

REVIEW OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT 1939, AS AMENDED

The review of the Architects Act 1939, as amended is progressing.

The Board believes the current Act requires substantial amendment to take account of developments in the profession and to align it with legislation in other States, particularly as it relates to issues such as disciplinary hearings, compulsory professional development, professional indemnity insurance and code of professional conduct.

The Minister of Urban Development and Planning announced at the Board's End of Year Function on 19 November 2008 that the Architectural Practice Bill 2008 has been drafted.

The Architectural Practice Bill 2008 was introduced in to Parliament on 26 November 2008. Further progress of the Bill will be advised as it occurs. A copy of the Bill is available from <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/B/CURRENT/ARCHITECTURAL%20PRACTICE%20BILL%202008.aspx>

We expect further progress of the Bill will occur when Parliament resumes sitting in 2009.

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT

The AIA has recently submitted a Paper on the merits of a Government Architect to the Minister for Urban Development and Planning.

It is the view of the Board that the appointment of a Government Architect is important and warranted in South Australia. A Government Architect could provide strategic direction and advice on design for all Government initiated projects. Government Architects have already been appointed in WA, VIC, NT and QLD.

BOARD PRIZES

The Prizes presented by the Board on the basis of the 2007 and 2008 examination results were:-

University of Adelaide

Dean W Berry Prize

Awarded to the student in the Bachelor of Architecture course who has in the year of the award obtained the highest marks in the practice subject Architecture Practice II - value \$250. (joint winners)

Bronwyn Marshall, Philippa Weston (2007 year)

Sally Wilson (2008 year)

Travelling Prize in Architecture

Awarded to the student achieving the best results in all Level I subjects in the Bachelor of Architecture Degree - value \$1500.

Stephen Paul Hendy (2007 year)

Sally Cashen (2008 year)

The University of South Australia

Dean W Perry Prize

Awarded to the student who has obtained the highest aggregate of marks in level 3 Practice Management Professional - value \$250.

John Paul Schmidt (2007 year)

Jason Chambers (2008 year)

Travelling Prize in Architecture

Awarded to the student achieving the best results in the subjects Architecture Design 9 and Architecture Design 10 - value \$1500.

Joanne Saw (2007 year)

Matthew Kirkaldie (2008 year)

Recipients of the 2007 year prizes were presented with Certificates commemorating their award at the Board's End of Year Function held on Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at the Botanic Gardens Restaurant.

Recipients of the 2008 year prizes will be presented with Certificates commemorating their award at the Board's End of Year Function to be held in November 2009.

ARCHITECTS ACCREDITATION OF AUSTRALIA (AACA)

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia's Annual Council meeting was held in Hobart in September 2008.

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia Incorporated is recognised as the national organisation responsible for establishing, coordinating and advocating national standards for the registration of architects in Australia and for the recognition of Australian architects overseas by the relevant Registration Authorities.

AACA is constituted of and accountable to, all State and Territorial Architects' Registration Boards in Australia. It is not a Registration Authority and can only make recommendations to the various Boards.

Details of the role of AACA are available on its website:- www.aaca.org.au. Various publications can also be downloaded from the AACA website.

Registration of architects in South Australia is solely the responsibility of the Board.

The Review of Academic Equivalence (RAE)

Qualifications in architecture obtained outside of Australia are assessed by AACA in terms of equivalence with an accredited academic qualification from a recognized program of architecture in Australia.

The overseas academic qualification is assessed through an interview process, in which the interviewers examine in detail the content of the course leading to the qualification to determine the extent to which it delivers the competencies

required. These are contained in The National Competency Standards in Architecture - NCSA 01, and form the basis for accreditation for Australian courses, as well as the assessment of overseas qualifications.

The RAE process has been in place for a number of years and developments both in Australia and overseas have made it necessary that the system be reviewed.

As a result of this review RAE procedures have been changed as follows:-

- Candidates will be required to pay for a 'second' interview where they present to RAE interview without sufficient documentation - fee \$250.
- Candidates must bring to their interview an A4 duplicate set of documentation to present to assessors.

