



Building Designers
Association Victoria

BDAV AGM 2017

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting
of the Building Designers Association of Victoria
held on Monday, 2 October 2017
at the Treasury Theatre, Melbourne

CHAIRMAN:

Lindsay Douglas, BDAV President

ATTENDANCE:

80 Members, as per Attendance Register

Apologies: As per Apologies Register

1. OPENING

In declaring the meeting open at 6.08 pm, the Chairman welcomed all in attendance, especially Life Members and Fellows of the Association who were present. He also acknowledged the BDAV's sponsors.

2. SPONSOR PRESENTATION

Mr Colin Crewes from James Hardie Australia – the BDAV's Diamond Sponsor – spoke about some recent activities and initiatives by James Hardie, including Non-Combustible External Cladding Solutions, which had received much media coverage recently. He also spoke about the features of HardieSmart 2.0 FRL wall systems, as well as Stria Stone (which is easy to combine with other Hardie's Scyon products), and James Hardie's HardiDeck decking.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 10 October 2016, which had been made available to the members on the membership register at that time, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Darryl Crompton

Seconded: Robert McLauchlan

Outcome: Carried

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Lindsay Douglas read his President's report covering the preceding 12 months. (transcript attached).

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ms Ingrid Hornung, the BDAV's CEO, Kate Bell, presented the Treasurer's annual report (transcript attached).

7. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BDAV CONSTITUTION

Mr Lindsay Douglas advised of proposed changes to the BDAV's Constitution, details of which had been emailed to members on 31 August 2017. In essence, the proposed changes tidy up some administrative components within the Constitution relating to the Chief Executive Officer and to the composition and election of the Committee of Management. The only significant change was a proposal to offer free Student membership for the duration of students' studies and the subsequent

renewal period, which the Committee of Management sees as an investment in the future of the building design profession. This proposal only relates to students studying the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) or Advanced Diploma of Interior Design.

Moved: Geoff Hoare

Seconded: Sven Maxa

Outcome: Carried

8. DESIGNER PROFILE

Three winners of the BDAV's 2017 Building Design Awards made presentations about their winning projects:

- Dina Malathounis of Junctions 90 : winner of the BDAV 2017 Building Design of the Year spoke about her successful Killara project;
- Jeremy Spencer of Positive Footprints spoke about The Cheese House project;
- Ian Wilson of Wilson iD spoke about The Essential Ingredient project.

Their presentations each received a hearty expression of appreciation from the audience.

9. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stephen Yarwood – a futurist and former Lord Mayor of Adelaide – discussed future trends that impact urban planning. He observed that Adelaide had undergone a substantial transformation process, and that there will be a 'tipping point' for other cities to transform, to embrace changing technology and changing community needs. He emphasised the importance of needing to think about the revolution and evolution of smart cities, observing that 'smart citizens' have already overtaken smart cities in many localities. He urged practitioners to think about the built form of the future, and to start to embrace the opportunities now available, which include renting out 'second' rooms in residences, participating in 'communal tables' hosted by a local, rethinking how we use public space, as well as opportunities offered by 3D printing. He observed that a shared economy will help people to share resources. One of his key messages was that it is valuable to cities, communities and business to understand that the future looks nothing like the past and urged attendees to aspire to be more prepared, connected and empowered. His engaging, entertaining, interactive and thought-provoking presentation empowered the audience to understand and embrace change.

10. CLOSE OF FORMALITIES

The Chairman then thanked everybody for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm, inviting everybody to partake of refreshments at the venue.

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BDAV AGM 2017 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present my first President Report to the membership of the BDAV.

Membership Retention & Growth

Membership retention for the 17-18 renewal period was considerably improved on previous years with an 89% retention. This can be attributed to the great membership benefit offerings as well as a change in internal processes and outreach.

The last 12 months saw a huge undertaking to attempt to contact every registered draftsman in Victoria who is not a member of the BDAV. While this outreach did not lead to a large uptake of membership, it did provide the BDAV with reassurance that the BDAV brand is known to the larger design community, and provided the Association with data to assist in making future changes to the member benefit offerings.

Advocacy

In the last 12 months, BDAV has been represented on: Building Advisory Council; VBA Industry Stakeholder Reference Group; Smart Planning Program Advisory Group; Residential Zones Review; Ministerial Better Apartments Reference Group, just to name a few.

BDAV continues to monitor and make the membership aware of legislative changes impacting our profession. With the implementation of the various Building Act amendments and subsequent regulation changes, the BDAV has been heavily involved in providing feedback to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the Victorian Building Authority to ensure Members' interests are protected.

With the final implementation of the Better Apartment Design Standards in April 2017, the BDAV's two and half year commitment to the discussion was beneficial as it has seen the State Government recognise the qualification, registration and expertise of building designers, and there is no restriction of trade on BDAV Members involved in the design, development and documentation of apartments in Victoria.

While BDAV has not requested a seat on the Victorian Cladding Taskforce we have been briefed and had the opportunity to put forward thoughts on behalf of the Membership. The membership will be kept informed on any progress on this matter.

In the sustainability space, BDAV continues to liaise with the NatHERS Administrator and forge stronger relationships with all stakeholders – software providers, CSIRO, ABCB, state policy setters/regulators – in particular ensuring that the Australian Building Codes Board's

development of NCC 2019 maintains the integrity of NatHERs. We also continue to contribute to the Victorian Residential Efficiency Scorecard and National Energy Efficiency Building Project.

Thank you to all those Members who have taken the time to provide written and/or verbal submissions to the BDAV when requests for feedback on industry issues are sought. Your contributions are valued and provide much assistance in BDAV representing the membership.

