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General List

Winning Design Magazine is here!!

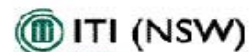


'Winning Design'

is coming
to a
newsagent
near you!!!

And to you
too!!

BDANSW Joint Venture Partners



So this is Christmas and what have we done? Scaled another mountain, but there are more yet to come!..... By Ian Bassett BDANSW President

As we near the end of another year I thought I would touch on what has come out of this year and what your management committee anticipates for the forthcoming year. We have made mileage in some areas, and in other areas our wheels are still spinning, but we will continue to represent BDANSW and its Members to the best of our ability given the time and resources available.

• **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Implementation of new MEMBERSHIP MATRIX has resulted in 67 new Members from Nov 2007 to Oct 2008 which is an unprecedented high number of new applications.
- Implementation of new MEMBER BENEFITS STRUCTURE
- Implementation of new FEE STRUCTURE
- Implementation of new simpler PD reporting

• **MEMBERSHIP MARKETING:**

- The MEMBERSHIP MARKETING PLAN has had to be put on hold for this year due to the overall NSW economy but we are planning to introduce it as early as possible in the new year. This program is incumbent on a satisfactory financial position and we have allocated funds in this year's budget for this purpose.



• **MARKETING BDA:**

- New DL postcards designed and produced
- New Permanent Illuminated Display in new HIA Centre in Newcastle
- Permanent Displays in Sydney and Canberra being re-designed for upgrades
- Re-location of some displays in existing Centres for enhanced exposure of the BDA
- All Centres will be well-stocked with new up-dated BDA promo material
- We recognize the need for the BDA to be 'in the face' of the public at every opportunity and to this means we need to foster a working relationship with the media – in all its forms and steps are being put in place to achieve this.
- The launch of our new magazine ("Award Winning Design") that promotes the BDA Design Award Winners. In addition there is a full list of all entrants with their contact details. The magazine will be sold to the public through newsagents throughout NSW.

• **@asynews**

- This year saw the publication of our in-house news sheet **@asynews**. The purpose of which was to keep members up to date with current happenings and our thanks goes to the editor, John Hatch, for his sterling efforts.

• **2008 DESIGN AWARDS**

- Record number of Entrants and Entries in 2008 Awards
- New "Cocktail Party" format for 2008 Awards Night
- New full-colour BDA magazine to promote BDA ("Award Winning Design")

• **2008 CO-HOSTED CONFERENCE:**

- Combined State – National Conference held in Canberra in May 2008
- Continuation of new "charette" style – a **WINNER** again. (Thanks Tone Wheeler and Pete van Ryn)
- Aerial "Architectural Tour" of City by Hot Air Balloon – a **WINNER**
- Friday Dinner under the wing of "G-for-George" (WWII Lancaster bomber) at War Memorial – a **WINNER**
- D/Awards Dinner in Members' Dining Room at "Old Parliament House" – a **WINNER**
- Other BDA member states were very impressed by the conference and its format.

• **MEMBER BENEFITS:**

- Continuation of "Officeworks" discounts scheme
- Continuation of "Building Bookshop" discounts scheme
- Standards Australia discount reduced to 15% (Sensis initiated contract adjustment)
- Introduction of "BDA Events Discounts" for Chartered Members
- "Connections" Magazines continues as a Member Benefit (2 Mags x 4 per year)
- "Timber Design Australasia" Magazine continues as Member Benefit (4 per year)
- Continuation of Member Rates at MBA + HIA seminars, etc. (reciprocal arrangement)

ACCREDITATION/REGULATION:

- Very positive meeting between Ian Bassett and Carmel la Rocca and Department of Planning and Office of Fair Trading
- Submission to DoP of "BDANSW ACCREDITATION POSITION PAPER"
- BDANSW submission personally handed to Minister Sartor by Carmel's contact (friend) The Hon Tony "Catanzariti MLC"
- Several positive "follow-up" phone calls + meetings with Neil Cocks (Building Licensing Board Director)
- Successful meetings with Minister Sartor and Chris Johnson (ex State Architect and current Director of Special Projects in DoP) We also have a special relationship with Chris Summers who is author of the new Planning Rules for NSW.
- Successful recent meeting with new Minister Kristina Keneally (BDA Rep: Melanie Symington)
- Continued relationship with Opposition Party members (just in case!)