The assessors and candidates will jointly certify the documentation presented; the duplicate set will be forwarded to AACA with the Panel's report.

The RAE application form, guide notes for RAE assessors, panel interview report and the AACA website have been updated.

UNIVERSITY VISITING PANELS

All professional programs in architecture need to be accredited. The accreditation process is carried out nationally every five years at each University on a rotating basis. In the intervening years each University undergoes a review of the recommendations with a State Visiting Panel (SVP)

The membership of the SVP is made up of two representatives of the AIA, two representatives of the Architects Board and a student observer from a University other than the one that is being visited.

This process is administered by the AIA.

NEW REGISTRAR

Mr Richard Krantz retired as Registrar of the Board in May 2008. The Board wishes to thank Mr Krantz for his services to the Board during his ten years as Registrar and wishes him well for the future.

Mr James Bailey has been appointed as Registrar. Mr Bailey is a Senior Manager in the Privately Held Business Group of the Chartered Accountant firm of Grant Thornton Australia Ltd.

Contact details for the Board remain unchanged.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

All registered architects will be aware that one of the qualifications to be satisfied for registration as an architect in South Australia is the passing of the Architectural Practice Examination. These examinations are conducted half-yearly normally in April and September and the Examiners are appointed from a panel of registered architects who have been appointed to that panel by the Architects Board.

The following is a list of the current members of the Architectural Practice Examiners Panel:-

Paul Boyce
Craig Brown
Andrew Davies
Elaine Davies
Ingrid Kerkhoven
Kitty Marmandis
Tom Maxwell
Necia Mickel
Peter Milne
Lolita Mohyla
Kurt Panczak
Sue Phillips
Felicity Sando
Ross Sands
Susan Scrymgour
Susan Shannon
Lynn Travar
Nicholas Tsatsaronis
Elizabeth Warwick
Therese Willis

The Examination Convenor is Professor John Cooper who is also a member of the Board.

New Examiners

Should any registered architects be interested in being considered for appointment to the Examiners Panel please contact the offices of the Board for further information. Examiners are reimbursed for this service and are required for either a morning or afternoon session of interviews.

Information on the examination process is available on the AACA website: www.aaca.org.au or the SA Board website: archboardsa.org.au

REGISTRATION

Number of Registrants in South Australia at November 2008

Total individuals	Males	Females
787	679	108
New Registrations in 2008	26	4
Resignations/Removal from Register	21	1
Companies	96	

WEBSITE

The Board encourages registered architects to visit the Board's website:- www.archboardsa.org.au. The Act and Bylaws, application forms, annual report and the Board's publications can be downloaded from this site.

COMPLAINTS

The Board has dealt with 9 complaints in the 2008 year, all in relation to professional misconduct. One complaint progressed to an Inquiry with the result of a fine being imposed. 1 complaint investigation is still in progress.

The Board has considered 7 breaches in relation to the use of the word "architect" or "architectural" by persons or entities who were not registered under the Act.

This is an ongoing problem and requires constant attention by the Board.

The Board would like to highlight the dangers of architects engaged by developers dealing directly with the developers' clients particularly on residential construction issues.

Architects should be careful to identify who their client is and that the terms of their appointment are covered by a written client/architect agreement.

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The **Architects Board of South Australia** is the statutory authority responsible to the Minister for administering the Architects Act 1939, as amended, 'which provides for the registration of architects, to regulate the practice of architecture, and for purposes incidental thereto'. The purpose of limiting the use of the title architect to those properly qualified to use it is to protect the public from the activities of unqualified persons or registered entities who may present themselves as having professional qualifications in architecture they do not possess.

The relevant Minister is the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, Planning SA is the department responsible for supporting the Minister.

The Board is composed of three persons appointed by the Governor and six architects elected by architects registered in South Australia. All members of the board act in an honorary capacity.

The Board is responsible for maintaining a register of architects and architectural companies and for ensuring that only properly qualified and experienced people are listed on the register of architects, and only companies which satisfy the requirements of the Architects Act are registered as architect companies.

