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ARBV ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AWARD 2005

The ARBV congratulates
MICHAEL LEETON AND KATE POINTON of Leeton/Pointon Architects
 recipients of the ARBV Architectural Services Award for 2005

At the Board's annual certificate conferring and awards ceremony held on Wednesday 7 December, **Michael Leeton and Kate Pointon** received their Architectural Services Award and a cheque for \$5000.

The judging panel for the Award identified three finalists for 2005 and reported to the Board that it was a most difficult task to discriminate between the finalists; but also found that Leeton/Pointon Architects clearly deserved the Award for this year, based on client comments, documentation supplied and interviews.

The panel gave honourable mention to the other finalists:

Laurence Robinson
Cowland / North Architects

ARBV Certificate Conferring and Awards Ceremony

The annual Board Certificate conferring and Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 7 December.

Newly registered architects received their registration certificates.

The Association of Women in Architecture Prize to a woman student outstanding in the field of design was awarded to

Melanie Scholl RMIT University
 Meron Tierney Deakin University
 Joelene Foong University of Melbourne

The ARBV Professional Practice Award for excellence in Professional Practice studies in the Bachelor of Architecture was awarded to:

Kristine Sommerfeld Deakin University
 David Miller University of Melbourne
 Clifford Tan & Sarah Lake RMIT University

Over 40 nominations for this Award were received this year from clients of architects.

The emphasis of this award is on how the architect has met the clients' needs in the areas of **information and communication, design process, management and contractual fulfilment**. This is not a design award; but the nature of the design may contribute to the overall outcome for clients.

Invariably, complaints received by the ARBV do not focus on design. They are more concerned with things like budget over-run, confusion and lack of communication, lack of resolution of problems that occur during a project, lack of a client/architect agreement and documentation that is untimely or difficult to understand.

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 2005 was:

Ms Pippy Watson Community representative Board member, (panel Chair), Ms Fiona Nixon, Board member architect, Mr Gary Crutchley, Board member, Quantity Surveyor, Mr Peter Mason, architect, Ms Jill Singer, Journalist.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS 2005-2006

Governor in Council appointments to the Board for a two-year term are:

Mrs Jenifer Nicholls (re-elected architect)
Mr Jose Alfano (elected architect)
Ms Pippy Watson (Consumer Affairs nominee)
Mr Andrew Hutson (Architecture schools nominee).

The Board re-appointed Mr Hutson as its Chairperson and Mrs Jenifer Nicholls as Deputy Chairperson.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER 2005

Sincere thanks to **JILLIAN GARNER** who made a significant contribution to the Board as elected representative of the profession.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Board, we wish to sincerely thank all architects who have played a role 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.

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Architects may now file their copy of this Newsletter in their *Resources for Architects* folder. Newly registered architects will receive a copy of the *Resources for Architects* on registration. The Board is keen to receive suggestions from architects for new contents for the Resources folder

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION (APE) 2006

PART 2 NATIONAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Part 2 written paper has been, since 2005, a "CLOSED BOOK" exam. No reference materials are permitted in the exam room.

Key APE dates for 2006

Round 1	Part 1 Logbook submission 8 March	Part 2 National examination paper 5 April
Round 2	Part 1 Logbook submission 7 June	Part 2 National examination paper 5 July
Round 3	Part 1 Logbook submission 6 September	Part 2 National examination paper 4 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 - May 2006. Please check ARBV and RAI A websites in 2006.

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

ARBV OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The ARBV offices will be closed from Friday 23 December 2005 and will re-open on Monday 16 January 2006