

Information *For architects*

This Newsletter is an official ARBV communication with architects.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION

Will your insurance be in place to ensure registration on or before 1 July 2005?

The amended Architects Act requiring proof of PI Insurance for registration will be proclaimed by 1 July 2005.

The Board advises all currently registered architects that details of your insurance cover must accompany renewal of registration for 2005.

Employee architects may continue to be covered by their Company insurance; unless they undertake work as an architect in their own right, when separate, personal PI insurance will be required. The Board will require written proof of insurance under your Firm's insurance policy.

Non-practising and retired architects are advised to maintain PI insurance for seven years after they cease to practice.

Architects registering for the first time on or after 1 July must provide details of their insurance cover.

Insurance provisions under the amendments will be governed by an **Architects Insurance Ministerial Order**. This Order will be published in time for proclamation of the Act. Architects are currently required to hold PI Insurance of not less than \$1million under the Building Act and

the *Building Practitioners Insurance Ministerial Order*. The new *Architects Insurance Ministerial Order* will be based on the existing Building Practitioners Order, with similar requirements for insurance cover.

In anticipation of these arrangements, annual registration renewal notices which will be sent out during May, will require evidence of existing or new insurance cover that will be in place as at 1 July 2005.

No proof of PI insurance will mean loss of registration.

As the Ministerial Order is still subject to consultation and then Ministerial approval, the full details are not yet available. However, the information provided here is to assist all architects to be ready by 1 July in this transition year.

ANNUAL FEES

Reminder notices for payment of annual fees will be sent out in May.

According to the Architects Act, annual fees must be paid no later than 1 July each year and beginning this year, proof of insurance cover is also required..

Where fees are not paid by the due date, and/or proof of current PI insurance is not provided, this will result in immediate, automatic suspension from the Register. Re-instatement to the Register after 1 July will involve payment of a reinstatement fee in addition to the annual fee.

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS?

The Regulations require that you notify the Board within 14 days of a change of address.

You can fax us on 9655 8575 or email on registrar@arbv.vic.gov.au

If we don't have your current address, the annual fee reminder may go astray and you may miss renewal of registration.

ELECTION OF ARCHITECTS TO THE BOARD

Registered architects are invited to nominate for election to the Board.

Half the membership of the Board is changed each year in rotation and this year, the term expires for one representative of consumers, for the Universities' representative and for the two elected architects. Members may be re-nominated.

Jillian Garner and Jenifer Nicholls, elected architect members, have both made valuable contributions during their time on the Board. Their term expires in September 2005.

The 2005 election

A call for nominations for this year's election will be published in the Public Notices of The Age in mid April.

This article is also notification of the election for the profession.

See over page for Nomination form.

Nominations on the approved form , see below, (or obtainable from the Board office) close on Friday 29 April at 12 noon. The nomination form requires that the nominee (a registered architect) and two other architects sign the nomination.

Candidates may submit a statement of **no more than 150 words** to accompany their nomination.

An election is required if more than two nominations are received. In this event, Ballot papers will be mailed to all registered architects with voting finalised on **polling day, Thursday 2 June.**

Current Board members

Mr AndrewHutson,(Chairperson), representing Universities; Ms Janet Kaylock and Ms Pippy Watson, representing consumers; Mr Gary Crutchley, representing allied industries; Ms Fiona Nixon, representing the RAIA; Mr Roger Frith, senior government architect; Ms Jillian Garner, (Deputy Chairperson) and Mrs Jenifer Nicholls, elected by architects.

Election of Architects for nomination to the Board

NOMINATION FORM

The day of2005.

We, the undersigned registered architects of Victoria, do hereby nominate (please print)

first name and surname Registration number.....

of Address Postcode..... Telephone.....
as a candidate for office of a Member of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria at an election to be held 2 June 2005.

To be signed by two architects

Print name

Print name

Signature

Signature

Registration Number

Registration number.....

I, the above named consent to be nominated

Signature of nominated architect:

Note: an architect for the purposes of nomination and election is a natural person who is registered as an architect pursuant to section 11 of the Act.

Candidates may submit a statement in support of their nomination. *The statement*

- *must accompany this nomination form*
- *must be typed and must not exceed 150 words in length*
- *must be signed by the candidate*
- *may only include information on his or her service to the architectural profession, his or her service to the community, the area or areas of architecture in which he or she practises, and any special interests which he or she may have whether inside or outside the architectural profession.*

This completed form and the candidate's statement must be submitted to the Returning Officer, Architects Registration Board of Victoria, no later than 12 noon on Friday 29 April 2005.

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