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The Crow Collection is in Room P 409 at the Footscray Campus of the Victoria University of Technology, Ballarat Road, Footscray. For information about the Collection and Ecoso Newsletter phone 03.380.1876.

1993 Annual Meeting and Planning Forum

Footscray Community Room, Hyde Street, next Footscray Town Hall

Tuesday, March 30th, 7.30 pm

Report-back from Planning History Seminar 8.pm.

Guest Speaker 8.15 pm.

Jenny Willis,

Director of Social Policy for the Municipal Association of Victoria

Local Government in Last Half of the 20th Century

Questions and Discussion.

All Welcome

More Information 380.1876



Thanks to Footscray Council for the Meeting Room.

Profiles of Committee Members

In most organisations there are times when it is easy to feel discouraged and to wonder why its worth bothering to meet together as committee members. For the Crow Collection Association, however, every now and again there are sparks of enthusiasm which make it all worth while.

Towards the end of 1992, for example, committee members were asked to write down the reasons why they joined the committee. Here are a few extracts from some these statements :-

Peter Gibbons

Being involved in the Crow Collection Association is an extension of the work I have already been doing I think that the trade union movement has much to learn from the community movement in how to start at the level of the community.

Rosemary Ward

I think the Crow Collection will always remain relevant to a wide range of people with social, environmental and political interest, and as a committee member I aim to publicise it as a relevant living collection.

Julie Statkus

I am concerned that people have a say in the decisions that affect their lives and I believe the Crow Collection is an avenue in which this can occur.

Rod Charles

I'm on this committee because the Crow Collection is the only collection of documents that I know that charts development in the field of active participating citizenship.

Morag Loh

I believe the Collection's greatest potential lies in being used as a resource for research projects (in community facilities, attitudes to child care, urban planning, wages etc) by students and citizens.

Audrey Davies

I have been most fortunate to have access to the Crow Collection documents on child care, women's work and Australian studies to teach VCE. The Crow Collection has provided (and will continue to provide) valuable insights and information.

Val Williams

I have lived in Sunshine for more than forty years. I have been in local environment groups and find that the closer one is to down the earth people the better..... Ruth and Maurie Crow were the first people to bring the environment to my notice. I am happy to be a member of the committee and am willing to help in any way possible.

Peter Durkin

The Collection provides a focal point for community activists to reflect upon insights and approaches of earlier campaigns; as we face today's challenges.

Second Annual Report, 1992/1993

Establishing Community Links

The first Annual General meeting of the Crow Collection Association was held in March, 1992, when the following office-bearers were elected :- Peter Gibbons, Chairperson, Peter Durkin, Vice-chairperson, Sheila Byard Hon Secretary, Vai Williams Treasurer and Ruth Crow Co-ordinator.

Finalising the Children's Services Project

For the first six months of 1992 the Association concentrated on finalising the project on the History of Children's Service in the Western Region.

The measurable results of the project were the production of a video ("Scattering Seeds for Change"), the publication of twelve booklets and the preparation of a photographic display. The community links which were developed through the project are intangible.

The Royal Australian Planning Institute recognised the contribution to community planning which was made through this project by awarding Sheila Byard (Hon. Sec. of the Crow Collection Association) and Christine Carolan (Project Worker) an "Honourable Mention" in their Community Planning Award Category for 1992.

The project was nominated for the award by the Sunshine International Women's Day Committee which was supported by the Sunshine Working Women's Centre. In the summary of their nomination they stated :-

The project's experiences can be used to assist community planning in the future because it has resulted in :-

- a. Establishing a sample of an organisational framework which enables educational institutions and community organisations to jointly undertake public participation project.
- b. Trailing methods of involving young people in participatory planning through providing resources for VCE themes.
- c. Some of the project materials is being used as a model by schools, universities and community organisations.
- d. Testing innovative community development theories.
- e. Some of the planning principles developed during the project are being popularised in community publications.

The booklets and video were launched at the All-age Celebration which was held in the Maribrynong Community Centre in May. Thanks to all who helped to make this a "community celebration", particularly to guest speaker, Louise Gianville, and to folk singer Robin Lester.

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Thanks, also, to all those who helped the project through the Steering Committee with a special thanks to Susan Parsons, Children's Services Officer for the City of Sunshine.

