

Karen Alcock FRAIA appointed Chairperson of the ARBV

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The Board of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV), at its meeting on 8 May 2020, elected Ms Karen Alcock as Board Chairperson following previous Chairperson Mr David Islip stepping down.

Ms Alcock is Principal of MAArchitects, which she founded in 2008 after 10 years working as a director of Neometro Architects. Ms Alcock is passionate about the importance of architecture in creating liveable spaces that people want to live, work, and play in.

Ms Alcock places a strong emphasis on the critical role of design in architectural practice. In addition to a strong design focus, Ms Alcock also has strengths in project delivery and practice management.

Ms Alcock is actively involved in promoting the importance of design and architecture in the community. Ms Alcock was made a fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects in 2016. She is currently on the Victorian Design Review panel of the Victorian Government Architect (OVGA), and also on the Architecture Advisory Board for the University of Melbourne.

Ms Alcock looks forward to working with the Executive and Board to further develop the ARBV as a contemporary, professional regulator in line with the Minister's Statement of Expectations. Key initiatives will include updating the ARBV's website to provide an improved user interface and access to more comprehensive resources for architects and consumers, further developing the regulatory strategy and cultivating effective working relationships with the ARBV's key stakeholders.

The Board, at its meeting on 8 May 2020, thanked Mr Islip for the significant contribution he has made since joining the Board in July 2013 and as Chairperson since December 2017. The Board noted the professionalism, energy and commitment Mr Islip demonstrated in carrying out his duties as Chairperson. His generous leadership, shared experience and the guidance exhibited in his role as Chairperson was unanimously acknowledged by the Board.

Mr Islip will continue as an ARBV Board member.