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A Forty Year Journey Tony Cox, AILA National President

Next year will mark forty years since the founding of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects. Richard Clough, as well as being appointed the Interim Chair in August 1966, also had a term as the National President from 1969–1971.

The full list of past Presidents (19 only) appears on the right. Suffice to say it is an interesting list, not least because for some odd reason my name appears alongside some of the most notable practitioners, academics and leaders of our profession over the last forty years! Surely my claim to fame will be as the most isolated National President in the organizations history! It is also interesting to note those whose names do not appear.

There are clearly many eminent Australian Landscape Architects who have contributed enormously to the profession and the Institute in advancing it to where it is today. And you certainly do not need to be a National President to achieve this. I'm sure a review of National Councilors over the years and also the list of Fellows of the Institute would fill in many of these 'gaps'.

In terms of organization, member services, policy development and financial viability the Institute has made considerable gains over the years. It is fair to say the ship is in good order. This will be critical in the next major challenge for the profession – how are we to position landscape architecture to ensure we establish and maintain a pre-eminent position in the areas of planning and design of our living environment?

Each of us as a professional practitioner/ educator/regulator has a role to play in marketing ourselves, our businesses and the profession. Beyond this, there is also a role to be played by the Institute to raise our profile and actively participate in national debate on issues affecting our area of work. Advocacy as a key role of the Institute has always been recognized, as evidenced in

the handbook. More recently it has been on the agenda of the last 5 National Councils that I am aware of, and will certainly stay there for the foreseeable future. In a small Institute such as ours, it is always difficult to assign the resources required to cover the ever growing wish list. But we are getting better, and even in my six years in National Council, I have been pleased to see a well resourced National office assume a more diverse and complete role in support of the profession and its members.

This is a trend that cannot falter. As discussed in an earlier Landscape Australia, we are all becoming 'time poor' and find it difficult to take on voluntary positions, and yet to date this has been the cornerstone of our Institute and will continue to be for some years.

There is much we can be proud of in terms of gains made in raising the profile of landscape architects – Universities using landscape architects to promote their international design credentials; the Institute leading the debate at the political level in achieving tax deductible status for the Built Environment; landscape architects being called on to assume key positions in planning and design forums around the country; landscape architects recognized as key players, if not leaders, in major development projects such as Olympic bids; regularly being asked to review and advise on national and international competitions open to a range of professions.

In 40 years the profession has achieved a lot. There are many wonderful projects that have stood the test of time and continue to provide healthy/ inspirational/ exciting/ relaxing/ contemplative places in our living environment. They may be our best marketing tool, but in reality we haven't even begun the 'hard sell'. Being quietly confident in what it is we do is not enough.....it is time we got loud and were heard (from our own considered and multi-faceted perspective!).

AILA's National Presidents

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects formally came into being in Sydney August 25th 1966 with Richard Clough as Interim Chair followed in 1967 with Peter Spooner as its first National President.

The AILA Presidents till present have been:

1966–1967: Interim Council Chair:
Richard Clough

1967–1969: Peter Spooner

1969–1971: Richard Clough

1971–1973: Gavin Walkley

1973–1975: Malcolm Bunzli

1975–1977: Ray Margules

1977–1979: Jean Verschuer

1979–1981: George Williams

1981–1983: Bruce Mackenzie

1983–1985: Catherin Bull

1985–1987: Geoff Sanderson

1987–1989: Ian Oelrichs

1989–1991: Adrian Pilton

1991–1993: Ken Taylor

1993–1995: Alan Chenoweth

1995–1997: Leonard Lynch

1997–1999: Glenn Thomas

1999–2001: James Hayter

2001–2003: Noel Corkery

2003–2005: Tony Cox

2005–2006: TBA 14th Oct 2005



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Darling Harbour, Sydney

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The International Federation of Landscape Architects' Eastern Region 3 day conference is being held at Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia from Thursday 25th – Saturday 27th May 2006.

Organised by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects in partnership with the University of New South Wales Faculty of the Built Environment, this international conference will focus on the theory and practice of landscape architecture within the region.

National and international speakers will address the pivotal role of time and change in the practice of the built environment professions and its effects on contemporary society & the landscape. The conference speakers will explore the theme of **TIME** through three sub-themes: **TIME** as Catalyst; Designing with **TIME**; **TIME** and Technology.

