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From the President...

Once again there has been a lot happening with the Victorian Group over the past few weeks. Planning for the 2008 Victorian State Awards and 2009 National Conference (to be held in Melbourne May 2009) have been occupying a lot of our time. Sponsorship packages have been sent, and the response from sponsors has been terrific! Don't forget to acknowledge the support of sponsors when meeting them. Event management for the Awards is being finalized as well as the selection of venues. If you are interested in assisting either with the State Awards or the National Conference, please contact Kathryn Green at victoria@aila.org.au

Since our last newsletter there have been well attended Cultivate and Fresh events. Thank you to Dan Nunan for all his work with the Cultivate series. Jasmine Ong and her ever growing team on the Fresh Committee have also been doing a terrific job. In addition there has been a host of interesting speakers at RMIT. There is a full calendar of events planned for the rest of the year (including a number of events we will be co-hosting with allied professional bodies). I encourage you to attend as many as possible.

The Environment Group has also been busy. One of the key items they have been reviewing

is the AILA Charter. Discussions to date have been vigorous but represent an important part of AILA's strategic planning and thinking. Thanks to David Dreadon and his team. If you are interested in being involved please contact Kathryn at victoria@aila.org.au or David at ddreadon@coomes.com.au

Craig Czarny and Rob Cooper have also presented the information workshops for new registered landscape architects. Victoria continues to be the growth state for applicants looking to join (this includes quite a few senior entry applicants). The growth in membership is a reflection of a growing profession and hopefully recognition of the benefits of being an AILA member.

This is the second edition of the new look Victorian newsletter. Any feedback (both good and bad) is welcome. We are always looking for news and information that is of interest to AILA members and encourage you to send information through.



Mark Frisby

Victoria Group President, AILA



Stand 162, Level One

This was the AILA Victoria exhibitor stand at the recent Age VCE & Careers Expo held at Caulfield. And in my humble opinion – it was the stand out stand !

As quoted in “The Age” on Monday 7 April 2008 “Landscape Architecture is a profession committed to the creation of meaningful and enjoyable outdoor places and to the sustainable management of our environment. Landscape Architects provide design and land management solutions specific to individual sites. They consider physical, social, economic, political and cultural factors to generate creative solutions for outdoor environments.”

Thanks to the brilliant work of Joanne Russell-Clarke who committed to arranging this very successful event. Jo negotiated the best placement possible for AILA at the Expo and put together a representative variety of AILA banners, posters, models, information on the RMIT and University of Melbourne courses together with the AILA DVD projecting on constant loop. We added to this a contemporary grass picnic rug and some Ikea chairs and my personal favourite, the large bowl of sugar mint leaves.

Special thanks to Leslie Mohr and Amanda Nielsen who donated their days to be at the Expo. They are both wonderful ambassadors for the LA Profession. And on behalf of all AILA members a special thanks and congratulations to Jo for working tirelessly each day at the Expo and for arranging such a successful event.

Statistics:

Friday	5,393 visitors;
Saturday	8,875 visitors;
Sunday	10,861 visitors,
Mint Leaf Lollies	16 bags!



Do you have what it takes to be an Ambassador for the Profession of Landscape Architecture?

Do you enjoy fried food and strong coffee?

Are you a fan of mint leaf lollies?

Then WE NEED You !

Please register your interest to be involved in the next Expo, email: victoria@aila.org.au

The Herald Sun Melbourne Careers Expo, 22-22 June 2008, Melbourne Exhibition Centre

I can personally guarantee great fun, not sure about the onsite catering though...

AILA 2008 SUPPORT SPONSORS

Australian Ecosystems

City of Whitehorse

Gunnensen Recreation Pty Ltd

Omnitech Services Pty Ltd

AILA Victoria Sponsorship

Have you noticed 2007 Sponsors have been removed from this Newsletter?

This is because we are now in sponsorship renewal mode.

We have recently put forward to our past Sponsors and also an exciting range of proposed new Sponsors the opportunities that are available to become a 2008 Partner or Sponsor to our AILA Victorian Group.

Likewise we are assisting the National Group in gaining important Sponsorship for the National Conference (to be held in Melbourne in May 2009).

There is already great interest and we are proud to announce the very quick renewal of the following Support Sponsors:

- ❖ Australian Ecosystems
- ❖ City of Whitehorse
- ❖ Gunnensen Recreation Pty Ltd
- ❖ Omnittech Services Pty Ltd

Please watch with interest as we welcome existing and new Sponsors.

Support from Sponsors is integral to the AILA Victorian Group, it is integral also to the recognition and success of our Awards, CPD events and Conferences – all of which have done much to enhance the status of the profession of Landscape Architecture in Victoria.

How can you help as members?

- When you meet an AILA Sponsor, please mention that you are aware of their Sponsorship. This small gesture can do a lot to show our awareness of Sponsors and that we as a group are grateful.
- If you have a query on Sponsorship or know of a Sponsorship possibility, please contact Darren Atkinson (Darren.Atkinson@smu.com.au) or Kathryn Green (victoria@aila.org.au).

POSITIONS VACANT – CHECK OUT

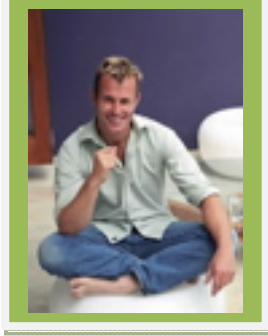
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Moved?

