

Dear Architect

Greetings from the Architects Board of WA. We thought that we would end the year with a first our first electronic newsletter.

Architects Board Award

The Board recently presented the Architects Board Award for 2009 to Professor Geoffrey London at a cocktail function held at the Board's premises. The Award recognises the contribution that a person has made above and beyond meeting their normal professional and career obligations within the architecture profession.

This award acknowledges the significant role Professor London has played in raising public awareness of architecture and the profession over the years. He has made a substantial contribution to shaping our built environment in Western Australia, having advised government and various institutions on ways to achieve good design outcomes. In the role of Government Architect, Professor London's contribution resulted in positive design and procurement of public buildings and spaces.



As well as presenting the Board Award, newly registered architects were welcomed into the profession and received their certificates of registration from Board Chairman, Bruce Callow. In 2009, fifty architects were registered for the first time in Western Australia.

Renewal of Registration and Licence

The transition to a July to June renewal of registration and licence period is now complete. From now on your renewal of registration and licence will be due on 30 September.

The number of architects who did not meet the 30 September deadline this year was abysmal. Less than 75% of renewals were returned by the deadline, and many of the renewals that were received required follow up as the form had not been completed correctly and/or a copy of the professional indemnity insurance certificate of currency was not included (practising architects only). Next year the Board will not be so lenient. Architects who have not paid the renewal fee by 30 September 2010 will be removed from the Register, which may have implications on your insurance cover.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Remember to record any CPD activities you undertake during the year as you may be selected as part of the random annual audit of CPD records in June 2010. Architects should undertake a minimum of 20 CPD points each year, of which at least 10 points are formal CPD. CPD activities need to be carried out across at least two contexts of the National Competency Standards in Architecture. For more information about the Board's CPD

Framework visit our website.

Trading Names

If you use a business name other than your first name and surname, the business name needs to be either approved by the Board or licensed in the case of a corporation. Incorporating the word "Architect" with your first name and surname is acceptable; however, using the words "Architects" or "Associates" with your first name and surname requires Board approval. If you are using a business name that requires approval, and have not previously obtained Board approval, please contact the Board office to discuss your situation.

Titles for Graduates

The Board receives numerous enquiries about suitable titles for junior staff. Unregistered graduates can not use the title "Graduate Architect" as this is a breach of the *Architects Act 2004*. Only registered persons can use a title that includes the word "Architect".

So, what titles can a graduate use? The Board has approved the use of the following:

- B Arch;
- Graduate;
- Graduate of Architecture;
- Architectural Graduate; or
- Graduate with architectural degree.

From the Architects Board of WA we wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year brings you prosperity and happiness. Please note that our office will be closed from Monday 21 December 2009 and will re-open on Monday 18 January 2010.

Nicole Kerr
Registrar