



The Chapter broke from tradition this year hosted the former President's Dinner event at [Eat Street Northshore](#) on Friday 23 March 2018.

The event continued to highlight the achievements of those within the profession and at different stages of their career; from those students who have achieved excellence in their studies, through to those who have rendered notable contributions to the advancement of the profession and were honoured with Life Fellowship of the Institute.

This event also included the formal President Handover from Bruce Wolfe FRAIA to Chapter President Elect, Paul Trotter FRAIA.

The Queensland Chapter would like to thank all those who were able to attend and congratulate the following who were honoured on the night.

The Australian Institute of Architects Life Fellows

Bruce Medek LFRAIA.

Bruce Medek in addition to his practice as a highly awarded architect has rendered significant service to the profession, both by his involvement in the Institute and beyond.

In his various roles from participation in awards juries to President of the Queensland Chapter, Bruce has had a long engagement with the Institute. In addition to his role as President he has been instrumental in the delivery as convenor in Queensland and in development as Chair of the national review panel of the Practice of Architecture Lecture Series. Following roles as chair of the Queensland Practice Committee and member of the National Practice Committee Bruce was a member of the National Contracts Consultative Committee.

Bruce has been a long-standing Member of the Board of Architects of Queensland initially as Institute representative and currently as a member elected representative. His commitment to architectural education is exemplified by his service on accreditation panels on behalf of the Board.

Bruce also has a significant record of community involvement.

In all of this Bruce has continued to practice architecture at a level which is consistently recognised and awarded by his peers. He has made a long and valuable commitment and contribution to both the promotion of the profession and the maintenance of its standards and is a worthy of our recognition by the award of Life Fellowship.

Shane Thompson LFRAIA

Shane Thompson's name is synonymous with Queensland architecture. His design contribution extends over 30 years and ranges from working for major practices like BVN and Noel Robinson Architects through to running his own practice Shane Thompson Architects.

Significant projects include the Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, The Ivy in South Brisbane, Brisbane Grammar School Middle School and Arts Centre, the Faculty of Arts University of the Sunshine Coast, and the Baroona Road Mixed Use Development Rosalie. He is also highly regarded for many private houses throughout Queensland which embody his distinctive character and form a part of Queensland's renown for subtropical and tropical architecture.

Shane has made an extensive contribution to the Australian Institute of Architects. He has been President of the Queensland Chapter, State Awards Jury Director, and a Creative Director of the Institute's National Architecture Conference held in Brisbane in 2012. He has been an Adjunct Professor in Architecture at the University of Queensland since 1999.

He has served on many boards related to architecture including the Australian Green Development Forum, Green Cross Australia, the Queensland Government Board for Urban Places and Queensland Artworkers Alliance. In addition, he has undertaken extensive pro bono work for causes in need, including for the Murri School in Brisbane, the Mental Illness Fellowship and the Cape York Institute.

Shane is deeply considerate of what best fosters architectural quality and communicates it to the wider public. He is highly authentic in expressing his views and has maintained strong integrity throughout his career.

For these reasons, Shane Thompson has impeccable credentials for elevation to Life Fellowship, and we support the proposal wholeheartedly.

Richard Kirk LFRAIA

Richard Kirk is the thirteen Queenslanders to become the National President of the Australian Institute of Architects and the ninth Queensland President of the Australian Institute of Architects to take on the National Presidency role since 1929. Richard Kirk graduated from the University of Queensland in 1991 with first class Honours and the noted academic achievements of the QIA Memorial Medal and the Board of Architects Award for Academic Excellence. Richard's design intensive practice, which he established in 1995, has received numerous professional awards for their completed work and design excellence. Through his practice, Richard is committed to developing and establishing new benchmarks for sustainability in the buildings he creates. An example of this is the recently completed Advanced Engineering Building (AEB) of University of Queensland, undertaken in Joint Venture with Hassell, which received an unprecedented three National Architecture Awards. The AEB has also received three State Awards. Previously Richard has received the 2004 Beatrice Hutton Award for Commercial Architecture for the Cutting-Edge building in West End, and the 2009 FOG Stanley Award for the Sir Liew Edwards Building, University of Queensland.

Richard has given generously to the profession and has been involved with the Institute for over 20 years and was previously the Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Chapter President and a Chapter Councillor since 2008. Richard has also served on the Board of Architects of Queensland and was a member of the Brisbane City Council Independent Design Advisory Panel.

Richard is a Fellow of the Institute, Adjunct Professor at The University of Queensland, South Bank Corporation Board Member and Queensland Urban Design and Places Panel Member and the current National President of the Australian Institute of Architects.

The Australian Institute of Architects Fellows

Sandra Browne FRAIA

Jeffrey Briant FRAIA

The President's Prize

Richard Stringer

Richard has long been interested in architectural photography and in 1966 held his first exhibition Queensland Background. In 1967 he commenced practice as an architectural photographer and has been commissioned by leading Queensland architects to record their work. Richard has embarked on a continuing commitment to record the landscape, architecture and industrial archaeology of QLD. His photographs have been the subjects of numerous exhibitions as well as regular exhibitions in commercial galleries. In 2013, the Queensland Art Gallery held a retrospective exhibition of his work.

Richard has provided photographs for many books that sit on bookshelves of Architects across the country, and Collaborators over the years include his wife Marguerite, Janet Hogan, Dianne Byrne, Judith McKay, Howard Tanner and Robert Riddel.

You will find the work of the first recipient of this year's president's prize in the archives and on the walls of many of Queensland's top practices- he is the very definition of an expert in his field- architect and architectural photographer Richard Stringer, life fellow of the Institute.

EmAGN QLD Committee

EmAGN are is the Emerging Architects and Graduate Network in QLD, who organise diverse events that promote the rich mix of social, political, cultural and sometimes controversial topics in the QLD Design environment. The small but dedicated committee have worked hard to promote architecture to the wider creative and cultural community, whilst promoting the benefits of cross disciplinary professional relationships that will benefit the development of Queensland's built environment.

EmAGN is a crucial element of the Queensland chapter, their innovative speaker series include "New Build" a three part series bringing together a panel of young professionals from architecture, builders, planners and related sectors to share experiences and build a sense of community and support. The "Value" series has created a platform our early career architects to share their work and gain invaluable experience presenting to a broader audience. EmAGN also make ongoing contributions to the success of the PALS program through events such as Regi frustration, supporting early career architects prepare for their board registration exams and interviews.

The world of the recent graduate in architecture is challenging in many ways. The body of knowledge, the complexities of practice and working with clients for the first time.

Luckily there is EmAGN , recipient of 2018 President's prize. EmAGN gives a voice to early career architects and help ensure that their needs are supported by the institute, contributing to the Chapters goals of creating an inclusive and welcoming community for all architects.

Emerging Architect Prize (sponsored by AWS)

Christina Cho RAIA

QIA Medallion

Hamish Lonergan (UQ)

Greta Walker (QUT)

Benjamin Campbell (Griffith)

Sarah Kukkiriza Ndagire (Bond)

Board of Architects' Prize

Hamish Lonergan (UQ)

Catherine Hua (QUT)

Courtney Villegas (Griffith)

Samara Hayes (Bond)