

# News Letter

AUGUST 2006



## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

### Act & Regulations to be Amended

The new Board has been tackling the problem of implementing the new Act and the Regulations and have found a number of short comings in both as they have worked through them. The Board recently met with staff from the Department of Housing and Works (DHW) to discuss the implementation and the process by which changes will be required to be made to both the Act and the Regulations.

Changes to the Act will take some considerable time but hopefully changes to the Regulations which take less time can be introduced to alleviate some of the current issues.

The introduction of new membership divisions has been agreed by the Board which will mean that there will be 3 Divisions in the regulations instead of the current 2. Division 1 which will relate to practising architects will be further divided into 3 subdivisions to distinguish between those architects offering their services direct to the public and those who do not. In this way the requirements for PI Insurance which the Board has agreed will be mandatory for those architects offering their services direct to the public and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) which the Board has agreed will be

required for ongoing registration can be distinguished between the different divisions and sub divisions. The Board has also sought independent legal advice and legal advice from the DHW to ascertain what changes will be required to the Act and/or Regulations to allow the Board to adopt the Code of Conduct as the new Board also has agreed to the adoption of a Code.

Membership of the new Board has been an issue with the expiry dates of terms of office for new Board members happening at odd times due to the late approval of the Regulations. This is going to necessitate the holding of 2 elections/appointments in each year for the next 2 years to re-align Board member terms with the financial year and to ensure a staggering of terms for the Board members.

### The National Scene

On the national scene SA has finally made a move to introduce a new Act and has asked for information from the other states and AACA to assist them in its preparation.

NSW are continuing to fine tune their new Act and Regulations and have produced some very useful information on the requirements for PI Insurance and CPD. WA has decided that the information from NSW will provide a useful model for the implementation of these requirements in this State.

Qld still continue to battle with the writing of their new regulations!! The new Act has finally been proclaimed in Victoria and now it is a case of bedding it done as has been experienced in the other States. ACT, NT and TAS continue with little change.

### AACA

New Zealand have adopted the Australian Accreditation and Recognition process and the National Competency Standards as a basis for the accreditation and recognition of their schools of architecture and for the requirements for registration in New Zealand.

The APEC Architect Central Council meeting held in Mexico City in May/June was a great success. APEC Architects are now a reality and the use of the title will be an internationally recognised symbol of competence. Australia so far has 2 Architects on its APEC Architect Register.

The next meeting will be in Canada in 2 years time.

As a by product of the APEC meetings AACA met with a number of economies on a one to one basis and has started negotiations with a number on bi-lateral Mutual Recognition Agreements.

**Brian Wright**  
**Chairman – Architects Board of Western Australia.**

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The Architects Board of Western Australia is pleased to announce that Mr Warren Kerr will be awarded the Architects Board of Western Australia Award for 2006.

The Award is to recognize registered architects in WA whose attitudes and personal contributions to the profession and/or community have enhanced public confidence in the standing of the profession.

The Minister for Housing & Works, the Hon. Michelle Roberts MLA, will present the Award to Mr Warren Kerr at the Board's annual Award Function at Lamonts East Perth on 22 June 2006.

## **REGISTRAR'S COLUMN**

### **Board Elections**

All architects should recently have received a letter from the Board calling for nominations for the election of 2 Board members. Two members of the current Board, Mr Rod Mollett and Mr Simon Bodycoat, have terms expiring on 16 November 2006.

As all would be aware the Architects Act was proclaimed on 15 November 2005. The terms for these members will be from 16 November 2006 to 30 June 2007 to facilitate the re-alignment of terms with terms as originally intended which were to coincide with the financial year.

Please note that nominations are to be received before the close

of business on 30 August 2006 and must be accompanied by both a curriculum vitae and candidate's statement. Both of the retiring members are eligible for re-election.