Popularising Accessibility

Accessibility to the Collection was popularised in a number of ways :-

* Several different types of viewing days were held during the year. These included one for secondary teachers in the Western Region when ideas were discussed on how to use the Collection for English (creative writing and current issues) Australian Studies, Human Development and Urban Studies.

* About 450 secondary students from three schools in the Western Region visited the Collection and representatives from the Crow Collection addressed several seminars held in secondary schools.

* Ruth Crow was guest speaker at several functions including two celebrations for International Women's Day - a reception in the Melbourne Town Hall and a dinner at the Victoria University of Technology - a Law Reform Commission seminar and several community gatherings.

* The video, the 12 booklets and various other publications and the Ecoso Exchange Newsletters are helping to popularise the Collection.

* The Crow Collection had a poster display and a distribution of leaflets at the eight performances of the Women's Circus. Thanks Julie Statkus.

Keeping in touch with Supporters

Six issues of Ecoso Exchange Newsletter have been published during the year. There is a number of new subscribers most of whom live or work in the Western Region. The mail out for Ecoso during 1982 averaged 350 for each issue. A number of small donations were received from Ecoso subscribers. Thanks to Val, Kath, Colin, Clem and Theo for helping with the newsletter mail outs.

In addition to the All-age Celebration three other social gatherings of Crow Collection supporters were held during 1982. "Gloaming in the Gardens" is now a Crow Collection annual picnic in the Botanic Gardens. The other two functions were the evening "Ramble through Royal Park", held towards the end of the summer day-light saving and the the Spring "Riverside Picnic" and visit to the Living Museum of the West.

Finances of the Association

Thanks to the goodwill of supporters the Association has been able to invest \$6500 in fixed deposits. The interest from this will pay the administrative expenses of the Association. The subscription of \$10.00 for seven issues of Ecoso Exchange covers the cost of printing and postage of this 14 page newsletter.

Val Williams has been the treasurer for 1992, and the books have been audited by Sol Gotlib. Thank you Val and Sol. Copies of the Annual Balance Sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting.

A very special thanks to Moira Simcock for her help in book-keeping especially for overseeing the finances of the Children's Services Project.

The Association has not yet been successful in seeking funds for future projects.

Changes at the Victoria University of Technology

Changes are taking place at all campuses of the Victoria University of Technology. One that directly affects the Crow Collection is that the Humanities Department is now the Faculty of Arts and the Urban Studies Unit has been absorbed into the Department of Urban and Social Policy.

The Committee recognises the importance of having the hospitality of two relevant units within the Victoria University of Technology (Footscray), the Faculty of Arts and the Library.

Thanks to Doreen Parker, Chief Librarian and to Professor Rodger Eade, the Deputy Dean Faculty of Arts, for their interest and help during 1993. Thanks also to Annabel McCooke and Olivia Abbey of the Library for their day to day support.

Publicising the Crow Collection

The Ecoso Exchange Newsletter keeps supporters of the Crow Collection informed about the Collection but, in addition, during 1992, two reports were prepared which may be useful to those seeking more information about the Collections. These are :-

- * Submission to the Royal Australian Planning Institute on Children's Services in the Western Region
- * Report to Arts Faculty at Victoria University of Technology. This includes an analysis of the subscribers to Ecoso Exchange.

The 1992 Committee

The 1992 members of the Committee of Management :- Peter Gibbons (Chair), Peter Durkin (Vice Chair), Snella Byard, (Hon. Sec.), Val Williams (Treasurer), Ruth Crow, Julie Statkus, Julie Grant, Julie Muir, Julius Roe, John Dick, Christine Carolan, Audrey Davies, Morag Lon, Rosemary Ward, Michael Hamel Green, Alexis English, Susan Jennison and Rod Charles.

