

President's Message

Jon Clements

The past couple of months have seen another awards season pass and the quality of the entries and winning projects was again outstanding. The popularity of our awards scheme continues to grow and this year we had a record 236 entries and nearly 900 attendees celebrating at the awards presentation dinner. The awards program is continually evolving in response to feedback from members and the digital space is having a strong influence on the paths that we are now exploring such as the curatorial involvement of Monash University in this year's Exhibition of Entries. Expect to see more changes to the awards scheme in the coming year as we continue a process of change and investigation. On behalf of all our members I would like to thank the entrants, jurors, sponsors, Monash University and in particular the dedicated staff in the Victorian Chapter that helped pull together such a successful program, which continues to promote the exceptional talent among our profession. Congratulations to this year's award winners and we wish you all the best in the National Awards program, which will be announced in Perth in November.

While we are all looking forward to warmer weather the Institute is busy building 41 Exhibition Street (we are now out of the ground) and preparations for next year's National Architecture Conference, which will be held in Melbourne, are underway. The Emerging Architects Prize is now open (and close Sunday 9th September) and I would encourage you to identify suitable emerging architects for consideration. The Emerging Architect Prize

has been developed to acknowledge an individual emerging architect's contribution to architectural practice, education, design excellence and community involvement, which advances the professions role within the public arena. The National winner will be announced at the Australian Achievement in Architecture Awards in March 2013.

This edition of Architect Victoria explores the important topic of Social Housing. The need for better quality Social Housing solutions is clear but the myriad of issues and challenges that we face in delivering these complex and challenging projects deserves more immediate consideration. Our state is currently undergoing significant population growth and our urban growth boundaries continue to expand. This is leading to an increased demand for more innovative Social Housing solutions. The Social Housing topics discussed in this issue expand on many relevant debates and we hope that social housing will be embraced as an important component of an integrated and combined community rather than being treated as separate and isolated communities as has been done in the past.

In other news the Office of the Victorian Government Architect has now established the Victorian Design Review Panels (VDRP) with the assistance of the State Government. The panels have now been operating for a couple of months. Feedback from architects who have been reviewed by the VDRP has been very positive and we can expect to see improved design

outcomes as a result of this excellent initiative. On the subject of government initiatives the Flinders Street Station Design Competition has been announced by the Office of Major Projects. I am sure many of our members will be preparing an entry in support of the preservation of this important Melbourne icon and we look forward to reviewing the outcomes.



Jon Clements
Victorian Chapter President

By

 **Crowther Blayne**
MEDIA SPECIALISTS

Phone: 1800 222 757
Fax: 1800 063 151
Email: publications@crowtherblayne.com.au
Website: www.crowtherblayne.com.au
Advertising Sales: Dean Wedding
Production Controller: Kloe Hynds
Editor: Sue Guilfoyle
Graphic Design & Layout: Byron Bailey
Graphic Design Team: Aniko Gaspar and Andrew Crabb
Printed by: Newstyle Printing

Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter
Level 3, 60 Collins Street, Melbourne
Telephone: 03 8620 3866
Facsimile: 03 8620 3864
Email: vic@architecture.com.au
Website: www.architecture.com.au
ABN: 72 000 023 012
Guest Editor: Catherine Ranger
Editorial Committee: Cameron White (Chair), Larry Cirillo, Anna Jeffery, Josh McAlister, Dee Neville, Nita Prekazi, Reg Rippon, Brett Seakins, James Staughton, Luke Stokes, Matthew Secatore (SONA Rep), Alex Setmajer (SONA Rep)
Magazine Editor: Alison Cleary
Magazine Coordinator: Elycia de Guia
Cover image: Detail of hoarding, Atherton Gardens Estate Redevelopment, Fitzroy (Bird de la Coeur and McCabe Architects). Photograph by Cameron White.



Australian Institute of Architects

This publication is copyright. No part of it may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means including electronic, mechanical, microcopying, photocopying, recording or otherwise without the permission of the Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter or Crowther Blayne & Associates Pty Ltd. Disclaimer: Readers are advised that the Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter and the publisher cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of statements made in advertising and editorial; nor the quality of goods and services advertised.