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Highlights from NCC Workshop 03 July 2023

Thanks to the esteemed regulation certifiers for sharing their knowledge and expertise in our NCC Workshop. We gathered a group of regulation certifiers in a dedicated workshop so they could be candid and share ideas safely. We will, however, share the learnings with you in a tool. Some of the highlights are listed below:

We explored the opportunities and things to look out for when offering space for ‘new’ short-term uses. We also discussed the current State requirements regarding temporary change of use and the steps which could be required to update the policy.

Certifiers see the need for the possibility of a fast-track option with a checklist targeting key areas and/or a scorecard initially rating different options with respect to fire, BCA and cost as low, medium or high risk. We also discussed issues of ‘temporary’ uses then being extended for longer terms and the potential implications of this.

Part of the workshop explored what we might consider as ‘low hanging fruit’ or easier options and what temporary uses could be classified as high-risk or ‘no go’ options. Also, we debated which parts of buildings would attract the most attention for NCC compliance and fire rating.

We concluded that a checklist, scorecard, decision-making tool, and requirements would be useful parts of a toolkit. Watch out for our next steps in this space for the STAR Toolkit.



Sustainable Temporary Adaptive Reuse (STAR) Toolkit

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Forthcoming conference presentations

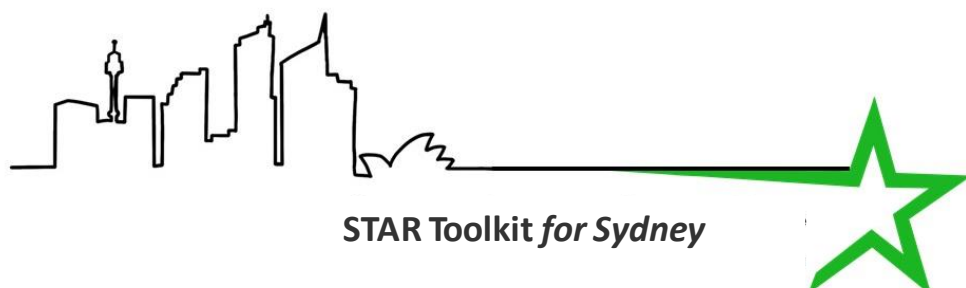
We are presenting the star project at the Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES) conference in January 2024 on the Gold Coast. Our presentation will focus on *sustainable temporary adaptive reuse (STAR): Is this the short-term future for our CBDs?* This is a great opportunity to showcase our project and engage with property academics and professionals nationally and internationally about their perceptions of commercial property markets since COVID.

Book Chapters

We have submitted a book chapter titled: *The Sustainable Temporary Adaptive Reuse (STAR) Toolkit: A solution for underused and vacant buildings* in the forthcoming book **Taken by surprise? Challenges and solutions for resilient cities**. The book is based on the findings of an interdisciplinary research project called RESCUE (Real Estate and Sustainable Crisis Management in Urban Environments). RESCUE is a three-year interdisciplinary project funded by the Academy of Finland from 2020 to 2023. The book combines future studies, architecture, land use and spatial planning, and real estate studies. The publication is due in early 2024.

STAR COMPETITON

We have created the competition brief with support from industry and UTS Architecture staff. The brief includes 2 buildings – a premium office building (many thanks to Investa for contributing drawings) and a typical C-grade office building (thank you to Cameron Chisholm Nicol Architects for providing images and plans for a generic secondary grade office from your research). Thank you to Assoc. Prof. Nimish Bioria for reviewing the brief. If you want to get involved in the competition, please get in contact.





REUSE OF VACANT SPACE IN OFFICE BUILDINGS FOR TEMPORARY NEW USES



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Launch of STAR Space

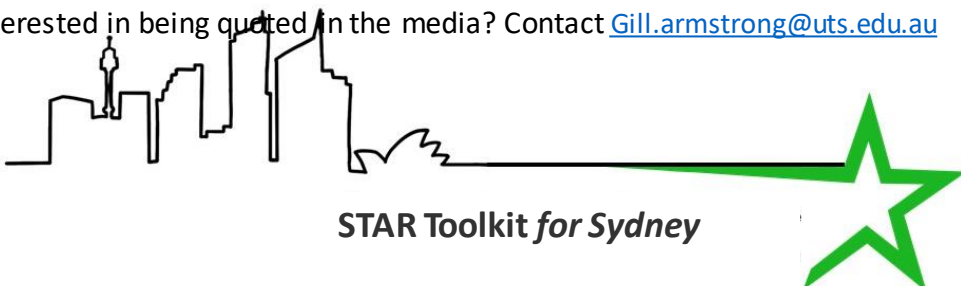
STAR Space Tool & Rosella St partnership

We listened to your ideas in workshops 1 and 2. Some of you suggested the need for a place for space seekers and building owners to connect. We have built a tool for the STAR Toolkit to help STAR people connect, called the [STAR Space](#) Tool. And we have begun to develop guidance on how STAR Space works. We now need your help to grow the community.

To briefly explain STAR Space - we are creating an online community and marketplace to connect STAR space-seekers with building owners considering STAR. Initially, STAR Space is set up for space-seekers to make shoutouts and detail the kinds of space they need and for what new use. STAR Space partners with [Rosella Street](#), an Australian-owned circular economy knowledge exchange platform.

Call to action:

1. Consider joining the STAR Space community as an individual or as an organisation – be a leader in the STAR Space community!
2. Can you help us build the community? We have a share-pack ready to make sharing STAR Space easy – LinkedIn, X, or Insta.
3. We would also welcome feedback on our short explainers for STAR Space:
 - a) [STAR Space FAQs](#)
(links to STAR Space Admin Announcement, no sign-up needed)
 - a) [Understand STAR](#)
(links to STAR Space Admin Announcement, no sign-up needed)
 - a) [Guide – how to list](#) STAR Space for space seekers and owners
(links to Word doc to view and leave feedback comments)
4. Interested in being quoted in the media? Contact Gill.armstrong@uts.edu.au



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Just [email us](#) to start a conversation.