Links between the committee and the community have been greatly strengthened by new members in 1992 :- Rod Charles, Christine Carolan, and Audrey Davies. The Committee welcomes new members.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOTICE

THE AUSTRALIAN PLANNER

A national conference on planning history exploring the nature, meaning and context of the contributions of individuals to urban and environmental planning theory and practice in Australia from the early colonial to the postmodern eras

Saturday, 13 March 1993
9.00am - 5.15pm
Old Main Building
School of Town Planning
University of New South Wales

Introduced by Gordon Cherry, Chair of the International Planning History Society

Over 30 speakers including contributions from Helen Armstrong, Paul Ashton, Ray Brindle, Judith Brine, Jim Colman, Ruth Crow, Tony Dingle, Shirley Fitzgerald, Renate Howe, Miles Lewis, Susan Marsden, Helen Proudfoot, Carolyn Rasmussen, Paul Reid, Gordon Rushman, Elizabeth Teather, and James Weirick.

Costs: \$75 (in advance); \$85 (on the day); \$35 (for students, pensioners, and unemployed). This covers lunch, morning and afternoon teas, abstracts, and post-conference proceedings.

All registrants also go into a draw to *WIN* a one-year subscription to the International Planning History Society!

General enquiries: (02) 697 4837

On program and costs:

Rob Freestone Ph: (02) 697 4836; Fax: (02) 663 4278 or (02) 901 4505.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send to Secretary, Planning History Conference, School of Town Planning, University of NSW, Kensington, NSW, 2033.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

I enclose a cheque payable to the 'School of Town Planning' for:

- \$75 - advance fee
- \$35 - full time student/pensioner
- I will pay on the day.

VCE Studies and the Crow Collection

How the Crow Collection Can Be Used.

The Crow Collection Association is circulating the following information, and a few Collection leaflets to some secondary schools, giving special attention to schools in the Western Metropolitan Region. Here is the text of the letter :-

The enclosed leaflets will give you some information about the Crow Collection at the Footscray Campus Library of the Victoria University of Technology, Ballarat Road, Footscray.

One of the aims of the Crow Collection Association is to enhance the accessibility of the Collection, especially by secondary students.

During 1992 over 400 VCE students from schools in the Western Region visited the Crow Collection. Representatives of the Association addressed several school seminars. "Viewing Days" were also held for teachers.

The yellow leaflet lists the publications from the Living Library Project on the history of children's services. Through this project secondary students were helped with their CATs projects in a number of ways. For example, with trialing some issue based material, helping to produce a kit on federal funding of child care, researching CATs projects, helping to produce a video and interviewing women who had been involved in establishing children's services and writing the pen portraits of them.

Thug Dang, a student at Sunshine Secondary College, was awarded the Bessie Rischbieth Essay Prize by the League of Women Voters for her essay on the then current issue of Federal Funding of Child Care, which she wrote as part of this project on children's services. Congratulations to Thug and to her teacher Lydia Ostepcev.

As a result of the project the Collection produced 12 booklets and a video (see enclosed leaflet). Since then it has produced a thirteenth booklet called "Family Networks and Intergenerational Relationships in the Twentieth Century". These may be useful as school resource material, especially on the history of the family and home life.

There is access to the Collection whenever the Footscray Campus Library is open. However, it would be better to have some one familiar with the Collection to assist secondary students, therefore please make an appointment by phoning Ruth Crow. 380.1876, or Audrey Davies 459.0296. Both Ruth and Audrey are retired secondary teachers. They are prepared to help students use the Collection and also to visit for school seminars.

There will be a Viewing Day for Teachers on Tuesday, March 30th from 4.30 pm. Please pass the invitation to the Viewing Day, Annual General Meeting and Forum to teachers and students who may be interested.

Please check your address slip to see if your Ecoso subscription is now due (ND) or overdue (OD).

Before the Sixties - Paternalistic Physical Planning

In "The Origin of Modern Town Planning" (*) Leonardo Benevolo writes about the utopians of the early nineteenth century (Owen, St Simon, Fourier and others) who thought, wrote and acted about planning new idealistic communities, starting from scratch. He claims that these earliest planners had their roots so firmly planted in ideology that information on the history of town planning during this period is to be sought in the history of socialism rather than in specialised technical studies.

The 1848 revolutions, however, were a turning point in town planning history. According to Benevolo :-

The working class movement reached its decisive turning point with the advent of Marx and Engels, and Marxist Socialism intent on explaining the 1848 Revolution and its failure in strictly political terms stressed the contradictions of the earlier movements but completely lost sight of the link between tendencies in politics and in town planning which if formulated in over simplified terms, had previously been firmly maintained."

