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President's Message

State News:

Here's hoping you closed the financial year on a high. Most of the Members I have been talking to indicate they are all busy and profitable and still struggling to find enough staff to meet client and project demands. AILA Vic is dedicating time and funds to marketing the profession at careers information events and is always looking for volunteers to assist.

Jo Russell-Clarke, Chair, AILA Victoria Education Committee, spent time meeting eager students and persuading the less enthusiastic (very few!), of the excitement of a career in Landscape Architecture. Friday was attended predominantly by school groups, from years 10, 11 and 12. The weekend was predominately family groups. There were many practical questions about the profession, its procedures, products and prospects. It was however very satisfying to speak with young people who are largely concerned that their future should make a difference to the world and that they will be able to find work which challenges them to develop as creative people.

Thanks to the University of Melbourne and RMIT University for supplying material for distribution and particularly to RMIT University for the posters and series of beautiful images of student work presented on CD. The Landscape Foundation DVD was also played throughout the exhibition and helped many to appreciate the breadth of our profession.

Thanks to our loyal sponsors who have helped us raise \$66,250 this year, our own State financial situation is very healthy. This will assist in financing administration support and events throughout the year including our Gala Dinner in October. We are also looking for opportunities to spend some of this money, so if you have a suggestion please forward a proposal to me which I'll table at the next Executive. (Sorry holidays to a tropical island will not be considered!)



We hosted a dinner on Wednesday July 19 at Bottega in Bourke Street to welcome our new Associate Members. We also thanked our Assessment panel - Francesca Jackson, Roslyn Savio, Caroline Martin, David Dreadon, Angelo Carrafa and Chair Liesl Malan. All members, friends and colleague had a great night.



Rob Cooper, Graeme Quin,
Simon Jones, Nathan Milesi
and his partner

Finally, our Talk Series is proving very successful with last month's talk on Places for People and the Melbourne CBD Pedestrian and Traffic Study being attended by over 60 people, indicating the desire to continue this initiative. Last week Steve Scott and Patrick Mallon reviewed two Award-winning projects. Thanks to Martin Reeves for organising the event and to our speakers, Jenny Rayment, Rob Cooper and Patrick Mallon. Martin plans to organise another event in the near future.

To all our valued members, have a great 06/07 financial year and we look forward to seeing you at some AILA Events soon.

Regards

Darren Atkinson
Victorian Group President AILA

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS : KERB - LANDSCAPE URBANISM

'Landscape is also used to represent and understand the dynamic systems of the city, and is increasingly perceived as the significant medium for citymaking.' Elizabeth Mossop *'The Landscape Urbanism Reader'* see Peter G. Rowe, *'Making a Middle Landscape'* and Charles Waldheim *'Landscape Urbanism: A Genealogy'*, Praxis No. 4 (2002).

Kerb invites students, academics and practitioners to discuss, critique and demonstrate how through the medium of landscape and a potential mediation of design disciplines we can re-conceptualise the design and growth of future cities. We are seeking submissions of experimental and innovative design projects, critiques, research, written and photographic submissions, digital animations or film.

Your submission should be emailed to the Kerb editorial team at kerb@ems.rmit.edu.au or sent by post to RMIT School of Architecture + Design, Landscape Architecture, PO Box 2475V, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia.

Full submissions between 500 and 2,500 words must be received by 22 September 2006 or abstracts can be submitted up until 25 August 2006. Written submissions should be between 500 and 2,500 words. Images must be tiff format at 300 dpi, CAD files must be eps format at 300 dpi.

