

## Information Sheet About the Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV)

### Establishment and Role

Established in 1923 the ARBV is a self-funded Victorian public sector entity.

The Architects Act 1991 (Vic) (the Act) establishes the framework for the regulation of architects in Victoria and has as its purposes:

- to provide for the registration of architects
- to provide for the approval of partnerships and companies providing architectural services
- to regulate the professional conduct of architects
- to provide a procedure for handling complaints against architects
- to regulate the use of the term's "architect", "architectural services", "architectural design services" and "architectural design"
- to establish the Architects Registration Board of Victoria.

The role of the ARBV's Board is to provide leadership, strategic guidance and policy direction in addition to overseeing implementation of policies and initiatives.

The ARBV Board consists of ten members appointed on a representative basis in accordance with section 47 of the Act. The Board is also assisted by committees and panels including the independent Architects Tribunal. The Act prohibits a person being concurrently a member of the ARBV Board and the Architects Tribunal.

The Board appoints a Chief Executive Officer/Registrar to deliver the operations of the organisation in accordance with its strategy.

Guided by the values of Victorian Public Sector, the Board is committed to establishing transparent policies, processes and procedures that ensure it acts in the public interest and that architects meet the standards prescribed by the legislative framework.

Board members drawing on their skills and expertise are expected to contribute to the leadership and strategic direction of the ARBV in carrying out its regulatory functions for the betterment of the profession of architecture and the building industry.

The Board has published on its website a board charter. The purpose of a Board Charter is to clearly define the respective roles, responsibilities and authorities of the board (both individually and collectively) in setting the direction, the management and the control of the organisation.

The ARBV Board Charter can be found by visiting the ARBV website at the following link:

<https://www.arbv.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Board-Charter-March-2019.pdf>

## Functions

The ARBV's functions include:

- determining the qualifications and experience required for registration under the Act
- regulating the examination of individuals applying for registration
- in association with the schools of architecture, assessing and accrediting courses in architecture
- holding examinations and appointing examiners
- issuing or cancelling certificates of registration or approval
- suspending or cancelling registrations made under the Act
- approving, suspending or cancelling partnerships and companies
- revoke any suspension
- regulating the professional conduct of architects, approved partnerships and approved companies
- publishing information relating to the operation of the ARBV and the Act
- investigating and taking proceedings for offences against the Act
- generally, carry out any other powers and functions which are given to it by the Act or which are necessary to implement the Act.

## Accountability

The ARBV is accountable to the Minister for Planning who is accountable to Parliament and the community for the performance of the ARBV. The Minister for Planning also establishes key governance and performance priorities for the ARBV by issuing a Statement of Expectations. In overseeing the performance of the ARBV, the Minister for Planning is supported by the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning.

## Membership of the ARBV

The Board membership as at March 2021 of ARBV is as follows:

- **Karen Alcock**, Chairperson, B.Arch (UMelb), FRAIA  
Representative of architects by election in accordance with the procedures set out in the Architect Regulations 2015.
- **Richard Salter**, Deputy Chairperson, B. Eng. (Hons), B.Sc.  
Representative of Professional Building Industry Organisations nominated by the Housing Industry Association (Vic)
- **Catherine Duggan**, B.Arch (Hons), B.EnvDes, RAIA  
Representative of architects nominated by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.
- **Georgio Marfella**, PhD, M.Arch, RAIA  
Representative of architects nominated by Councils of approved schools of architecture.
- **Jenny Gretgrix**  
Representative of Professional Building Industry Organisations nominated by the Housing Industry Association (Vic)
- **Bruce Allan**, B.Arch., M.Arch., M.B.A., LFRAIA

Representative of architects by election in accordance with the procedures set out in the Architect Regulations 2015.

- **Stuart Brown B. Tech (Building Surveying),**  
Representative of the Institute of Engineers, Institute of Surveyors, Institute of Quantity Surveyors and Royal Australian Planning Institute.
- **Vacant (2 members)**  
Consumer representative nominated by the Minister for Consumer Affairs (Vic)
- **Vacant (1 member)**  
Practising Senior Government Architect nominated by the Office of Victorian Government Architect (Vic).