

2007 Building a Better City Design Awards

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Building a Better City Design Awards and the City of Whitehorse community and building industry are invited have their say on what they think are the municipality's best designed buildings and developments of 2007.

The prestigious awards are held annually and aim to reward owners, builders, developers, architects, landscape architects and planning consultants for creating innovative building designs in the City of Whitehorse.

Awards are to be given in nine categories:

- Best New Dwelling
- Best New Medium Density Development (three units or less)
- Best New Medium Density Development (four units or more)
- Best New Apartment Building (three storeys or more)
- Best New Commercial/Institutional Building
- Best Landscape Design
- Best Exterior Renovation
- Environmental Sustainability (Commercial or Residential)
- Best Heritage Development

Designs are judged on a number of criteria including:

- Compliance with relevant legislation and Council guidelines;
- Complimentary relationship between architecture, urban character and landscape;
- Functional and useable external spaces;
- Complimentary and innovative architectural and landscape design;
- A positive contribution to neighbourhood character;
- Minimal detrimental impact on neighbouring properties; and
- Implementation of sustainable principles.

Developments must have been completed in 2007.

Nominations for the 2007 Building a Better City Design Awards close on January 31, 2008. Judging will take place in February 2008 with awards to be presented at a reception in April 2008 as part of Whitehorse Sustainable Living Week.

Nomination forms can be found on the Council's website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au by clicking on 'Council Services' then selecting 'Urban Design'. For more information, phone Council's Urban Design Department on 9262 6132.

AILA Tasmania 2007 Project Awards Winners

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CONGRATULATIONS to AILA member Jamie Durie of Patio Landscape Architecture and Design, in being chosen to compete in the main show garden category at the prestigious Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show in May 2008.

Together with major sponsor Trailfinders, Fleming's will this year take part in the prestigious Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show 2008. This will be Fleming's fifth consecutive entry to the show after achieving a prestigious Silver Gilt award in May 2007.

Titled 'Fleming's and Trailfinders Australia Garden', the 2008 design is described as a comprehensive representation of Australian horticulture and lifestyle, it aims to represent the many faces of Australia with influences from Kakadu, the desert, the coast and importantly the distinctive Australian flora. Fleming's director and project brainchild, Wes Fleming said the opportunity to work with Jamie Durie on the Chelsea experience was not only exciting but highly significant for Australian horticulture.



"We are absolutely delighted to work with Jamie Durie and Patio in our fifth Chelsea expedition, for a number of reasons".

"Firstly he is an exceptional designer producing work I believe is worthy of Chelsea gold, and more importantly Jamie's involvement further highlights how active and important the Australian horticulture industry is".

"Our designs, in the past, have challenged the UK convention of what a garden can be, with many of the UK designers embracing the Australian landscape design concepts and revisiting their views on gardening, garden design and garden structure, as a direct result of our presence at Chelsea."

The build up for the show will start on Saturday 3 May with the main show days from Tuesday 20 - Saturday 24 May 2008.



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President's Message

Elections have received a lot of publicity lately. One of the elections that received a little less press was at the AILA Victorian Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM), held last week, which resulted in a few changes with the State Executive. I was elected to take over from Darren Atkinson as the State President, with Kirsten Bauer elected to the position of Vice President, Jo Russell-Clarke replaced Rob Cooper as Secretary, and Craig Czarny and Daniel Nunan both joined the Executive Committee. These changes in personnel combined with the continuing work of other Executive and Committee members has seen the State group swell to its largest size for many years. I would like to believe this is an indication that AILA has never been more relevant and members are seeing the benefits of getting involved to make a meaningful input for the benefit of the profession. If you have been thinking of getting involved, now is a great time to come along to a meeting or contact me or any of the Executive and Committee contacts.

The level of interest in AILA is also very much the legacy of the energy and effort that Darren brought to the role of State President over the past two years. The Victorian Group has experienced the greatest increase in membership, the strengthening of relationship with allied bodies and an increased focus on the promotion and awareness of Landscape Architects over this period. On behalf of all Landscape Architects I would like to thank Darren for what he has achieved for AILA.

