

The below answer sheet is for your own self-assessment. Please keep your questionnaires and answers on file for your record as well as submitting through the gateway on the questionnaire form. We will provide you with your participation certificate and answer sheet once you have attended the full seminar and submitted your questionnaire.

THE HOUSING BALANCE: DESIGN, COMMUNITY & ECONOMY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

1. What are the factors you face, or that you take into consideration, when approaching or commissioning the design of buildings and spaces?

There are many factors that influence design for housing. Financial viability, user appeal, function and requirement, site suitability, environmental impact are just some of the factors that need to be addressed.
2. How does sustainability play into this and how has that changed over the last decade?

Sustainability has taken a central role over the past decade with housing design reflecting the global movement to protect the environment. Sensitivity to how people want to live with solar, water re-use, improved ventilation and eco-friendly materials are all playing a part in the movement to more sustainable design.
3. How do housing design outcomes differ between countries? What do different material and technical availabilities mean for these outcomes?

Within the Asia-Pacific region local materials and building techniques are making a resurgence. In countries such as Australia and New Zealand recycled and sustainably sourced materials such timber and mud brick are setting the benchmark while technology is setting new standards for elevating lifestyle experience and creating efficiencies.
4. What impact does culture have on this? How do different cultures think about housing and how does this link into understandings about community?

Culture is integral to housing and the way people live. Communal living has been an accepted practice in Asia for millennia and is becoming an accepted model in western countries; High rise developments in crowded cities across the region are embraced everywhere. Culture, where family connection is important, informs housing design from style, interaction, interiors and location to all play a part.
5. What changes are on the horizon for housing and residential design and what are the major challenges we will face?

Mindful of health and safety, housing will reflect such things as more outdoor spaces, more amenity within houses for working from home scenarios and technology will play an important part in a clean future lifestyle. Sustainability will become even more important to design with self-sufficiency an influential factor. Climate and weather patterns will also inform design.

