

Way-finding trials successful using Bluetooth

A recent trial of Bluetooth technology in Melbourne's CBD is revealing new ways to help vision-impaired people achieve greater independence in our built environment.

Conducted as part of *Construction Innovation's* Way-finding in the Built Environment project, the trial used laptop computers with pre-recorded messages to automatically 'talk' to three members of Blind Citizens Australia as they walked past wearing Bluetooth ear pieces. [More Details](#)



Planning for Air Movement workshop

Key stakeholders from South-East Queensland's property development sector came together recently in Brisbane for a workshop to gauge industry acceptance of a proposed lot rating methodology and the impact of natural ventilation when planning for new housing developments.

The workshop built on the Sustainable Subdivisions project, which has now been extended to incorporate separate projects on ventilation and water-efficiency. [More Details](#)

BRITE booklet to be launched at ACIF conference

Construction Innovation will launch a new BRITE Project booklet entitled *Innovate Now* at the ACIF conference in Sydney from 13–14 July 2006.

Innovate Now draws on the research and case studies from the BRITE Project. The booklet explores the notion of innovation and presents a series of steps businesses can employ to develop innovation programs and grow innovation activities in pursuit of improved profitability.

Upcoming Events

- **Your Building workshop**, 23 May 2006, Perth
- **The Construction Industry Leaders Conference**, ACIF, 13–14 July 2006, Sheraton on the Park, Sydney.

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From the CEO's Desk



The Australian property sector is evolving. More and more commercial tenants are demanding environmentally sustainable buildings.

Government seems to be leading the way. Most state, federal and territory government departments are now required to rent office space that exceeds certain environmentally sustainable criteria, such as achieving a particular Australian Greenhouse Rating (AGBR).

The new Brisbane Square development was originally conceived as a conventional high-grade office building, until Brisbane City Council, a major co-tenant, insisted otherwise... [More Details](#)