One of the items discussed at the AGM was the proposed State Manager position. Support was received from the members to proceed with establishing this position. This is an exciting evolution in the function of AILA Victoria and we believe it will result in benefits to all members. Applicants for the position are now being sought and you are encouraged to tip off potential applicants that might be suitable for the position. Search State Manager at www.seek.com.au

Christmas is a great time to catch up with friends and family as well as making the most of some time away from work. Enjoy yourself and I look forward to reporting back on the many exciting activities AILA will be undertaking in 2008.

Mark Frisby

Victorian Group President, AILA

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

6 - 9

3rd Australian Congress of New Urbanism, Brisbane
More information: www.acnu.org

14 - 16

EcoEdge2, Melbourne
Hosted by the City of Melbourne, to book visit
www.cityedge.org.au

DECEMBER EVENTS

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AILA FRESH Scribble Translator & Christmas Drinks
Exhibition Opening Night, 6.00 - 7.00pm,
The Artery, 87-89 Moor Street, Fitzroy

http://www.aila.org.au/victoria/events/AILAFreshExhibition_Scribble%20Translator.pdf

FRESH

AILA FRESH is a group of young Australian designers seeking to keep the profession of landscape architecture fresh, inquisitive, answerable and alive. FRESH aims to broaden the depth of knowledge that young designers, from all walks of life, seek by holding regular seminars, informal chats, exhibitions and soirees. Currently they are looking for FRESH blood to help organise events, so please make contact with them if you are young, vibrant and well....FRESH. Check out the FRESH blog: <http://aila-fresh.blogspot.com/> or email FRESH at ailafresh@googlegroups.com to get involved.

SCRIBBLE TRANSLATOR..

The 2nd Annual Fresh Exhibition, Scribble Translator, had its opening night at The Artery in Fitzroy, on the evening of Friday 7 December.



AILA members were invited to submit both the original scribbles on butter paper and the final presentation image or model.



Several scribbles and their finished projects were submitted to the FRESH team for the student competition with three awarded prizes. George Zhuo won a three year subscription to Landscape Architecture Australia for his interpretation with Kate Pleban and Qidi Li second and third respectively.



AILA FRESH would particularly like thank The Artery, Judd Farris Recruitment, C + M Brick, Landscape Architecture Australia magazine and AILA for their sponsorship of the evening.

More about CPD Points

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

2009 AILA National Conference Theme,

speakers, venue, site visits, etc. for the AILA National Conference 2009 are being considered, so if you would like to have some input please register your interest now.

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Membership Information

Have you moved lately???

Please ensure that you email your new address and new contact information to the national office, otherwise magazines and landmarks go missing!

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE?

Prepared by the BEDP Action Agenda Committee.

<http://www.aila.org.au/action/default.htm>

Australian Landscape Charter now online

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

NEW ASSESSMENT GUIDE

For applicants and mentors is now available <http://www.aila.org.au/membership>

Photos from the AILA One Day Conference - Adelaide

<http://www.aila.org.au/conference/2007/climate/index.htm>

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UK LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

01 – 02 November 2007

Climate Change: The Challenge for Landscape Architecture

Hassell's Martin Rowland has just returned from the UK Landscape Institute's annual conference, held in London's Regents Park. Martin tells AILA Victoria, that this was a unique opportunity to hear speakers from varied and related fields discuss their insights on climate change, its causes, and potential solutions. In most cases the discussion was about adaption to and mitigation of climate change. Discussions spanned the range of landscape architectural practice and covered scales from strategic master planning to detailed design. They were presented with a mixture of varied projects including:

- Edible landscapes – communities bringing themselves closer to their food production
- Zero energy (or better) multi use residential developments
- Urban regeneration projects that demonstrated whole life cycle calculation of carbon by considering the costs in the design office, to construction costs, the cost of material selection, as well as operational costs
- Green Infrastructure projects that mitigate Heat Island effect, manage stormwater runoff, improve breezeways and give residents of high density developments the psychological reinforcement

that "the environment is out there"

Green roofs and green walls that improve building performance, and stormwater and greywater outputs.

Overall they were given the message "Don't Panic" tempered by the message that we probably have less than 10 years to implement measures to allay the effects of human induced climate change. In response to that we were asked to consider what would be good enough, and to do that rather than wait for a silver bullet or perfect solution.