Please email admin@aila.org.au to update your information

Sunburnt Country...



For those with Foxtel, be sure to watch “Dry Spell Gardening” on Thursdays at 7.30pm.

Dry Spell Gardening is hosted by Registered Landscape Architect Brendan Moar, AILA member.

Brendan studied Landscape Architecture in New South Wales, before accepting a position at Hassell.

Brendan and his “Dry Spell” Team now design, plan and create sustainable gardens in the reality show “Dry Spell Gardening”. His quote... “It’s about not quite using as

many plants, but making sure the plants you do use have great impact, and recognizing that gardens are spaces and so are much, much more than just plants”.

Volunteers Needed....

Leading the way, Victoria has the largest number of new AILA applicants. To assist in the process we need volunteers to be part of the Panel Interviews:

2 volunteers required for Friday 2 May (10am to 5pm); and

2 volunteers required for Saturday 3 May (9am to 5pm).

Your time donated to Panel Interviews represents two (2) points of Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Please email victoria@aila.org.au if you can assist.

Competitions & Awards

AILA Professional Practice Award: AILA Victoria is again proud to be Sponsor of the Professional Practice Award through RMIT. The AILA Professional Practice Award is for excellence in the Landscape Architecture Professional Practice Course. AILA Victoria commits a \$500 cash prize, AILA Graduate Membership for 1 year together with Certificate of Recognition. Please contact RMIT direct, should you have any queries in relation to the RMIT Landscape Architecture Awards.

Premier Design Awards: The Awards are a component of the State of Design Festival. All winners are awarded the prestigious Premier’s Design Mark and included in the Premier’s Design Awards exhibition at the Melbourne Museum in July/August. The Awards promote design excellence across the fields of Industrial / Product Design; Architecture; Interior Design; Graphic Design; Multimedia Design; Landscape Architecture; Exhibition Design; Set Design; Textile Design; Fashion Design; Hand Made Objects.

Entries Close: Wednesday 7 May @ 5pm. **Enquiries:** www.stateofdesign.com.au

FRESH

FRESH.....Young Victorian designers seeking to keep the profession of Landscape Architecture FRESH, inquisitive, answerable and alive. FRESH hold regular seminars, exhibitions and celebrations. Contact FRESH to get involved, email: ailafresh@googlegroups.com

CULTIVATE

Also known as the AILA Victoria Talk / CPD Series.

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Recent AILA Victoria Events

CULTIVATE this month together with the Stormwater Association of Australia hosted the "Towards Zero Runoff" event, held on Wednesday 9 April. Presented by Dr Chris Walsh (Melbourne University) and Nick Ronan (Manager Victorian Flood Strategy Revision) this event was very well attended by AILA members.

FRESH hosted a very successful introduction to 2008 at Loop on Wednesday 2 April. On hand were a large number of young Victorian LA's. Well done to Jasmine Ong and her Fresh team who put these events together.

Upcoming Events

RMIT – TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008

PUBLIC LECTURE – CORPORATE ECOLOGIES

Brett Milligan is a visiting scholar in the department of Landscape Architecture at RMIT. He is visiting Australia from the United States where he works as a designer for Green Works Landscape Architecture and Environmental design in Portland, Oregon. Brett has received national and international awards for his design work, including the excellence in landscape communication and excellence in design awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects.

When: Tuesday April 29 @ 6.30 pm ... drinks before the lecture @ 6pm

Where: RMIT University Melbourne, Building 8, Level 11, Lecture theatre 8.11.68

CULTIVATE – THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008

PLANTING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Speaker: Paul Thompson

"We are to explore strategies for adjusting to change in the two types of landscapes that Landscape Architects are concerned with, being Natural Systems and the Designed Landscape. This will be an interactive evening that firstly will tease out some change in elements of the landscape that will affect vegetation and then to collect some suggestions as to what strategies could be employed to ameliorate any effect. The aim is to collate the outcome of the discussion and to make it accessible and available as a continuing conversation via the AILA website."

Your comments and suggestions regarding possible actions or outcomes would be most appreciated by Paul Thompson prior to the 15 May event. Please email any comments and suggestions that can help the discussion to pthom@mira.net as soon as possible. This Cultivate event will be held at RAIA House, Level 3.

STATE AWARDS

Lock into your Diary and Calendars the date for your AILA Victoria Awards Gala Event

** Friday 14 November 2008 **

NATIONAL

The AILA 2009 National Conference, "Shifting Perspective and Practice" dates are set....Please highlight 6 – 9 May 2009 in your 09 Calendar. This Conference to be held in Melbourne at The Docklands.

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THE R.O.S. WALL ... THE R.L.A. WALL ... THE AILA BLOG

Have you visited The AILA Blog? There are already some good discussion points, comments and queries. The AILA Blog works similar to the infamous R.O.S. Wall. It is your place to post a query, to ask advice or to recommend an idea.

Check out www.theailablog.org.au To post a comment, click on the comment line towards the bottom right of each post; you will need your membership number to post your comment. If you wish to start a new topic, click the menu button, again you will need your membership number.



THE AILA VICTORIA 2008 AWARDS
GALA DINNER EVENT TO BE HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2008
WATCH WITH INTEREST AS DETAILS EMERGE

REMINDER

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Your CPD Report Due Soon.
Information on completing your CPD as well as many useful CPD tips can be found at www.aila.org.au/cpd