He describes how, in the mid-eighteenth century :-

Town planning fell within the sphere of influence of the new conservative ideology evolving during those years of Bonapartism in France, of the reforming Tory groups in England and of Bismarkian imperialism in Germany...the political paternalism of the new right."

Thus a gulf opened up between the utopian town planners (people with humanising ideas) and the practical town planners (people with professional skills) which was widened by planning practices based on technical and legalistic regulations drafted by specialist officials who planned by extrapolating trends.

In Australia our town planning, for over a hundred years, until the late 1960s, strongly reflected the influence of the practical piece meal town planners who were so powerful in Victorian England. There were a few exceptions such as the Garden City movements in some of our capital cities, but all of these were planned in a paternalistic manner.

After the Sixties - Public Participation and Community Control

In Australia from the mid 1960s a new force began to influence town planning. This was the grass roots community movement which raised social issues and thus challenged the traditional planning methods of confining planning to the physical sphere.

* "The Origin of Modern Town Planning" by Leonardo Benevolo was first published in 1963. An English edition was not available until 1967 when it was translated and published by Routledge and Kegan Paul.

1968, A Turning Point in Town Planning contd.

Ideas on public participation and community control resulted in urban action groups preparing alternative plans. The community movement broke away from its purely negative "campaigning against" character to begin to demand that social, economic and environmental planning be considered to be as equally important as physical planning.

The following ten points indicate how the documents in the Crow Collection can be used to research these changes.

1. Challenging ideas about town planning and human relationships were being popularised by Ivan Ilyich in South America, Jane Jacobs in USA, the British Skeffington Report, and by Hugh Stretton and Leonie Sandercock in Australia. (i.)
2. In the national arena, although the Liberal Party held power federally and in most states the days of the the "die-hard" liberals (such as Menzies and Holt) had ended and they were being replaced by "small l" liberals (such as Gorton and Hamer). For some there was renewed confidence in the ALP which began to enunciate programs on town planning issues. (ii)
3. Trade unions were beginning to take up issues on living standards. In Victoria a trade union initiated "Living Standards Convention" was held in 1967. In 1968 as a result of a trade union seminar the organisation "Action for Adequate Child Care" laid the base for the later establishment of Community Child Care. The NSW the Green Ban had a significant effect on town planning throughout the Commonwealth. (iii)
4. New types of environment organisations were beginning to emerge and to initiate campaigns on town planning issues. For example, the nation wide Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) and state co-ordinating networks such as the Conservation Council of Victoria. (vi)
5. Some of the urban action organisations developed capacities not only to criticise official planning proposals but to prepare alternative plans which could not be ignored by officialdom. A great variety of ad hoc coalitions were formed around specific urban issues. (v)
6. Long term, viable utopian communities were established, for example at Nimbim, and various other locations. There were also some short term utopian colonies for example the 1973 Sundury student settlement which was part of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' Convention and a few years later the "Down to Earth" camps. (vi)

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1968, A Turning Point in Town Planning contd.

7. Accepted methods of providing education, health and children's services were being challenged by action orientated organisations such as Action for Better Education. These resulted in the development of innovative services such as Community Health Centres, Neighbourhood Houses, Community Schools. (vii)
8. Local Government responsibilities were changing from mainly serving property to providing services. Unheard of opportunities for participation in planning were being provided by some municipal councils. More women were becoming municipal councillors. (viii)
9. New methods of community communication were beginning to develop. In some neighbourhoods libraries assisted with community newspapers and other publications which promoted public participation in planning. Changes in media technology (for example printing and radio) helped to make this possible. (ix)
10. New movements were developing around the liberation of women. There began to be a recognition of the specific contribution to town planning which can be made by women. (x).

Planning for the Twentyfirst Century - Dynamics of Needs and Abilities

By the end of the 1970s the main issues for the twentyfirst century were beginning to emerge. These are :-

- * The globalisation of the economy.

The accelerated squander of the world's scarce resources.

The growing recognition not only of the rights of indigenous people but of their abilities.

The task is to reduce these "immense" issues to a human scale. "Thinking globally and acting locally" is part of the solution but it is only part unless it is coupled with the age-old socialist principle of "From each according to their ability and to each according to their need".

