

News Letter

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The Architects Board of South Australia

2003 SUBSCRIPTIONS

You will note from your attached subscription notice there has been an increase of \$20 in the subscription fees from \$95 to \$115 for natural persons for the year ended 31st December 2003. Subscriptions for architectural practice companies have increased from \$158 to \$190 (up to 2 directors) and \$210 to \$250 (more than two directors) for the year ended 31st December 2003.

The Board fees have remained relatively constant over the past three years and have only increased from \$90 to \$95 for natural persons and from \$150 to \$158 (up to 2 directors) and \$200 to \$210 (more than 2 directors) for architectural practice companies over the past six years.

The Board is financially self-supporting, and the subscription fees are its primary source of funding. In preparing a budget for the present financial year the Board has found it necessary to increase the fees for the following reasons:-

1. The Board concluded the year with only a nominal operating surplus.
2. The anticipated costs of administering the Board's activities are budgeted to increase from \$88,000 for the year ended 31st December 2002 to approx. \$110,000 in the year ended 31st December 2003.
3. In accordance with addressing the Productivity Commissions concerns about "inadequate consumer knowledge" the Board is embarking on a program to increase public awareness of the Board's role. This has given rise to development of a logo, website and associated new stationery. In addition the Board recently recommenced placing a notice in the Yellow Pages, advising the public how to check whether or not a person is a registered architect.
4. The Board is anticipating increased legal fees and administration costs associated with a higher level of complaints against registered architects and unregistered persons holding themselves out to be registered.

This increase has been approved by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning who administers the Architects Act 1939, as amended.

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 who may present themselves as having professional qualifications in architecture they do not possess.

The Board may promote education in architecture and take such other measures as it thinks proper for extending knowledge of architecture among the public.

The Architects 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 registered architects and against unregistered persons holding themselves out to be registered.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The Architects Act provides that the Board will consist of nine members. Three of these are to be people appointed by the Governor in Council and six are to be registered architects elected by registered architects in accordance with the by-laws made by the Board. The term of membership of the Board is three years so that in February/March of each year one of the Government appointees comes up for re-appointment or replacement whilst two of the elected members have their terms of election expire, being of course eligible for re-election.

All registered architects would have received with an "Election Notice" advising that three positions were to be filled for 2003.

Two members of the Board were to be elected in 2003 by registered architects and as at the closing date of nominations, Tuesday 11th February 2003 only two nominations had been received.

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies Mr Robert Cheesman and Professor John Cooper were duly re elected as members of The Architects Board of South Australia for the ensuing three years.

Ms Lolita Mohyla, the government nominee was reappointed by the Minister for a further three years term.

The present membership of the Board is as follows:-

Government nominees:

Judith Carr

Director Project Services - Department for Administrative and Information Services

Susan Phillips

Partner - Phillips/Pilkington Architects

Lolita Mohyla

Managing Partner – Mohyla Architects Interior Designers

Elected members:

Sue Campbell

Partner – Campbell & Campbell Architects

Robert Cheesman

Director - Cheesman Architects Pty Ltd

Professor John Cooper

Retired

Andrew Davies (Chairman)

Director - Brown Falconer Group Pty Ltd

David Hassell

Managing Principal - Hassell Pty Ltd

Tom Maxwell,

Capital Works Coordinator - City of Adelaide.

WEBSITE

The Board is pleased to announce that its website is now operational – www.archboardsa.org.au
Please visit the site.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINERS

As you are aware under the provisions of the Architects Act 1939, as amended, candidates for registration are required to pass an examination in architectural practice. Candidates are required to sit for a written examination and are then

examined by interview and the Board would like to add to its register of examiners. Examiners are reimbursed for this service and are required for either a morning or afternoon session of interviews.

The Board would be most appreciative of receiving any applications from registered architects who would be interested in undertaking this task. It is also important that the membership of the examination panel maintains a gender balance.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

The next round of examinations in South Australia will be held in September/October 2003.

The National Examination Paper (NEP) will be held nationally on 1st October 2003.

The 2003 Sample NEP which is available on the AACA website is more representative than earlier sample papers.

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

REVIEW OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT 1939, AS AMENDED

The Chairman and Registrar of the Board met recently with representatives of Minister Jay Weatherill who is responsible for administering the Act.

