



NAOMI BECK

Senior Planner – Niche Planning Studio

Master of Urban Planning and Environment (2018)

Bachelor of Arts (Art History) (2015)

Member of the Planning Institute of Australia (MPIA)

Winner of the 2018 Victorian Planning Institute of Australia Award for Planning Excellence, Outstanding Student Project – City of Whittlesea Community Environmental Park Feasibility Study

SUMMARY

Naomi is a qualified Town Planner who has worked in Planning and Project Management related fields since 2015. She was appointed to Niche Planning Studio in early 2017 where she has contributed to a number of strategic, statutory, urban design and community consultation projects leading to an excellent knowledge of built form, environmental sustainability and social planning.

Naomi has worked both in the public and private sector in diverse projects including the project management and building of a mud brick home through to assisting Councils with planning assessment overflow (both regional and metro), regional and metro infill development applications, Precinct Plan subdivision applications as well as community engagement projects.

Naomi has excellent communication and effective time management skills, a good sense of team commitment and is capable of working under pressure to a consistently high standard. She has a strong understanding of Victorian Planning Schemes and their application within a built form and subdivision context.

Currently, Naomi holds the role of sustainability lead at Niche Planning Studio. This role has involved the preparation of an Environmental Management Program, implementation of a number of sustainability improvements to the Niche office and management, as well as running training sessions for the team.

She recently won the Victorian Planning Institute of Australia Outstanding Student Project Award for her thesis work on the City of Whittlesea Community Environmental Park Feasibility Study.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- **Senior Planner**

2020-Present

Niche Planning Studio

www.nicheplanningstudio.com.au

Preparing and providing specialised advice and assistance on a wide range of planning issues in areas of statutory and strategic planning and community engagement in Victoria. Manage and liaise with external stakeholders, contractors and co-consultants as well as project management and compilation of outputs for planning assessments.

- **Town Planner** **2017-2020**
Niche Planning Studio
www.nicheplanningstudio.com.au
 Provide specialised advice and assistance on a wide range of planning matters, mainly in areas of strategic and statutory planning. Day to day tasks include client, co-consultant and Council liaison; preparation of planning permit reports, planning advice and research.
- Mar 2018 – Oct 2018**

• **Statutory Planner (secondment)**
Brimbank City Council
<https://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au>
 Processed statutory planning applications including assessment against the Brimbank Planning Scheme, internal and external referrals and liaison, requests for further information, delegate report writing and meetings with applicants and VCAT practice day hearings.
- **Sessional Tutor – Strategic Plan Preparation and Implementation** **2017-2019**
RMIT University
www.rmit.edu.au
 Assisted in the facilitation of an undergraduate practical course (fourth year core subject) on the structure planning process, including assessing 20 final year PSP student assignments and presentations, education assistance with students, and ongoing administrative organisational tasks and liaison with guest lecturers, students and university staff.
- **Researcher** **2018**
RMIT University – City of Whittlesea Community Environmental Park Feasibility Study
<https://www.planning.org.au/awards/vic>
 Worked closely with students of varying disciplines, stakeholders and Council to create urban planning criteria for a unique yet replicable community environmental park concept. The project involved stakeholder engagement, research, analysis, design and practical application of existing planning policies and provisions. Her work won the Victorian Planning Institute of Australia award for Outstanding Student Project, and is nominated for the National Planning Institute of Australia awards to be announced in May 2019.
- **Project Manager** **2016-present**
‘Balanda’ 1575 Bundarra Road, Invergowrie, NSW 2350
<https://www.armidalerentals.com.au/>
 Facilitate trades, workers and volunteer workshops to upgrade, maintain and repair house and grounds, as well as administration (insurance, etc.) in preparation for entry to property leasing market.
- **Research and Development Officer** **2015-2016**
IMPRINT (Enactus)
<http://enactusunimelb.org.au/projects/imprint/>
 Facilitated community consultation and engagement events and worked together with councils and other community organisations in placemaking projects such as pop-up parks.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Warrnambool Shire Council

Allansford Strategic Framework Plan – Community Engagement

- Facilitation of engagement workshops
 - Liaison with Council, government and agency stakeholders
 - Community Engagement Plan and Report writing

Sinclairs Road, Deanside (Kororoit PSP) – Sector Advantage

189 lot residential subdivision

- Preparation of planning permit report and associated application
- Liaison with Client, Council and Co-consultants
 - Review of sub-consultant reports and plans

141 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill

Mixed use residential, retail and commercial medium density building

- Writing permit application reports and liaison with Council.
 - Project management/liaison with multiple subconsultants, Council and client in regards to clearance of permit conditions.

Moorabool Shire Council

Statutory Planning Advice

- Remote assistance to Moorabool Council to provide assessment and delegate reports for planning applications - commercial warehouse, multi-unit residential, heritage
 - Use of Council systems including Greenlight, Authority, Records Manager and Trapeze.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE ROLES

- **Womens Planning Network (Planning Institute of Australia) Committee** **2019-2020**
Member
Provide social and networking opportunities for PIA members as well as contribute to PIA newsletter and social media content.
- **President, Planning and Environment RMIT Student Society (PERMITSS)** **2017**
RMIT University
<https://www.rusu.rmit.edu.au/Clubs/PERMITSS>
Provide social and networking opportunities for RMIT Planning students. In 2017 we ran events in conjunction with RMIT Undergraduate Planning Society, Melbourne University Planning Student Society, Victorian Young Planners (PIA) and Environmental Film Festival Australia.

SKILLS

- Strategic and statutory planning, specifically within Victoria.
- Teamwork skills, including project management.
- Excellent analysis and written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to use a variety of design software, including Indesign, Photoshop and Illustrator.

REFEREES

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Additional referees available on request