



## **AILA Victorian Group edition # 1**

Welcome to the new AILA Victoria email newsletter. This new state group initiative will be a month to month circular to keep you up to date with the news on current events, programmes and issues that may be of interest to members. Anyone who has information or issues that they feel will be of interest to others, should email it to the AILA secretariat ([ailavic@raia.com.au](mailto:ailavic@raia.com.au)), by the last day of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

We hope you find it worthwhile and welcome your feedback.

Tim Hart  
AILA Vic President

### **1. AILA Secretariat Changes**

As most of you will be aware, Catherine Dickson has recently commenced maternity leave. The Executive would like to formally acknowledge and thank Catherine for her efforts over the past 14 months and wish her and her family well in the coming year.

Robynne Kinnane will be the new AILA Secretariat and can be emailed at [robynne.kinnane@raia.com.au](mailto:robynne.kinnane@raia.com.au) or [ailavic@raia.com.au](mailto:ailavic@raia.com.au).

### **2. There's NOTHING BEAUTIFUL about LANDSCAPE- Public Lecture by Bart Brands**

AILA Victoria, in association with RMIT and Flemings, are hosting a public lecture by Bart Brands.

Bart Brands is a part of the young generation of landscape architects in the Netherlands who have defined new directions for their discipline. Their active engagement with issues beyond vegetation and planting, and in particular their investigations into the 'urban landscape', have led to important new models for the integration of architecture and the environment. As a director with Karres en Brands, Bart has led many of the award winning projects for the office including Federation Square where he was an integral contributor to the realisation of its vision.

The lecture will be held at the BMW Edge Gallery at Federation Square on Tuesday 8 June (6.00pm - 7.30pm). Tickets are available from the AILA Secretariat: Students: \$5, AILA members: \$10, Non-members: \$15.

Bart will talk about his role in the design of Federation Square, and a range of recent significant projects that he is currently working on in Europe.

This lecture is the first in a proposed series of lecturers which will be supported by Flemings Nurseries.

### **3. Awards Update**

Planning for the 2004 AILA Victorian and Tasmanian Awards are well under way. The awards will be held this year at ZINC at Federation Square on Friday 19 November.

#### **4. The 200 Mile City Conference**

Visit <http://www.aila.org.au/2004> for the latest information on AILA's national conference including details on keynote speakers, enrolment and accommodation options. The conference will be held in Brisbane from Wednesday 29 September – Saturday 2 October.

#### **5. Local Government Contractual Conditions**

A number of members have raised concerns about the indemnity clauses that are included in some local government conditions of contract. These clauses appear to place all onus and risk regarding any claims that may result from an engagement on the consultant.

AILA will be heading a BDP task force look into the implications of these clauses. In the meantime, members who have any concerns about any consultancy contracts should contact their indemnity insurer for advice.

#### **6. BDP**

The Building Design Professions (BDP) Victorian Regional Committee are seeking input from AILA Vic members to assist in the drafting of a Ecologically Sustainable Development policy to with the Victorian Government. Any members interested in contributing to this important policy document should contact Tim Hart on [tim@urbaninitiatives.com.au](mailto:tim@urbaninitiatives.com.au) or 9329 6844

#### **7. Associate Interviews**

The associate interviews were held over the weekend of 1 and 2 May at the RAIA offices. In total 16 applicants applied for associate membership. Special thanks to Damian Holmes, Alun Chapman, Bill Robertson, David Dreadon, James Earle, Steve Schutt, Leslie Mohr and Robert Cooper who assisted in the information workshops and interview process.

Successful applicants will be awarded their certificates at the proposed Awards Launch night to be held in August (date & venue tba).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

##### **Thursday 13 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

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Presentation of Environment Projects from the 2003 Awards  
Level 3 Seminar Room at the RAIA 41 Exhibition Street Melbourne

##### **Tuesday 8 June 6.00pm -7.30pm**

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Bart Brands Lecture  
BMW Edge Gallery at Federation Square

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200 Mile City Conference  
Brisbane

##### **Friday 19 November**

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2004 AILA Victorian and Tasmanian State Awards  
ZINC at Federation Square

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