



Architects Board of Western Australia

Annual Report

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Introduction

The Architects Board of WA administers the *Architects Act 2004*, the legislation that regulates architects in Western Australia.

The Architects Board of WA provides a range of services to both architects and consumers. It manages the registration process for architects and issues licenses to corporations. As part of the registration process, the Board works nationally with the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACCA) to satisfy itself that architectural degrees of graduates are from approved courses of accredited schools of architecture, and this involves annual visits to schools of architecture for assessment and accreditation. The Board also monitors the correct use of the word 'architect' (and associated words) and investigates any contraventions of the Act. The Board has a role in disciplining registered architects if they have acted unprofessionally or breached the Act. It also has a public education role that complements its consumer protection functions.

This report is prepared for submission to the Minister for Housing and Works in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the *Architects Act 2004*.

Architects Board of WA Board Members

The Board consists of 10 members; four members are appointed by the Minister as consumer representatives, two members are appointed by the Minister on the nomination of professional architectural bodies, and four members are elected by architects.

The Board meets once a month, excluding January. In addition to monthly Board meetings, members also participate on sub-committees as required. Board members are paid sitting fees as determined by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Board members during this reporting year are listed below.

Dianne Annear was appointed to the Board as a community representative. She has over 20 years experience in community housing projects. Dianne's term expired on 15 November 2006, and she did not renominate for the position.

Simon Bodycoat is an elected architect Board member. He has been practising as an architect for 15 years and currently holds the position of Associate with Cox Howlett & Bailey Woodland. Simon was elected to the Board in November 2005 and is a current member of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

Bruce Callow is an elected architect Board member. He has been practicing as an architect for over 30 years and established his own practice in 1992. Bruce was elected to the Board in 2000 and became Chair of the Board in February 2007. He was previously a Local Government Councillor for 6 years and a Board member of the Rottnest Island Authority for 6 years.

Anna Ciffolilli is a consumer representative on the Board. She has over twenty years experience as a legal practitioner. Anna is currently Legal Counsel at Curtin University and is presently a Board member of the Physiotherapists Board, West Coast TAFE, the Contaminated Sites Committee and the Electrical Licensing Board.

Kate Hislop is an appointed architect Board member. She has been a full time academic in architecture at the University of Western Australia since 1999. She maintains a part-time practice as an architect. Kate is also an examiner for the Architectural Practice Examinations and a member of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Practice Committee (WA Chapter).

Brian Klopper was an elected architect to the Board. Brian became a registered architect in 1960 and started private practice in 1971. He currently runs his own practice in Fremantle working on a range of projects. He resigned from the Board on 16 May 2007.

Janine Marsh is a registered architect, appointed to the Board by the Minister. She is also an examiner for the Architectural Practice Examinations and a Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. Janine is the Managing Partner of Doepel Marsh Architects and Interior Designers. Her term with the Board expired on 15 November 2006.

John McBain is a community representative on the Board. He is a community sustainability consultant and environmental designer. He is active on a number of committees including state ALP policy committees, the Institute of Global Education (USA), the Sustainability Practitioners Association, Community TV Perth, the Sir James Mitchell Park Management Committee and the Sustainable Nedlands Committee.

Rod Mollett is a long standing elected member of the Board and currently holds the positions of both state and national convenor for the Architectural Practice Examinations. He is also State President of the WA Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. Rod is a senior director of Silver Thomas Hanley, Architects, Health Planners and Interior Designers.

Joanne Parnell represents the interests of consumers on the Board. Joanne is an MBA (advanced) graduate from UWA, and has a background in strategic business planning and development. She is currently working in the insurance field managing Western Australia for Guild Insurance Ltd. Joanne was elected Deputy Chair of the Board in September 2007.

Frank Pitman is appointed to the Board as a consumer representative. He is a professional engineer with many years experience managing the delivery of a wide range of public buildings for government agencies. Frank has recently retired from the Department of Housing and Works.

