

Information *For architects*

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ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AWARD 2004

The ARBV congratulates SIMON WATERS - first recipient of the new ARBV Architectural Services Award.

At the Board's annual certificate conferring and awards ceremony held on Wednesday 8 December, **Simon Waters** received his Architectural Services Award and a cheque for \$5000.

The judging panel for the Award identified six finalists for 2004 and reported to the Board that it was a most difficult task to discriminate between the finalists; but also found that Simon Waters clearly deserved the Award for this year, based on client comments, documentation supplied and interviews.

The panel gave honourable mention to five other finalists:

Robert Bienvenu
Staughton Architects
Antony Di Mase
John O'Loughlin
Simon Waters
Joanna Nelson

ARBV Certificate Conferring and Awards Ceremony

The annual Board Certificate conferring and Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday 8 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

Laura Harper RMIT University
Sarah Holbery Deakin University
Aimee Goodwin University of Melbourne

The ARBV Architectural Services Award 2004 was awarded to Simon Waters.

Over 60 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 2004 was: Mr Peter Cox of Padghams, (panel Chair), Mr Simon Swaney, architect, Ms Eli Giannini, architect, Mr Peter Mason, Building Display Centre, Ms Helen Wellings, Channel 7.

The pamphlet "Working with your Architect" which complements the Award has been well received. You can download it from the Board's website or order printed copies from the Board.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS 2004-2005

Three new Board members were appointed by Governor in Council and welcomed onto the Board in recent months. They are

Ms Fiona Nixon (RAIA nominee)

Mr Roger Frith (Senior Government architect)

Mr Gary Crutchley (Allied Industries nominee)

A fourth member, nominated by Consumer Affairs is yet to be appointed.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS 2004

Sincere thanks to four retiring members who have made significant contributions to the Board. They are:

Mr Peter Cox (Allied industries nominee)

Ms Susan Balderstone (Senior government architect)

Ms Carol Kirkpatrick (Consumer Affairs Minister nominee)

Mr Simon Swaney (RAIA nominee)

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, 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.

ARBV OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The ARBV offices will be closed from Friday 24 December 2004 and will re-open on Monday 10 January 2005

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The ECOEDGE CONFERENCE

9-12 FEBRUARY 2005

- Urban Sustainability
- Australian and international speakers
- Sponsored by City of Melbourne, Building Commission and Department of Sustainability and Environment.

For details and registration see the City of Melbourne website: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityedge.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION (APE) 2005

PART 2 NATIONAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION – CHANGES FOR 2005

Beginning in 2005, the Part 2 written paper will be a “CLOSED BOOK” exam. No reference materials will be permitted in the exam room.

Key dates for 2005

Round 1	Part 1 Logbook submission 9 March	Part 2 National examination paper 6 April
Round 2	Part 1 Logbook submission 8 June	Part 2 National examination paper 6 July
Round 3	Part 1 Logbook submission 7 September	Part 2 National examination paper 5 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 2005. Please check ARBV and RAIA websites in 2005.

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