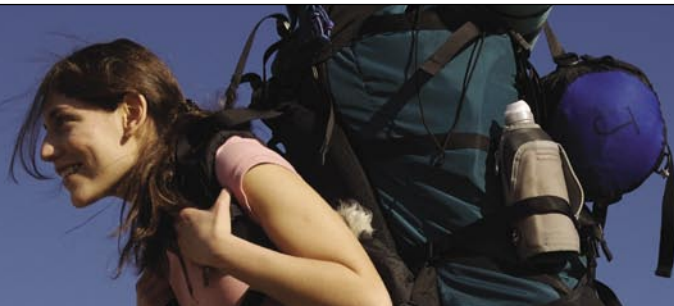


BACKPACKER TOURISM

We're working on it at the University of Western Sydney



Dr Fiona Allon, Professor Kay Anderson, and Associate Professor Robyn Bushell, from the Centre for Cultural Research are investigating the impact backpackers have on our local communities.

This is the first project of its kind in Australia. It addresses in a comprehensive way the challenges and opportunities Sydney faces as it continues to grow as a global city and popular tourist destination.

In partnership with local government in areas that attract large numbers of budget travellers, this three-year study explores backpacker culture within local communities. In canvassing the points of view of all stakeholders involved, in examining the issues from all angles, this project seeks both solutions and greater understanding. It also aims to inform policy and planning to help resolve some of the conflicts and contradictions surrounding backpacker tourism.

The study will aim to better understand the changing tourism dynamics in Sydney, focusing specifically on backpackers; to analyse the transformations of places and communities, particularly within the context of unprecedented international mobility and the marketing of Sydney as a 'global city' and tourist destination; to anticipate future trends in backpacker tourism and support local councils in the development of

policy, planning and the regulatory work resulting from growing numbers of backpacker travellers; and to situate the backpacker phenomenon within the wider context of expanding and diversifying tourism and the changing role of cities and places within the global economy.

Project

Backpacker Tourism in Global Sydney

Partners

City of Sydney, Manly, North Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra councils.

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