Brian Wright is an appointed architect Board member. He has been a registered architect since 1977. Brian is a former Architects Board of WA Chairman and past President of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia. He is also a former Royal Australian Institute of Architects WA Chapter President and is a Life Fellow of the Institute.

Board Meeting Attendances for Financial Year ended 30 June 2007

Name	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
D Annear	√	√	√	√	√	N/a	NM	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5/5
S Bodycoat	√	√	√	√	√	√	NM	√	√	√	√	√	11/11
B Callow	√	√	√	√	√	Ap	NM	√	√	√	√	Ap	9/11
A Ciffolilli	√	√	√	√	√	√	NM	√	√	√	√	√	11/11
K Hislop	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	NM	√	√	√	√	√	5/5
B Klopper	√	√	Ap	√	√	√	NM	√	√	Ap	√	Res	8/10
J Marsh	√	√	√	√	√	N/a	NM	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	5/5
J McBain	Ap	√	√	√	√	N/a*	NM	√	√	√	√	√	9/10
R Mollett	√	√	√	√	√	√	NM	√	√	√	√	√	11/11
J Parnell	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	NM	√	√	√	Ap	√	4/5
F Pitman	√	√	√	√	Ap	Ap	NM	√	√	√	√	√	9/11
B Wright	√	√	√	√	√	√	NM	√	√	√	√	√	11/11

Ap - apology

NM – no meeting

N/a – not applicable

N/a* - delay in reappointment

Res - resignation

Architect Registration in Western Australia

Natural Persons

Uniform standards of education and experience have been adopted by all States and Territories in Australia for registration as an architect. These are a five year Bachelor of Architecture degree from an Australian university (or approved equivalent), an approved period of practical experience, and successful completion of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia's Architectural Practice Examination.

The Register commenced with 1046 registered architects at 1 July 2006. The following alterations were made to the Register:

Details	Number
Registered architects at 1 July 2006	1046
Deletions due to retirement, resignation, decreased or struck off for non-payment	119
New registrations and re-registrations	65
Total	992

Of the 992 registered architects, 133 are female and 859 are male. The number of registered architects decreased by 54 during the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. In addition to the registered architects, 127 architects are recorded as non-practising under Division 2 of the Register.

Corporations

Under the *Architects Act 2004*, the Board grants licences to corporations which confers on the licensee the exclusive right to practice architecture in Western Australia. Licensed corporations are required to ensure all architectural work is done under the direct control and supervision of a least one registered person.

The Register commenced with 134 licensed corporations at 1 July 2006. The following alterations were made to the Register:

Details	Number
Licensed corporations at 1 July 2006	134
Ceased operations	4
New licenses	13
Total	143

The number of licensed corporations increased by 9 during the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. Firms are no longer required to be registered or licensed. However, as at the date of the proclamation of the Act, the register showed 12 registered firms.

Accredited Academic Qualifications

In Western Australia, the schools of architecture at Curtin University of Technology and the University of Western Australia offer accredited courses for the purposes of registration. These courses, along with all other accredited courses in Australia, receive annual visits from a joint Board and Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) panel (called the State Visiting Panel).

Board nominees participated in the 2006 State Visiting Panel Assessments for Curtin University of Technology and the University of Western Australia. The Board accepted both State Visiting Panel reports.

In addition to the State Visiting Panels, the Architectural Education Committee monitors education in architecture in Western Australia. The Education Committee is a joint committee of the Board and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. Members of the Architectural Education Committee for the 2006/07 year are listed below.

