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## ARBV ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AWARD 2006

### Two architectural practices receive award

#### The ARBV congratulates **Colcept Architects and Neometro Architects** recipients of the ARBV Architectural Services Award for 2006

At the Board's annual certificate conferring and awards ceremony held on Wednesday 6 December, **Colin Heyman of Colcept Architects** and **Karen Alcock & Maria Danos of Neometro Architects** received their Architectural Services Award and a cheque for \$5000.

The judging panel for the Award reported to the Board that it was a most difficult task to discriminate between the finalists; but also found that the winning architects clearly deserved the Award for this year, based on client comments, documentation supplied and interviews.

The panel also highly commended **Ben Alexander** of Alexander & Chiang Architects.

Many clients, satisfied with their architect's service chose to become directly involved with this Award and submit an evaluation form. The quality of the comments received is testament to the high

standards maintained by the great majority of architects.

The Board thanks all who participated in this Award and particularly extends its thanks to the judging panel who gave generously of their time and worked hard to help make the Award a success this year.

Our judging panel for 2006 was: Ms Pippy Watson Community representative Board member, (panel Chair), Mr Jose Alfano, Board member architect, Mr Gary Crutchley, Board member, Quantity Surveyor, Ms Justine Clark, editor *Architecture Australia*.

#### **Award perpetual trophy**

Thanks to the generosity of the first recipient of this Award, Simon Waters, a perpetual trophy listing all recipients was initiated this year and will be displayed at the Board offices.

## ARBV AWARDS TO ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

In conjunction with architecture faculties of Melbourne, Deakin and RMIT Universities, two annual awards are presented to high achieving students in the areas of Professional Practice and Design.

Commemorating the Association of Women in Architecture, each University funds a \$500 AWA prize for top female students in Design. For 2006 they are:

Deakin: Eugenia Tan  
RMIT: Loren Holmes  
University of Melbourne: Lin Zhu

Recipients of the ARBV Professional Practice Award (\$1000) 2006 are:

Deakin: Erin Kyne & Jessica Hyde  
RMIT: Nicola Garrod  
University of Melbourne: Megan Worthington

## ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION (APE) 2007

Key APE dates for 2006

Round 1	Part 1 Logbook submission  6 March	Part 2 National examination paper 4 April
Round 2	Part 1 Logbook submission  5 June	Part 2 National examination paper 4 July
Round 3	Part 1 Logbook submission  4 September	Part 2 National examination paper 3 October
Part 3 Interviews will normally be held during the month following Part 2, on dates to be advised.		

### APE BRIEFINGS FOR CANDIDATES

Intending candidates are strongly advised to attend the ARBV briefing for candidates to be held in February 2007. To attend, please APPLY to the RAIA in 2007.

Candidates are advised to prepare well for the APE across all four Units of the Competency Standards in Architecture.

See ARBV and AACA websites for details on the APE.  
[www.aaca.org.au](http://www.aaca.org.au) and [www.arbv.vic.gov.au](http://www.arbv.vic.gov.au).

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS 2006-2008

Two new Governor in Council appointments to the Board welcomed at the October meeting for a two-year term are: Ms Vanessa Bleyer, lawyer, Community representative and Ms Shelley Penn, practising government architect.

Board members:

Mr Andrew Hutson, Chairperson (Architecture schools)  
Mrs Jenifer Nicholls, Deputy Chairperson (elected architect)  
Ms Pippy Watson (community)  
Mr Gary Crutchley (allied industries)  
Mr Jose Alfano (elected architect)  
Ms Karen McWilliam (RAIA)  
Mr Bernie Everett (building industry)  
Ms Vanessa Bleyer (community)  
Ms Shelley Penn (government architect)

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board, we wish to sincerely thank all architects who have played important roles in the on-going administration of the Act during this year.

Members of the Panels of Examiners, National and State Visiting Panels, and members of Tribunals have all made an invaluable contribution to Board processes and the maintenance of high standards for the profession. We look forward to continuing our association in the new year.

## REVIEW OF REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES

The Board is reviewing registration and annual fees and other fees such as the APE fee with a view to increases for the 2007-2008 year.

It is seven years since the last such review. We are aiming for publication of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on fees in early 2007 for consultation. The RIS will be placed on the Board website when approval is obtained.

### BUILDING PRACTITIONER MANUAL

Enclosed is a cd copy of the Building Practitioner manual supplied by the Building Commission.

### ARBV OFFICE - CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The ARBV offices will be closed from Friday 22 December 2006 and will re-open on Monday 15 January 2007