History shows that new abilities to serve society, often associated with new technology and new social conditions, give rise to new needs; and changing needs in turn call forth and provide conditions for changing abilities. Human ability to think is a crucial element of this process.

Planning for equity needs now to be supplemented with values which are anti-patriarchal, ecology respecting, committed to self-reliance and grass roots democracy. In other words it is necessary to reverse the most prevalent trend :- the planning practise of extrapolating trends rather than looking at needs and abilities as dynamic interconnected factors.

The University of NSW will be holding a Planning history Seminar on Saturday March 13. More information from Robert Freestone, Uni. of NSW, Box 1, Kensington 2033, phone (02) 697.4837. fax (02) 663.4278.

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1968, A Turning Point in Town Planning contd.

References and Notes

Explanation 1.

All documents referred to are in the Crow Collection at the Victoria University of Technology, Footscray Campus. There is access to the Crow Collection Room any time that the campus library is open. The Collection has been catalogued and can be accessed through OPAC for books and periodicals on CROW COLL. and for pamphlets CROW COLL.P.

Explanation 2.

The working papers and other unpublished material will be for some people the most valuable resource provided by the Crow Collection.

- i. Ivan Illyich's "Celebration of Awareness", Jane Jacobs' "Death and Life of American Cities"; Hugh Stretton's "Ideas for Australian Cities"; Loenie Sandercock's "Cities for Sale" and others such are in the Crow Collection.

The published books and the unpublished working papers for the three parts of "Plan for Melbourne" by Ruth and Maurie Crow are also in the Collection. They are "Plan for Melbourne" Part 1 "Facts and Principles" (1968); Part 2. "Blueprint for Change... Community Services, Transport and Urban Renewal" (1970); and Part 3 "An Objection (Alternative) to the Melbourne Regional Plan Proposals" (1972).

The Crow Collection file of the Ecoso Exchange Newsletters dates from 1967 when this amateur, little, radical publication was called "Irregular". The newsletters have been indexed and can be used as a resource about some of the planning ideas from 1967 to the present day. Although mainly about Victoria some newsletters do contain some information from other states and from overseas.

- ii. The Collection includes the Australian Labour Party town planning policies enunciated by Gough Whitlam and Tom Uren, and booklets published by the Victorian Branch of Labour Party in the early 1970s, such as Colin Benjamin's "Let's Be Human".
- iii. The report from the Living Standards Convention includes papers by urban planners such as Prof. ~~Dennis Winston~~, social planners, trade unionists and municipal councillors. *Ledgar.*

Also in the Collection are documents from Action for Adequate Child Care which was established, in Victoria, through trade union action in 1968.

Some documents from the NSW "Green Bans" campaigns are also in the Collection.

1968, A Turning Point in Town Planning contd.

- iv. The working papers from the National Radical Ecology Conference, held in Melbourne in 1975, are a rich source of material on how these conservation organisations (The ACF and CCV) began to be concerned about urban issues.

The students movement campaigned on environmental issues. For example, in Victoria, they campaigned for bike routes and linear creek paths which are beginning to be a feature of the metropolis.

- v. The publication and working papers of the "CAN Report" ("Citizens Action-plan for North and West Melbourne"), 1972, written by fifty members of the North Melbourne Association are in the Collection. A report by Maurie Crow "Unfinished Business" 1986, reports on what happened to these alternative ideas. There is a number of other examples of alternative plans (and in some cases, reports on what resulted from them) in the Collection.
- vi. The Collection has some material on the Cosme utopian colony which was established in Paraguay by Australians, in the late nineteenth century as well as about some current alternative life style settlements.
- vii. In the Crow Collection there are numerous books and articles about the process of creating community. for example, "Doing It Together" by Sophie Inwald published by Community Child Care in the mid 1970s.
- viii. The Collection includes some of publications and working papers of the Community Planning Groups in the neighbourhoods of the Melbourne Municipality, and the working papers and published documents of the Melbourne City Council's Consultation on Children's Services and several other community consultations.
- The booklet "Community Consumerism and Class" by Ruth and Maurie Crow may be a useful resource for some people researching this area.
- ix. The Collection has working papers and reports on establishing the North Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre and the North Melbourne News both of which have been strongly linked to local government through the local municipal library.
- x. Articles by Mercia Ferrier (using the pen-name Marion in honour of Marion Burley Griffin) were published in the Royal Australian Planning Institute Journal during the 1970s. These are in the Crow Collection, so also are a number of articles by Ruth and Maurie Crow as well as much other material.

