



AILA Victorian Group edition 17

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President's Message

State News:

- 20 Members attended the 2006 Fellows Dinner at *Feddish @ Federation Square* on Thursday 20 April. An enjoyable night was had by all. Once again, congratulations to Chris Dance, Tim Hart, Nigel Hutton, Ron Jones, Roslyn Savio and Andrea Macdonald for their Award and recognition by the AILA National Council;



Scott Graham, Jenny Rayment



AILA Members enjoying conversation



...more member conversation and wine



- The first of the Associate Membership Interview Workshop was held on Monday 1 May. There were 17 applicants in attendance. Thank you to Jo Russell-Clarke and Mark Frisby for hosting the evening. The second Workshop will be held on Monday 8 May, 6pm – 8pm at the RAI A offices, for further details please contact Miranda on 9650 1898;
- We still have some outstanding membership fees. If members who have not paid their fees please feel free to discuss a payment plan with the National Office or call me to discuss;
- Practices' Levies have been sent out this week. Thank you to 'Thorn Lighting' for sponsoring the mailout and assisting with the administration costs. Your prompt payment would be appreciated. If there are any matters you would like the State Group to review please let us know; and
- Planning is underway for a Mini-Conference, to be held on Friday 27 October 2006. Further details will be advised as they are confirmed. We welcome all contributions, so if you have a suggestion, please contact the Victorian Group office on 03 9650 1898.

The next Awards and Executive Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 May, from 5pm, at the RAI A Offices.

Regards

Darren Atkinson
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Reminder!!

IFLA Conference – Darling Harbour, Sydney, 25 - 27 May 2006

2006 IFLA eastern region conference hosted by AILA in Sydney in place of the 2006 National Conference register now and do not forget to book accommodation soon!

For full information, go to <http://www.aila.org.au/time/registration.htm>

Tuesday 27 June - AILA Talk Series : Australia Award for Urban Design – Melbourne's Successes

The Australia Award for Urban Design is a national award administered by the national offices of the Planning Institute of Australia, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and AILA. The official citation for the Awards comments that: *'... the jury sought to recognise entries that showed excellence in all selection criteria and offered a larger and timely message to the importance of urban design excellence to the country at large.'*

Given the wide range of entries and the status of the event, it is noteworthy that this year's Award was shared between two Melbourne projects - both managed by the City of Melbourne.

1. **Places for People 2004**, a study prepared by the City of Melbourne and Jan Gehl Architects. The jury commented that 'the study acknowledged the importance of continued and consistent commitment to creating and maintaining the public realm'. The project was essentially concerned with monitoring how Melbourne's public places have responded to the City's urban design policy over an extended period.

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2. **The Melbourne CBD Pedestrian and Traffic Study**, a study prepared for the City of Melbourne by Coomes Consulting Group. The jury held the study to be 'a leading example of commendable research and study that underpins Melbourne's urban design policy and practice, making Melbourne a leader in Australian urban design policy and practice, and a shining light for other cities to follow.' The study received an AILA Award in 2004 and is essentially about improving pedestrian amenity, security and connectivity in key CBD areas - making it easier for people to get out of their cars and walk.

Jenny Rayment, Melbourne City Council and Rob Cooper, Coomes Consulting Group will present overviews of the two projects.

Thursday 27 June, 6pm – 8pm, RAIA Offices, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Tuesday 30 May 2006, Friday 14 July & 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 30 May – Kongjian Yu, Dean, Graduate School of Landscape Architecture, Peking University, Beijing, PR China 'Internationality and Identity: Towards Modern Chinese Landscape Architecture & Urban Design'

Friday 14 July - Lawrence Vale, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge USA. In association with the Rethinking Nationalism Conference hosted by the University of Melbourne, 14 - 16 July 'The Temptations of Nationalism in Modern Capital Cities'

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

The Premier's Design Awards 2006 – Call for Entries

On Thursday 9 March 2006 Lynne Kosky, MP, Minister for Education and Training and Minister responsible for Design officially launched the Premier's Design Awards 2006, a major initiative of the State of Design 2006.

Shortlisted and winning projects will be exhibited in the Premier's Design Awards 2006 exhibition at Melbourne Museum from 4 October until the end of December 2006. Please visit the website stateofdesign.com.au for further information and to download entry forms. **Closing date for entries is 5.00 pm, Friday 26 May 2006.**

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

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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