For more information contact the Kerb editorial team at kerb@ems.rmit.edu.au

New Publications Available

"Playing Around - A Guide to Greater Melbourne's Best Playgrounds", by Danielle Miller and Louise Overberg is available for purchase. If you are interested in a copy, Geoff Slattery Publishing are offering AILA Members a discounted price of \$19.95 each. For further information, email gsp@geoffslattery.com.au

"A Schedule of Rates 2006/2007 Book - Cost guide for Landscape works". The LIAV has just released its new cost guide for landscape works. Any members interested in purchasing a copy should contact the Landscape Industries Association Victoria, T: 1300 365 428 F: 9822 9933 W: www.liav.com.au

Tackling Weeds on Private Land Victorian Garden Industry Weeds Forum

On Thursday 10 August, Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in collaboration with Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria, Landscape Industries Association Victoria and Sustainable Gardening Australia are presenting a Victorian HGarden Industry Weeds Forum as part of the Tackling Weeds on Private land initiative. For further information on the forum and to register your attendance, contact Megan McCarthy, P 03 9785 0193 or E Megan.McCarthy@dpi.vic.gov.au

BDP Representation

If AILA members or practices have concerns or professional issues that they feel should be raised through the BDP Victorian Regional Committee, email them to the Victorian President, Darren Atkinson at presidentvic@aila.org.au

AILA MEETING DATES

AILA Victoria Executive Meeting

Time : 6:00pm

Date : Tuesday 29 August

Venue : RAIA Offices, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

AILA Victoria Environment Committee Meeting

Time : 8:00am

Date : Monday 21 August

Venue : Countryside Deli Café, 708 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Free Public Forums, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton

The University of Melbourne presents What is Melbourne's Future?

FUTURE MELBOURNE

Your chance to join the debate about the future of Melbourne as experts and community leaders confront the challenges of our great city. A series of five forums will explore urban planning, suburban life, cultural diversity, rising rate of childhood obesity and transport.

FREE PUBLIC FORUMS - THURSDAYS 6.30-8.00PM

The Age Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, MELBOURNE MUSEUM, Nicholson Street, Carlton

10 August 2006 : THE GREAT TRANSPORT DEBATE

Melbourne is served by a 19th century grid of trains and trams, and by 20th century freeways. The trains don't run on time and the freeways are congested. Is there a way forward? Who should own our transport networks? How will we get around Melbourne in the 21st century?

7 September 2006 : URBAN CONSOLIDATION

Some people like to grizzle about the sprawl, as they drive through it on their way to the Dandenongs or the coast. But they also shudder at the apartment towers which are transforming Melbourne. Just how close should we be living to each other - in the interests of happier lives and a more sustainable city? Vancouver planning expert debates the panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/futuremelbourne or email future-melbourne@unimelb.edu.au

7 & 8 September 2006, "Urban Trees – Sustainable Cities", National Wine Centre, Adelaide

This seminar will address the essential role of urban trees in global issues including: climate change, water quality and the health of our societies.

Experts in the fields of urban planning, landscape architecture, environmental design, engineering, environmental law and arboriculture will present local perspectives and case studies highlighting the contribution of the urban forest to sustainable cities.

Speakers include:

Lyndal Plant, Principal Program Officer - Parks and Landscape Amenity, City of Brisbane, **Dr Jane Tarran**, Senior Lecturer, Environmental Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney, **Dr Rob Allison**, Partner, EcoDesign, **Kevin Taylor**, Principal, Taylor Cullity Lethlean, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, S. A., **Judy Fakes**, Head Teacher, Ryde College of TAFE, **Karen Sweeney**, Sydney City Council, **Steve Leadbeater**, Electrical Engineer, NSW, John Dwyer QC, **Chris Lawry**, Arborist City of Charles Sturt, SA, **Ben Kenyon**, Arborist, Homewood Consulting, Vic., **Andrew Morton**, Consulting Arborist, NSW
For a further details including the full program, go to www.treenet.org

VEPLA/UDIA Study Tour of Dubai, France and Italy

21 September – 9 October 2006

19 Days (15 nights in Dubai/Europe) from only \$7,850.00 per person, plus air taxes.

Numbers are limited.

For further details contact Kathy Mitchell, VEPLA, on 0412 248 427 or email balwyn@travelrite.com.au

Tuesday 17 October – The Deans Lecture Series, 6:30pm

THE DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES - 2006 PROGRAM

Free lectures held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, Ground Floor, Architecture & Planning Building, The University of Melbourne.

Tuesday 17 October - Panel discussion 'Melbourne Docklands: Private vs Public Interest'

Friday 27 October 2006 - AILA Mini Conference – 9.30am – 4pm, Melbourne,

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