Members of the Education Committee

Name	Nominated By	Class Occupation	Initial Appointment	Current Appointment	Expiry Date
Pat Pinder	RAIA	Architect	1.1.00	1.1.07	31.12.07
Ian Dewar	RAIA	Architect	1.1.07	1.1.07	31.12.07
Richard Szklarz	RAIA	Architect	1.1.00	1.1.07	31.12.07
Bruce Callow	ABWA	Architect	1.6.02	1.1.07	31.12.07
Simon Bodycoat	ABWA	Architect	7.3.06	1.1.07	31.12.07
Brian Wright	ABWA	Architect	1.1.99	1.1.07	31.12.06
Kate Hislop	ABWA	Architect	1.1.07	1.1.07	31.12.07
Philip Goldswain	UWA	Academic	1.5.05	1.1.07	31.12.07
Romesh Goonewardene	UWA	Academic	1.6.05	1.1.06	31.12.06
Stephen Neille	Curtin	Academic	1.1.04	1.1.06	31.12.06
Errol Tout	Curtin	Academic	1.5.05	1.1.07	31.12.07
Warren Jones	ACA	Architect	1.1.06	1.1.06	31.12.06
John Silbert	ACA	Architect	1.1.04	1.1.07	31.12.07
Luis De Araujo	SONA	Student	1.1.06	1.1.06	31.12.06
Kate Ferguson	SONA	Student	1.1.05	1.1.06	31.12.06
Stephen Hicks	SONA	Student	1.1.06	1.1.06	31.12.06
Emily Van Eyk	SONA	Student	1.1.07	1.1.07	31.12.07
Lucy Fuchsbichler	SONA	Student	1.1.07	1.1.07	31.12.07

RAIA – Royal Australian Institute of Architects

ABWA – Architects Board of WA

Curtin – Curtin University of Technology

UWA – University of Western Australia

ACA – Association of Consulting Architects

SONA – Student Organised Network for Architecture

Assessment of Overseas Qualifications

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA) has responsibility for the overall policy and administration of assessment of persons with overseas architectural qualifications who wish to obtain professional recognition in Australia. After preliminary investigation of the qualifications of these applicants, they are referred to the appropriate State or Territory Board for a further interview by the Review of Academic Equivalence Panel. The Panel makes its recommendations to ACA for endorsement.

During the reporting period, 9 applicants with overseas qualifications were interviewed, and 8 were given equivalence status.

The Board would like to thank Mr Pat Pinder and Mr Brian Wright who comprised the Review of Academic Equivalence Panel during the reporting period.

Registration Without Formal Qualifications

People that do not have a formal qualification in architecture, or their qualification has been assessed as not being equivalent to an accredited qualification, but have substantial skill and experience in the architectural profession, can undertake the National Program of Assessment which is centrally coordinated by ACA.

The Board participates in the National Program of Assessment at two levels. Firstly, a Board nominee is a member of the three member assessment panel on a rotational basis with the other States and Territories. Secondly, the Board coordinates the provision of local monitors for candidates in which they note the progress and authenticate the work of candidates.

The Board would like to thank Mr Sasha Ivanovich who is a current member of the assessment panel, and Ms Kate Hislop and Mr Pat Pinder who acted as monitors during the reporting period.

Architectural Practice Examination

The final qualification for registration in Western Australia is the successful completion of the Architectural Practice Examination, which is administered by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia.

Two series of examinations were conducted during the reporting year (July/August 2006 and April/May 2007). A total of 49 candidates were admitted to the examination, of which 42 were successful.

The Board uses the services of architects to serve as examiners for the Architecture Practice Examination. The Board would like to thank the following architects who were examiners for the oral interviews, and in particular Mr Rodney Mollett who was

the State Convenor. Mr Mollett is also National Convenor of the Architectural Practice Examination.

M Broderick	P Hodge	G Sheldon
G Broom	T Holton	S Swain
B Callow	S Ivanovich	P Rossen
M Canning	G Lawrence	P Tennant
A Casella	K MacCormac	T Tyzack
L Gardiner	H Marchesani	P Wellington
B Hames	S Mathews	
K Hislop	K Muir	

Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA)

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) 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 relevant Registration Authorities.

AACA is constituted of nominees from each of the State and Territory Architects' Registration Boards in Australia. It is not a registration authority and can only make recommendations to the Boards. The Chairman and Registrar are councillors of AACA.

