

# Information *for architects*

This Newsletter is an official ARBV communication with Architects

## ARBV Certificate Conferring Ceremony

This is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Edge in Federation Square. We have a large number of new architects this year, and as seating is limited, seats need to be booked and tickets will be issued.

The **Architectural Services Award** prize winner will be announced and the recipient and his/her client are given certificates along with a cheque for \$5000 for the winning architect.

Also that evening, the winner of the **Professional Practice Award** will be presented with a certificate and a cheque for \$1000.

## Professional Indemnity Insurance

### *I am a practicing architect. When do I submit proof of Professional Indemnity Insurance cover?*

Normally you only need to do this once each year, at the time the policy you are covered by is renewed. When the new Certificate of Currency is available, send a copy to us. If you are not named on the policy, make sure it is clear to us whose registration it relates to. You can send the

document by mail, fax or email. You need to be aware that the ARBV now conduct regular audits of PI insurance compliance. If you are an employee or contractor covered by someone else's policy, please make a note of the expiry date so you know when to ask them for the new Certificate of Currency when it is renewed, in order to provide a copy to us.

If you are an employee or contractor and you change employer, don't forget to ask your new employer for the Certificate of Currency, in order to provide a copy to us.

**Please do NOT supply Professional Indemnity Insurance proof of cover at annual fee payment time, unless by coincidence this is when your policy expires and is renewed.**

### Plans for 2009

In the first few months of 2009 the Board will be carrying out extensive consultation of the profession and stakeholders on the issue of Compulsory Professional Development (CPD). Victoria is becoming increasingly out of step with other jurisdictions nationally and internationally that require ongoing professional development as part of professional conduct standards and the Board is keen to meet architects in Melbourne as well as regional Victoria to explain what is

proposed for CPD based on the working party's recommendations and get feedback. The meetings will be both to inform and most importantly, to listen. Further action will depend on the feedback that is received.

Please check this website for information on the meetings and to select the one most convenient for you to attend.

### **ARBV Register**

The first five pages from the Architects Register from 1923 have been copied and framed and are **on display** in the Board room at ARBV. The Board and staff welcome you to come in and view these historical documents, so please feel free to do so during the following viewing times: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November through to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 9.30am to 12.00pm. Address: Level 7, 372 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002

If you cannot make it during these times, please call the office on 9417 4444 to arrange a suitable viewing time.

### **Ideas for Research**

Over the coming months, ARBV will be undertaking research that is relevant to architects and the profession. If you have any interests or ideas for research areas, please feel free to e-mail us at

[registrar@arbv.vic.gov.au](mailto:registrar@arbv.vic.gov.au)

As resources are limited, we may not be able to look into all suggestions, but we will keep you informed of the progress through our online newsletters and website at

[www.arbv.vic.gov.au](http://www.arbv.vic.gov.au)

## **TO CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS WITH ARBV**

We need your contact details in writing.

Please use our email at

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fax on 03 9417 4711

## **Website newsletters.**

We want to contribute to the conservation of valuable resources and to protect our environment. One of the hoped for outcomes of email, the world wide web, and electronic information storage was a reduction in the use of paper, especially in offices. We plan to do our bit towards achieving this goal, and as a result this is our first website newsletter.

Later on, as we re-vamp our database, we plan to send an electronic newsletter to anyone who requests it.

Please get into the habit of checking our website regularly as it is an important source of information for you. We welcome feedback on our website and any suggestions for improvement.

## **Did You Know?**

**That the first female architect registered in Victoria was Vera Pearse Lane on June 21<sup>st</sup> in 1923... she was number 14 on the register.**

This is the first of a new, regular "Did you know?" section of the newsletter. We plan to make this interesting, informative, and short.

**Sustainability** is an important consideration for architects. Environmental audits of sustainability are available, allowing organisations to gain a comprehensive understanding of their current energy, water and transport footprint. The report details the Carbon Footprint of the organisation along with a series of recommendations and key actions to create Green House Gas (GHG) reductions. Once a baseline footprint has been established, key actions and recommendations can be tailored to appropriate Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), allowing an organisation to achieve its environmental goals.

If implemented, key action programs can achieve up to 20-30% in reductions on utility expenditure and usage of resources.