International speakers now confirmed are:

Martha Fajardo: IFLA President. Private Practice Columbia

Kathryn Gustafson: International Practice, Europe – USA

Astrid S Haryati: Assistant Landscape Architect to the Mayor of Chicago

Elizabeth Meyer FASLA: Landscape Architecture Faculty, University of Virginia School of Architecture

Kongjian Yu: Doctor of Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design. Dean and Professor, the Graduate School of Landscape Architecture, Peking University and President, Turenscape

Thursday 25th: The conference will open with events at UNSW, Site Tours, and in the evening the introduction ceremonies, first lecture and finally a cocktail reception, hosted by AILA NSW.



Chicago Millennium Park
Photograph by Paul Costigan

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th: The two day conference finishing Saturday night with a conference dinner.

The University of New South Wales will publish refereed proceedings and stage the student design competition.

For updates and more information watch the conference web site:
<http://www.aila.org.au/time>



Echo Point, Blue Mountains NSW
Photograph by Paul Costigan

The 2nd International Federation of Landscape Architects Awards for Landscape Architecture

In 2002 at the IFLA Eastern Regional Congress meeting, Eastern Region delegates agreed to begin an annual award for excellence in the practice of landscape architecture within the region. Awards were part of a strategy for advancement of the profession in the region. The importance of recognising excellence in our discipline and the importance awards have in recognising, promoting and teaching by example is understood by us all.

The objectives of the IFLA awards are threefold:

1. To encourage and recognize best quality landscape works in IFLA ER member countries
2. To enhance the recognition of the landscape profession and the practice of landscape architecture within the region
3. To contribute to the design, conservation, and management of the environment

Nomination for the awards is for projects of public or private nature that achieve significant benefits or enhancement to the quality of the environment. Nominations for the 2005 awards program were for landscape projects that were constructed or implemented during the last three years (2003, 2004, or 2005) in a member country.

There are three categories of awards:

- IFLA Eastern Region President's award (1 project)
- IFLA Awards of Excellence (2 projects)
- IFLA Awards of Merit (3 projects)

The 2005 IFLA Eastern Region President's award was presented this year to Tract Consultants for the Cairns Esplanade and Echo Point projects. The Jury for the awards, comprising delegates from Korea, Taiwan, India, New Zealand and Australia, commented:

"The best of landscape design and planning is vitally important for the future of the planet in order to blend man's footprint with nature.

"Landscape architecture is an integrated discipline that brings together an understanding of our natural systems and processes with our social, economic and political needs. The value of landscape architecture for safety and sustainability is crucial in protecting our cultures, allowing natural systems to be understood and to flourish.

"Landscape architects around the world were striving to enhance the landscape and to contribute

to the design, conservation and management of the environment. Landscape architects often work with community groups, clients – particularly in local government – and other professionals such as engineers and planners. It is a credit to the quality of the landscape architectural profession in Australia that Tract were awarded equally first for the two projects they entered. What was particularly impressive was the landscape architect's involvement in the conceptualisation of the projects and the integration with the natural landscape in two quite different settings. Both projects show a strong emphasis on environmentally responsible and sustainable solutions."

Other project winners included the Samseong-dong l'Park in Seoul, the Taman wetlands in Putrajaya, the Fort Canning Hilltop park in Singapore and redevelopment of the Hastings CBD in New Zealand. Congratulations to all of the award winners. Their example of landscape architectural excellence will increase the visibility of the profession within the region and help us to promote excellence by example.

James Hayter FAILA
IFLA Vice President

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 40th Annual General Meeting of the

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

ACN No 008 531 851

4.30 pm, Tuesday 4th October 2005

Canberra, ANU – University House, Common Room

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Agenda

Meeting attendance, apologies and proxies
Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting
Business arising from the Minutes
Treasurer's Report (including the appointment of the auditor)
President's Report
Declaration of the election of National Councillors 2005–2007
General Business

To be followed by the

Margaret Hendry Lecture at 6pm.

Canberra, ANU – University House, Common Room

Margaret Hendry Lecture

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) announces the National Capital Lecture Series held in conjunction with the National Capital Authority.

Margaret Hendry had an important role in the early years of the AILA and had an on-going commitment to the profession: visit the web site for important papers about Margaret.

<http://www.aila.org.au/hendry>

AILA is privileged to announce the inaugural speaker for this series:

Professor Catherin Bull, Elisabeth Murdoch Professor of Landscape Architecture, Associate Dean (International, University of Melbourne).

Professor Bull's research interests include landscape architecture and urban design practice in Australia, and the planning, design and management of areas for sustainable tourism. Professor Bull is the author of the internationally acclaimed book on landscape architecture in Australia: *New Conversations with an Old Landscape: Landscape Architecture in Contemporary Australia*

To book, contact AILA National Office and download form online: www.aila.org.au/hendry



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