The Board has a statutory role to investigate complaints made against architects and against unregistered persons holding themselves out to be architects and also to discipline those who are found to have contravened the Act

An important role of the Board is to accredit architectural courses. The Board may also promote knowledge of architecture amongst the public.

The Board charges fees to registered architects to cover costs of administering the Board's activities and there is no cost to the government or members of the public.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The current membership of the Board is as follows:-

Government nominees:

Judith Carr
Executive Director Building Management -
Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure

Susan Phillips
Director - Phillips/Pilkington Architects Pty Ltd

Lolita Mohyla
Managing Partner - Mohyla Architects Interior Designers

Elected members:

Gary Bonato
Managing Director - Tectvs Pty Ltd

Robert Cheesman AM
Managing Director - Cheesman Architects Pty Ltd

Professor John Cooper
Consultant

Andrew Davies (Chairman)
Manager Building & Property Services
Resthaven Inc

David Holland
Director - Danvers Schulz Holland Architects Pty Ltd

Tom Maxwell,
Senior Project Manager Capital Works
Adelaide City Council

Ms Sue Campbell and Mr D Hassell tendered their resignation as members of the Board in early 2008. The Board wishes to thank Ms Campbell and Mr Hassell for their valued contribution to the work of the Board during their term of office.

Mr Gary Bonato was elected for a three year term to the Board. Mr David Holland was appointed to fill a casual vacancy.

Mr Davies was re-elected Chairman for the 2008 year and Ms Judith Carr was reappointed as Government nominee for a further three years.



Back Row: Richard Krantz (Retiring Registrar) and David Holland

Middle Row: Gary Bonato, John Cooper, Judy Carr, Lolita Mohyla, Susan Phillips, Robert Cheesman and Tom Maxwell

Front Row: Andrew Davies (Chairman)

WELCOME TO NEW ARCHITECTS FUNCTION 19 NOVEMBER 2008

The Board held an evening function at the Botanic Gardens Restaurant which included the presentation of certificates to newly registered Architects. Other invited guests included the Board's Examiners, those Architects who were transferring to the Retired List and a range of people with whom the Board works.

The Minister for Urban Development and Planning, The Hon Paul Holloway attended and spoke to the function.

The invited guest speaker was Mr Earle Scott a former member of the Board.

Mr Scott spoke about his career highlights and the changes that have taken place in the profession and in closing offered congratulations, words of encouragement and best wishes to the new registrants.

The Board was once again pleased and enthused by the obvious appreciation of the new Architects at the function and looks forward to future successful events.

THE 2008 NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

The Board congratulates Susan Phillips for her involvement as a juror in the Australian Institute of Architects' National Architecture Awards which were presented in Adelaide on 30 October 2008 at St Peters Cathedral.

With a strong local representation at the event the awards recognise Australia's most prestigious annual architecture prizes. A total of 31 awards and commendations across 12 categories were awarded to projects in Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT, NSW, Western Australia, South Australia, China and Singapore.

(Source: 2008 Architecture Awards AIA Media Release 30 October 2008)

HISTORY OF THE BOARD

The Architects Board is working with the Architecture Museum to prepare a History of the Board. The Architecture Museum is part of the University of South Australia's Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Design.

The Architecture Museum is a facility for the acquisition, preservation and management of South Australian produced architectural and related records, and for promoting

intellectual enquiry into, and producing scholarly information about, the states built heritage.

The extensive and unique collection of over 200,000 items is housed in archival conditions in a purpose-designed space in the Kaurna building, Fenn Place, Adelaide. The Museum is publicly accessible and is open Monday and Tuesday, 9am - 5pm.

The Architecture Museum has a volunteer program to assist in the accessioning and management of the collection. If you are interested in South Australia's architectural history and have time available on a regular basis to assist with the collection the Museum would appreciate your contribution.

Please contact Collections Manager Dr Julie Collins on (08) 8302 9235 or julie.collins@unisa.edu.au for more information on the Architecture Museum and its volunteer program.

THE ARCHITECTS BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Registrar: Mr James Bailey
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PLEASE NOTE:

Registered architects must advise the Board promptly in writing of a change of address.

All registered architectural practice companies are required to advise of changes to company details including changes of directors, shareholders and constitution.