The meeting was the first step in a process (which will include the RAIA) of reviewing the Act to address Competition Policy issues as well as other matters.

Whether the process will result in a new Act and Regulations or simply amend the existing legislation is yet to be decided by the Minister who will consult with his advisers after consultation with the Board, the RAIA and the Association of Consulting Architects.

It is anticipated the formal review process and draft of legislation will commence prior to 30th June 2003.

The government's response to issues such as compulsory professional indemnity insurance, compulsory professional development and a code of conduct, which are included in the National Legislative Guidelines published by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA), is yet to be ascertained.

REGISTRATION

Congratulations to the following architects who have successfully registered in South Australia between February 2002 and April 2003. Some of these registrations are for architects from other States and Territories under mutual recognition arrangements.

Most are new architects registering for the first time having completed the Architectural Practice Examination.

Ian Peter Conry
Jonathan Paul Mau
Bernadette Elizabeth Neville
Abel Jacobus Pienaar
Martin Gregory Cumming
Stuart John Uren
Nathan David Purdie
Johannes Willem Van Wilgenburg
Jock McInnes Smylie
Peter George Georgiev
Michael Avila
Gary David Harrop
Fernando Spano
Rodney John Casey
Michael Brendon Williams
Philippa Michelle Morgan
Edward Typek
Alison Wendy Maxwell
Roy Rafael Rimando
Matthew Peter Bedford
Matthew Colin Swinburne
Mark Andrew Wiltshire
Gregory Bruce Walker
David Rhys Bodycomb
Amanda Lea Rebeck
Amy Joanna Hallett
Mark Williams
Karl Patrick Traeger
Timothy Edward Ross
Kendall Jayne Aplin
Russell James Pfitz
John Paul Barnes
Ian James Hamilton
Warwick David Tempny
John Wachsner

Companies:

Milne & Zappia Architects Pty Ltd
mohylaNBRS&P Pty Ltd
Phil Weir Architects Pty Ltd
Folland Panozzo Architects Pty Ltd

Company change of name:

Jackman Parken Evans Pty Ltd (formerly Jackman Gooden Architects Pty Ltd)
Williams Burton Architects Pty Ltd (formerly Robert G Williams Pty Ltd)
CKA Architects Pty Ltd (formerly Cheng Koay & Associates Pty Ltd)
Danvers Schultz Holland Architects Pty Ltd (formerly Danvers Architects Pty Ltd)

BOARD PRIZES

The Prizes presented by the Board on the basis of the 2002 examination results were:-

Adelaide University

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

Mr Chong Jin Koay

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.

Mr Liam Short

The University of SA

Dean W Berry Prize

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

Ms Lucy White

Travelling Prize in Architecture

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

Mr Adam Brown

AACA

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia's Annual Council meeting was held in Brisbane in August 2002.

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.

The decision for the registration of architects lies solely with the Boards.

2002/2003 AACA Executive Committee

Mr Brian Wright (President)
Chair – Western Australian Board
Mr Patrick O'Carrigan (Vice President)
Chair – New South Wales Board
Mr David Archer (Secretary)
Chair – Tasmanian Board
Mr Richard Krantz (Treasurer)
Registrar – South Australian Board
Mr Andrew Hutson (Ex-officio)
Chair – Victorian Board

ADMINISTRATION

The Board dealt with a number of complaints during the year. Some of these related to the professional conduct of registered architects, however the greater number dealt with issues arising from 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. A major problem lies not with registered architects but other individuals, businesses and companies who deliberately or inadvertently include their names under the heading of 'Architects' in the Yellow Pages. The Board questions all those persons whose name appears under the heading "architects" who are not registered.

The Board has placed an advertisement in the 2003 issue of Yellow Pages, notifying the public of the Act and the role of a registered architect.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's office is located on the First Floor, Grant Thornton House, 67 Greenhill Road, Wayville.

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Phone: 8373 2766

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Registrar's email: rkrantz@gtsa.com.au

website: www.archboardsa.org.au

It is the responsibility of all architects to advise the Board in writing or by telephone of a change of address.

It is the responsibility of all registered architectural practice companies to advise of changes to company details including changes of directors, shareholders and constitution.