We were amongst people who believed that combining strong design skills with an understanding of the environmental systems we inhabit, positions landscape architects in a premier place to make a significant contribution to extenuating the effects of climate change. These were positive messages and reinforcement that this is an exciting time to be a landscape architect.

The Environment Group is always interested in new members joining them. If you are interested please either forward an expression of interest to ailavic@raia.com.au or join them at 8.00am at the Countryside Deli, 708 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn on the third Tuesday of the month.

Outdoor Design Source Industry News

<http://odsnews.com.au/>

National Council has released two National papers

The National Strategic Plan and Directions Paper; identifying the directions AILA National Council is taking on education policy development, the recognition of members and the related matters such as CPD. <http://www.aila.org.au/plan>

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

The Spring edition of LAonline is now available

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

If you want to contribute to the Summer edition with articles on your travels, practice, research, or reviews on landscape related topics. Please contact the National Office ASAP by return email. admin@aila.org.au

New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects 2008 Conference

SHIFT
Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 April 2008, Hyatt Hotel, Auckland
http://www.nzila.co.nz/conf_coming.asp

AILA NEWS ONLINE

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

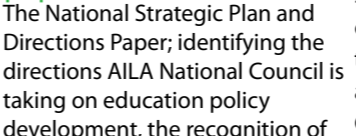
COMPETITIONS

Birnbeck Island Competition: Urban Splash
This is the chance of a lifetime to create an exciting development for a fantasy island in Weston-super-Mare. For more information contact the RIBA Competitions Office or <http://www.birnbeck-island.co.uk/>

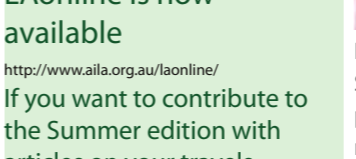
NEWS

THE VICTORIAN AILA AWARDS

On Friday 16 November, over four hundred AILA Members, Sponsors, professional colleagues and students, came together and celebrated the 10th anniversary of the AILA Victorian Group's Awards program.



Held at Zinc @ Federation Square, this years Principal partner was Stockland, with major sponsors VicUrban, Streetscapes, Storm Consulting, the City of Greater Geelong, the City of Melbourne, Melbourne Water and Kompan.



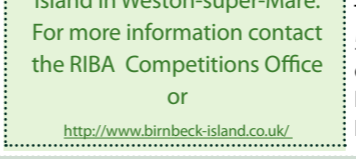
The awards aim is to continue fostering recognition of the profession of landscape architecture, encourage excellence and provide public acknowledgement of the valuable contributions made by the profession to the improvement of our natural and built environments.



For a full list of recipients of awards in other categories, please visit the AILA Victoria website <http://www.aila.org.au/victoria/awards2007/awards2007list.htm>

To view the Awards e-book http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/?xml=AILA_VIC_Project_Awards_2007.xml

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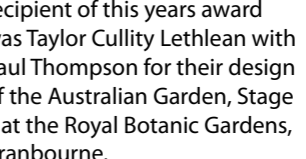
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The Victorian Award in Landscape Architecture is the top award which acknowledges outstanding achievement in landscape architecture. The recipient of this years award was Taylor Cullity Lethlean with Paul Thompson for their design of the Australian Garden, Stage 1 at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne.



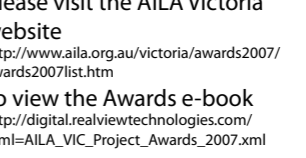
The Award of Excellence in the category Design in Landscape Architecture was also given to Taylor Cullity Lethlean with Paul Thompson for the same project. The jury's decision for both awards was based on the belief that this is a project of landmark proportions and that 'the Australian Garden captures the essence of what is great landscape architecture'.



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17th International Play Association World Conference 2008, 'Play in a changing World', Hong Kong
<http://sn.polyu.edu.hk/ipa2008/>

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Compostmodern 08 San Francisco, USA
<http://compostmodern.org/>

20 - 22
Landscape Architecture Conference, Dubai. <http://www.iflaonline.org/uploads/File/Dubai%20%20GLADAC2008%20-%20At%20A%20Glance.pdf>

JANUARY EVENTS

24 January - 17 February
Newcastle 2008, an exhibition of collaborative projects artists, architects and landscape architects.
<http://www.backtothecity.com.au/downloads/brief.pdf>