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From the President...

It only a few days to the 2009 AILA Victoria awards celebration and once again the night is shaping up to be the highlight of the Victorian landscape architecture calendar. As with last year expect a few different things (I can neither confirm or deny if there will be flaming cocktails) and I am very happy to announce the night is a SELL OUT!!!

Once again the support of sponsors has been fantastic. VicUrban is back as the Principal Partner for AILA Victoria (a partnership that for the first time will run for the next two years). It is also terrific to see continued support of our major sponsors Geelong City Council and Storm Consulting. Anston Paving and GR Recreation have also stepped up their sponsorship in the Residential and Planning award categories which reflects their continued support of the landscape architecture industry. Special thanks also to the sponsors of the President awards, Melbourne Water and Kompan. It is also great to see the continued support of our support sponsors. Many of whom have been supporting the awards for many, many years (such as Australian Ecosystems and Abilox) as well as a few new sponsors such as Gagin (which specialises in the supply of locally indigenous plants as well as native vegetation management services). The awards night (and many of the state group activities) would not be possible without their support so I encourage members to show them the support they show AILA.



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Over the past few weeks Jill Orr-Young and the awards jurors have been busy assessing the award submissions. A total of 49 submissions were received (which is quite high compared to previous years) with the majority of entries in the design category. This year the awards criteria were changed to include the climate change adaptation principles and having participated in the jury it is fair to say that the new criteria may throw up some unexpected results. Thank you to the awards jury for volunteering their time and for their extensive assessments and deliberations. Thank you also to the enormous efforts of the event organisers. In particular our State Manager Mandy Bromilow and Scott Graham who have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks.

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The awards night remains an integral part of recognising excellence in our profession. At the same time it plays an important role in promoting landscape architecture to our industry and the broader public. Once again the entries showcase the diversity of landscape architecture practice. It is encouraging to see landscape architects playing a greater role in the initiation of projects, the shaping project briefs, setting priorities for local governments and government agencies, challenging industry standard practices (dare I say changing paradigms), playing a leading role in increasingly sophisticated projects and perhaps most importantly, being an advocate for sustainable research, planning, design and management. A common comment from the awards celebration last year was it was possible to learn more about the winning entries when they were presented inside the auditorium. This year's event has built upon that feedback and I hope you enjoy finding out about the winners as well have catching up with friends and colleagues. I look forward to seeing you on the night (remember, don't be late!!)



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Victorian Bushfires

The recent changes to vegetation removal legislation are starting to impact on the management of existing sites but also on the planning and design for new projects in areas covered by wildfire overlays. Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the changes to the planning provisions. It is important to be familiar with areas covered by the interim measures as well as the implications on the existing native vegetation legislation.

[http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/CA256F310024B628/0/0921E66032FAE01BCA25762D0022718F/\\$File/Interim+measures+for+bushfire+protection+VC61.pdf](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/CA256F310024B628/0/0921E66032FAE01BCA25762D0022718F/$File/Interim+measures+for+bushfire+protection+VC61.pdf)

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/documents/wmo_applicants_kit.pdf

In response to these provisions (and mindful of future recommendations by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission) AILA has written to the CFA offering to assist with the formulation of future policy documents.

Committee Members

President -	Mark Frisby
Advocacy -	Craig Czarny
Awards President -	Scott Graham
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Recent Award Winners

The following links provide the details of 2009 LIAV awards, the 2009 SIAV award winner and the 2009 CCAA Public Domain award winners.

www.liav.com.au

www.stormwatervictoria.com.au

<http://www.concrete.net.au/publicdomain/index.php>

Registered Landscape Contractors

Landscape contractors play a critical role in the realisation of good design outcomes. The LIAV is the peak industry body for landscape contractors and continues to work with its membership to ensure contractors are suitably skilled and qualified. One key area of interest is in relation to the construction of structures and retaining walls. AILA members should be advising clients of the need to use suitably qualified contractors and should be selecting suitably registered landscape contractors prior to awarding tendering.

For further links provide details of the Domestic or Commercial Building Registration for requirements for Structural Landscaping.

http://www.buildingcommission.com.au/resources/documents/Commercial_Builder_Sep_26_05.pdf

http://www.buildingcommission.com.au/resources/documents/Domestic_Builder_Sep_26_051.pdf

Upcoming Events

AILA Victoria AGM

The 2009 AILA Victoria AGM will be held at the AIA 6pm 26 November (further details will be circulated in the coming weeks). In addition to the usual reporting on state group activities we will be seeking to elect members to all positions of President, Vice President, National State Group Representative, Secretary, Treasurer as well as general committee members. Participation in the state Executive and subcommittees has been extremely high over the past few years (which helps get more things done). If you have contemplated getting more involved with AILA I encourage you to put your name forward. If you would like to find out more please contact Mandy, Mark Frisby or any of the current state executive.

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AILA VICTORIAN AWARDS 2009

Friday 6th November

Venue: The Malthouse
113 Sturt Street, Southbank
7.00pm SHARP for a 7.30pm start
– concludes at 11.30pm



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