Major Project assessment process.

Membership to the Fire Protection Association of Australia (Special Interest Group) is pending for the Bushfire Planning & Design Certification.

## **CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

Planscapes provides a range of services to facilitate satisfactory outcomes for individuals, developers and other consultants when liaising with consent authorities in New South Wales.

Services include:

- ♠ Development Application preparation, co-ordination, lodgement and post lodgement / pre determination management;
- ♠ Preparation of Statements of Environmental Effects for numerous development types - Subdivision, Dual Occupancy, Medium Density, Residential Flat Buildings, Tourist Facilities, and other land uses or existing uses, ensuring that complete and detailed applications are submitted for assessment;
- ♠ Preparation of Environmental Assessments for Part 3A Major Project lodgement with the Department of Planning;
- ♠ Bushfire Protection Assessments for rural and residential subdivisions for both Council submissions and Environmental Assessment lodgement;
- ♠ Land & Environment Court appeal evidence with experience in both planning and bush fire expert evidence;
- ♠ Development feasibility, site investigations and analysis to ascertain the permissibility of land use or development types, carried out with due diligence;
- ♠ Historical searches for subdivision and dwelling entitlement and existing use rights establishment;
- ♠ Strategic planning submissions for rezoning proposals;
- ♠ Vegetation Management Plans for subdivision & bushfire hazard management;
- ♠ Plan and aerial photograph montages for subdivision and bushfire protection assessments.

Much work is now carried out using information technology resources to encourage electronic lodgement, and rapid receipt of communications between the consultant and client, and the consent authority.

Planscapes can put you in contact with other professionals who work in the development field particularly on the South Coast of NSW, including Land Surveyors, Architects, Building Designers, Civil and Structural Engineers, and Flora and Fauna consultants.

## **PLANNING PROJECTS**

Planscapes Town Planning Consultancy has delivered the following recent projects:

- ♣ Statements of Environmental Effects for residential and rural subdivisions, including State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 objections for Rygate & West (Ulladulla) Registered Surveyors;
- ♣ Preliminary and Environmental Assessment for Part 3A Major Projects for both Rygate & West (Ulladulla) and Hazcorp Pty Ltd for several 25 - 168 lot residential coastal subdivisions (March, May & June 2007);
- ♣ Land and Environment Court evidence has been prepared and given on residential subdivision and bushfire issues for Hazcorp Pty Ltd (April & August 2005);
- ♣ Planning expertise has been provided for the delivery of Shoalhaven City Council's Master Plan On-Line Development Enquiry System launched in March 2007;
- ♣ Preparation of a Statement of Environmental Effects for a 4 Storey Motel and 4 Storey Residential Flat Building in Ulladulla for Rygate & West (August 2006).

In addition to these and numerous other subdivision, dual occupancy and land use developments, expert planning advice has also be provided to other Surveying and Planning consultants.

Planscapes Town Planning Consultancy strives to uphold high standards with thorough analysis & due diligence in all the services we deliver.

For further details on our products / services contact Kerry on 0429 05 7575; email: [mail@planscapes.com.au](mailto:mail@planscapes.com.au) or check our website at [www.planscapes.com.au](http://www.planscapes.com.au) - we welcome your call.



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