### **Board Members**

The current members of the Architects' Board are as follows:

Mr Brian Wright - Architect  
(Chair) *Appointed Member*

Mr Bruce Callow - Architect  
(Deputy Chair) *Elected Member*

Mr Rod Mollett - Architect  
- *Elected Member*

Ms Janine Marsh - Architect  
- *Appointed Member*

Mr Simon Bodycoat – Architect  
- *Elected Member*

Mr Brian Klopper – Architect  
- *Elected Member*

Dr Frank Pitman  
- *Appointed Community Rep*

Ms Dianne Annear  
- *Appointed Community Rep*

Ms Anna Ciffolilli  
- *Appointed Community Rep*

Mr John McBain  
- *Appointed Community Rep*

### **Use of the term 'Architect'**

Attention of members of the profession is drawn to the provisions of the Act governing the use of the term 'architect' Pursuant to the provisions of the Architects Act 2004 the

following are defined as "restricted words": "architect", "architects", "architectural" or "architecture" and any abbreviation or derivative of those words.

The effect of being a restricted term is that, pursuant to s.34 of the Act, only those persons who are registered or, in the case of corporations, licensed have the right to carry on the practice of architecture in this State using the title "architect" or any other restricted term. Without being registered or licensed it is an offence to use a restricted term the penalty for a first offence being \$5,000.

An example which is reasonably commonplace, but is in clear contravention of the Act, is the use of titles such as "Graduate Architect" or "Project Architect". These terms appear to be used to describe those who may have graduated with a recognised degree in architecture but have not proceeded to registration. The only acceptable description for those coming within this category is their name and academic qualification.

i.e. John Smith  
B.Arch.

Likewise, when employing staff to fulfil the position of an 'architect' if no proof of registration is provided please contact the Board to verify the prospective employee's registration status.

If the person is not registered they may not be described as an 'architect'.

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### Approval to advertise

Unlike the 1921 Act, Board approval for advertisements by architects is not required to comply with the provisions of the 2004 Act.

### APE

The next round of part 3 exams commences on 16 August 2006. 23 candidates have enrolled. The Board is very grateful to all examiners for their time and efforts. Any architect wishing to be trained as an examiner for future years is invited to put forward their name and can participate in future training sessions.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday- Fred McCardell Architect, LFRAIA

The Board extends its sincerest congratulations on reaching the age of 100 to one of its most long standing members – Mr Fred McCardell.

Fred's birthday was recognised by both the Board and the RAIA at a jointly hosted function held at Royal Perth Yacht Club on 2 August 2006.

Whilst having lost his voice Fred was still able to enjoy the lunch in the presence of many well wishers.

### Recently Registered Architects

#### New Registrations to July 2006:

J L Officer	(2057)
M S Dowty	(2058)
M Szczepaniak	(2059)
G R Richards	(2060)
B Ghaleh Molaei	(2061)
C M Forman	(2062)
P A Keleman	(2063)
M B Buttery	(2066)
N A Edwards	(2067)
N S Francois	(2068)
B J Kelly	(2069)
I G Rodgers	(2070)
K E Schoonens	(2071)
M T Smith	(2072)
K J Stewart	(2073)
L T Tuffin	(2074)
M I Young	(2075)
E E Gogos	(2076)
T L Kerr	(2077)
S W Freeman	(2078)
S F Stace	(2079)

#### Other alterations to the Register to July 2006

#### Resignations:

DD Brown  
V G Guy  
A M King  
M E Sholl  
P Sinbandhit  
G R Winkel  
G G Allan  
J M Flynn  
G W F Ranger  
I J Connolly  
P L Graus  
R J Lee  
I R McGilvray  
M A Rayner  
P J Richardson  
R A Rizzalli  
N J Tyrell  
B J Hall  
P G Kidman

### Re-registration:

G A Kimpton (1914)  
E R Maxwell (1579)  
N Zuideveld (1856)  
T M Lewis-Jones (1328)  
D A Collins (1403)  
I J Connolly (1938)

### Struck off for non-payment of subscriptions:

H E Monaghan  
T P Storey  
D A Tregoning

### Non-practising List:

C R Arndt (309)  
M J Donald (796)  
R N Longley (892)  
R J Prindiville (457)  
F W Robinson (880)

### Deceased Architects:

E F Bessant  
J Bollig  
W St C Broomfield  
J W H Howlett  
C R Thompson

### **Mary-Eileen Scanlan Registrar**