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"Subdue the Earth"

"Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it !" was the rallying cry of Hugh Morgan, managing director of Western Mining when he was addressing the Council for the National Interest.

His speech was given some prominence in the Age 30/12/93. Here are some of quotes from the Age feature :-

Contemporary environmentalism is as radical and uncompromising an attack on the entire structure of Western society as we can be imagined.

The fundamental point is that Environmentalism is the religion of the chattering classes and find virtually no resonance within the general community.

Within the political elites, deeply influenced by chattering orthodoxy, there is no one I know, even in Australia, prepared to represent the Australian community in the way Enoch Powell, for example, represented English opinion concerning immigration.

In my view the commitment to global warning as an act of faith, by the US is particular, represents a retreat into superstition which may be of great importance.

I see environmentalism (I am of course not alone in this) as comprising the next major assault on the West. If i am right, we have a big job ahead of us.

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Some of letters to Access Age, responding to Hugh Morgan, are republished on page 13 (inside back cover of this issue of Ecoso).

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ACTU/ACF and Ecological Sustainable Jobs

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) and the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) have joined forces the with private sector in identifying and creating 1000 "green jobs" by 1994.

The two organisations have set up a small unit within the ACF to identify industry with the most potential for ecologically sustainable jobs - jobs that are not ecologically harmful and, where possible, are environmentally beneficial.

The unit has been given \$100, 000 establishing fund by the Federal government.

The executive director of the ACF, Ms Tricia Caswell says that the scheme will be based on existing job support programs such as Jobskills and Landcare.

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Hugh Morgan v. the greens

Hugh Morgan ('The Age', 30/12) has no understanding of what the environmental movement is striving to achieve. His arrogant views are frightening. Environmentalists are the only ones who actively care about people and the fate of our planet. Hugh Morgan clearly neither understands nor cares.

Mandy Fox,
Black Rock.

Taiwan's dead rivers

Hugh Morgan suggests developing countries emulate Taiwan. Does he know that every major river in Taiwan is biologically dead?

Jenny Allen,
Barwon Heads.

Power, status, wealth

To paraphrase Hugh Morgan: "Behind the rhetoric" (delete "of", add "against") global warming and biodiversity are matters of power, status and above all money.

Bob Greaves,
Mt Eliza.

Crops in concrete

If environmentalism is a greater threat to humanity than Hugh Morgan and his ilk, who believe that the earth's resources are infinite and can be endlessly and painlessly exploited, we had all better learn how to breathe toxic waste and grow crops in concrete.

Campbell Aitken,
Warrnambool.

People's real concerns

Hugh Morgan's views represent those of the extreme anti-conservation lobby. They won't alter the real concerns of the many people who want Australia's natural heritage — its plants, animals and landscapes — conserved for the future and who want to live in a clean environment.

Colla Smith,
Murrumbidgee.

All off into space

It is just as well for Hugh Morgan and the mining and forestry industries that we have another planet to go to when this one is used up.

Michael Shaw,
Blackburn.

Vitriolic attack

Hugh Morgan's vitriolic and confused attack on the environmental movement did nothing to add to an important debate but rather only served to lower my opinion of Australian business leadership.

Eddy Mofardin,
Carlton North.

Dig another hole

Hugh "lets-make-another-hole-in-the-ground" Morgan quotes Genesis, verse 28: "To replenish the earth and subdue it" does not, and never did, mean dig a large hole, extract wealth and keep the shareholders happy. The human race cannot exist without its conservators.

Apr 31/12/14
Isabella Colla,
Murrumbidgee.

Chatterers unite

Hugh Morgan tries to deride environmentalists by calling them "chatterers". History has shown slanderous nicknames can be worn proudly. The Nazis coined the phrase "The Rats of Tobruk". Chatterers of the world unite: we have the world to lose.

Ruth Crow,
North Carlton.

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A Living Library to Plan for the 21st Century

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