• TAFE CURRICULUM:

- Several meetings in NSW + Tasmania
- BDA involved in new National Curriculum initiatives by BDAA
- Round table meeting with Pam Christie, Director Sydney Institute TAFE, along with other groups – HIA, MBA, Engineers NSW and AIA - to discuss issues relating to training and course structure for young people entering the workforce.
- Discussions with Phillip Moore, Commissioner Vocational Training & Director of Apprenticeships & Traineeships in Dept Education & Training to discuss lack of apprenticeships for architectural drafting in NSW. These talks are ongoing.

NSW PLANNING LEGISLATION:

John Hatch represents BDA on "Coalition of Planning Reform"
BDA invited by Frank Sartor to sit on Implementation Advisory Group. Many BDA Members have attended workshops to test the new rules.

John Hatch attended many meetings in regard to the new NSW Planning Reforms as well as other meetings to ensure BDANSW is properly represented.

BDANSW is now well and truly accepted within Government and non government groups as representative of building designers in NSW.

Our attitude is that we must attend as many of these gigs as possible otherwise we will be taken off the 'A' list and struggle to maintain our relevance.



JVP'S:

New JVP's on board (Tilling Timber)

Successful outcome and continuance of support indicated by all current JVP's

We all need to be vigilant next year, particularly with the downturn in the economy and the general malaise that is NSW government policy, and work actively to maintain our good relationships with the JVP's while at the same time seeking opportunities to expand the JVP stable.

BDA ARCHITECTS:

BDA Architects is currently assisting a number of Members in NSW with variety of projects – many of which are **NOT** SEPP65 based

BDA Architects will shortly be assisting BD's in Tasmania – an obvious mutual benefit of being in BDA Nationally PLUS income for BDANSW.

BDA Architects also has accreditation in Victoria and Queensland which will allow our members to do projects in those states via the Joint Venture program. This will result in a work/membership benefit for the members and income for BDANSW.

The name BDANSW Architects Pty Ltd was originally initiated to 'be in the face' of the RAlA. However we have moved on from that and have decided to rename BDA Architects to a new name and logo to reflect true contractual relationship between our non architect Members and architect Members. The new name will be **Design Partners Architects P/L** and we welcome any member who would like our assistance on any project.

INITIATIVES WITH MBA + HIA:

We maintain close ties with both MBA + HIA

BDA Members receive Member rates to attend MBA + HIA events

MBA judges at 2008 BDA Design Awards

MBA continues role of RTO in auditing our Accreditation process

Continuing discussions with MBA with a view to implement a comparison of BDA Accreditation Standards against new TAFE curriculum to gauge both a validation of the Accreditation Standards for State Government, and provide a platform for acceptance by TAFE as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

This also links in with the BDAA National TAFE Curriculum initiatives.

TAFE AWARDS:

BDANSW again provided Awards (Certificate + Book Voucher) for TAFE "Top Students" and State Medal Winners at Sydney, Newcastle and OTEN-DE

Thanks to Victor Topic - BDA representative once again at Newcastle TAFE

Students now sent copies of every issue of "Perspectives" (total of 775 copies of each issue sent to eight TAFE campuses for distribution to students)

Additional STUDENT MEMBERSHIP MARKETING PLANS being formulated

RELATIONSHIPS:

Continuing involvement with new BDAA "Future Vision" Discussions aimed at the re-formatting and re-vamping of the National Body

Continuing involvement with BDAA National TAFE Curriculum Committee

Continuing with ABSA (via Dick Clarke and Steve Collins)

Continuing with Standards Aust. (thanks go to Carolyn Goldspring)

Continuing BCA Committee representation (thanks go to Ken Gordon)

Continued relationship with the Independent Living Centres (ILC)

We have established closer links with the AIA and I have had several discussions with Deborah Dearing, the AIANSW President, to discuss common interests and objectives. We have agreed that rather than 'fight from the trenches' we should sit around a table and discuss our differences and look for the common ground to establish a working relationship. This is still a work in progress, with the emphasis on the word 'progress'.

It would be remiss of me at this time not to thank all of our Directors for the time and efforts that they have given to the BDA and you, its Members. They all have busy lives and practices to maintain and we are appreciative of their commitment to the cause.

NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER:

It is with much pleasure that I announce the appointment to the Management Committee of Melanie Symington. Melanie's main role will concentrate on the promotion of the BDA and its Members in the media and public domain, but, like all Committee Members, she will look for other opportunities to



push our cause, especially within the government halls of power.

New e-mail Address:

Please note that the new e-mail address for Karen Princehorn is admin@bdansw.com.au