The Chairperson, Mr Brian Wright, attended the annual meeting of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia in 2006. The then Registrar, Ms Mary-Eileen Scanlan, was unable to attend. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is held by the Registrar, and is available for more information.

Complaints and Offences

Complaints

The Board received 3 complaints in 2006/07 alleging misconduct by architects.

In all 3 cases, the Board, based on the recommendation of the sub-committees, did not find the matter serious enough to go to Conciliation or the State Administrative Tribunal. However, the Board wrote to the architects concerned advising them to improve their work procedures and cautioning them that if the Board received another complaint on similar issues, it would view the matter much more seriously.

One complaint lodged in January 2006 was resolved by a Deed of Settlement and Release in September 2006 after a Conciliation process. As part of the settlement, the architect concerned had to undertake professional development on specified areas with a person nominated by the Board at his own cost.

Offences

The use of the title 'architect' in Western Australia is restricted by the *Architects Act 2004*, and may only be used by people that are registered with the Board. If the services are provided by a corporation, then the entity must be licensed with the Board.

During 2006/07, 17 individuals or organisations were advised that they were in contravention of the Act by holding themselves out to be architects or offer architectural services.

One matter is ongoing. All other matters were resolved to the satisfaction of the Board.

Awards and Prizes

Architects Board of WA Award

The Architects Board of WA Award for 2007 was awarded to Mr Peter Hunt. The Award was established to recognise a contribution to the profession beyond a person's normal role as an architect. In Mr Hunt's case, the Board has recognised his role in making available an annual prize for young architecture graduates to enable them to travel and further develop their careers.

Mr Hunt was presented with his award by the Minister, the Honourable Michelle Roberts, at a function held at the University Club in Nedlands.

Education Prizes

The Board is also associated with four educational prizes each year. The recipients of these prizes in 2006/07 were:

Architectural Education Prize 2006 (\$200)
Mohd Hafiz Bin Mohd Fazillah.

Architects Travel Prize 2006 (\$2,500)
Gregory Niziskiotis.

W.H. Robertson Memorial Travel Grant (\$2,500)
Sian Fitzpatrick.

A.R.L. Wright Memorial Prize 2006 (\$200)
Susan McGregor.

Management and Operations

The Board is administered by the Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Registrar's Assistant. Regular financial reporting to the Board, along with day to day monitoring and control processes ensure that an effective and responsible system of financial management is in place.

During the course of the year, the Board relocated from its premises of 12 years in the QV1 Building, to temporary accommodation at the Bank of NSW Chambers, 899 -901 Hay Street, Perth. In July 2007, the Board moved to more permanent premises at 33 Broadway Nedlands. The Board's office is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

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Process Improvement

During 2006/07, a number of operational processes have been implemented in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board. These include:

- Improved communication with Board members through the introduction of a new meeting agenda and minute format and provision of associated documentation.
- Introduction of electronic banking;
- Better financial control with the introduction of an approval process for payment of invoices and payroll, and more rigorous budgeting processes.
- Improved records management including the development of a new filing system, development of a retention and disposal schedule and the commencement of a review of all files held by the Board.
- Improved staff management process including the introduction of weekly staff meetings, time sheets, annual performance appraisals, and annual training and development plans.

Future Plans

The coming year will be a very busy one for the Board as it progresses amendments to the *Architects Regulations* and associated Board policies. These include the introduction of new categories of registration, continual professional development, adoption of the AACA Code of Conduct as a guidance document, streamlining registration requirements for architects already registered in other states and the alignment of the subscription year with financial year reporting requirements i.e. moving annual subscriptions from a calendar year to the financial year.

The *Architects Act 2004* has imposed considerably higher administration costs on the Board, and a substantial increase in registration fees is also included in the proposed amendments.

Planned operational improvements for the coming year include updating the registration database, improving information provided on the website for both consumers and architects, and revising and improving registration and licensing forms and the way in which they are processed.