Education and training

October to December 2016, BDAV (with our other stakeholders) successfully lobbied for the ability for future students of the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) to access Federal loans to undertake their training, when the new VET Student Loans scheme was introduced and the qualification was not included on the original eligible course listing. With the course safely on the listing, potential students will not be disadvantaged.

2017 saw the commencement of the reaccreditation process for the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural). BDAV has many Members actively involved in this process and we look forward to the outcomes late 2018. We continue our communication and support of the 11 TAFE institutes who provide the qualification and our involvement in their Victorian Advanced Building Studies Network.

2017 has also seen BDAV invited to be a part of the Victorian Skills Commissions Business Services Industry Advisory Committee, which allows the opportunity to share information with other business services industry for the betterment of the building designer qualification.

Continuing Professional Development

In the 16-17 financial year, BDAV delivered 68 CPD activities totally 221 hours, with an attendance of 3,017. The events were made up of seminars, workshops, regional and metropolitan meetings, webinars, site visits and study tours. Seminar DVDs and post-viewing of webinars also continues to be popular with an additional 58 activities accessed by 359 for an additional 72 hours of CPD.

2017 saw the trialling of an additional regional meeting for the Mornington region and, due to the success of regional meetings, the introduction of metropolitan meetings in four outer suburbs of Melbourne (North, East, South and West). This year has seen at least one member of the Committee of Management and/or a BDAV staff attend each of the regional and metropolitan meetings.

Two new workshop offerings have also been introduced which were extremely popular – Pre-Registration Workshop (for those who are seeking registration with the VBA) and Contract



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Administration (for those looking to refresh/refine their skills).

The 2017 Study Tour saw a contingent of Members visit Japan for a program of architectural, cultural and historical visits. The feedback from our third tour was excellent, with participants observing the tour was well planned and organised. They particularly commented on the friendliness and politeness of the Japanese people, as well as the uniqueness of their food, culture, and lifestyle. A small group of Members are also taking part in a Frank Lloyd Wright US Study Tour in late September 2017. We look forward to hearing the feedback.

With the looming introduction of compulsory CPD by the Victorian Building Authority, BDAV will continue to review its offerings to ensure that Members can meet their obligations with a minimum of hassle and cost.

Communications

The last 12 months has seen another 11 editions of BDAV News produced and circulated to the readership of 2,000. Thank you to the efforts of the Editorial Committee in ensuring the material is topical and relevant. To unlock the knowledge and wisdom of this great resource from the last eight years and for the future, a NEWS website was launched in January 2017. If you haven't accessed this great resource at news.bdav.org.au yet, I highly recommend you review.

Events

Our 8th annual Golf Day continued to have a loyal following, with participants observing this is an outstanding day of friendly competition, made more enjoyable by the Riversdale Golf Club and their superb facilities. Others observed it's great to spend time having a laugh with colleagues.

We held our 22nd annual Building Design Awards this year, with judges praising the continued high-quality of Members' work. The event was held in conjunction with our Annual Dinner, and was attended by almost 350 people, including key stakeholders to the industry, giving us a great platform to profile our Members' design skills to the industry. We place on record our appreciation to this

year's Awards sponsors: BlueScope, Victorian Building Authority, Webber Insurance Services, and WoodSolutions. We also thank those Members who entered the Awards, and congratulate the winners. We trust you enjoyed the second edition of our AWARDED magazine.

The 10 Star Sustainable Design Challenge was moved to a stand-alone activity for 2017 and was held in conjunction with the Sustainable Living Festival. Congratulations to Sustainability House for their project Paradigm Shift which took out the prize in February 2017.

Concluding Remarks

Congratulations to those Members who have been bestowed with recognition over the last 12 months:

- Fellow – Narelle Lockwood
- Life Member – David Mulhall
- Ronald Pickford Award for Service Excellence – Ashley Thompson

To our Diamond Partner James Hardie Australia and other sponsors – Architectural Window Systems, CSR Bradford Insulation, Jetmaster, Kingspan Insulation, WoodSolutions – and partners, I thank you for your ongoing support.

To the four staff at the BDAV East Melbourne HQ, thank you for all your hard work in delivering the objectives of the Committee of Management and handling the day-to-day operations ensuring that the Members are always priority one.

Finally, thank you to the BDAV Committee of Management – Immediate Past President Alastair McDonald, Vice President Dominique Hunter, Treasurer Ingrid Hornung, Marc Bernstein-Hussmann (Marketing), Tim Ellis (Education), Andrew Ferris (Planning), Peter Lombo (Building) and Sven Maxa (Sustainability) – for taking leadership of your portfolios, your ongoing contribution and support.

The support of the membership continues to allow the BDAV to grow, and remain a relevant stakeholder in the industry.

I look forward to your involvement in the next twelve months.

Thank you.

Lindsay Douglas
BDAV President



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BDAV AGM 2017 – FINANCIAL REPORT

This has been my first year as your Treasurer, and I have enjoyed the role.

I would first like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors, whose support we value. As always, if and when you are specifying products, we urge you to please consider our sponsors where you can.

Our membership has stabilised over the last year, with currently just over 1,600 members. BDAV continues to be the largest association representing building designers around the nation, and we continue to have more members than the rest of the nation, collectively.

This year, membership fees increased slightly in line with CPI, which the Committee of Management felt to be fair and reasonable. Our membership fees continue to be low compared to those charged by other comparative industry bodies, yet we continue to provide more services and benefits than many other similar industry bodies.

Our seminar and webinar fees have been retained at the same rate over recent years, and they still remain low in comparison with other industry groups.

We have noticed a slight reduction in seminar attendance this year, no doubt due to our members being time-poor; however, our webinars and workshops have been well supported. We also introduced meetings in metropolitan locations, similar to our regional meetings, and the first round was well supported.

We again ran our Student Grant program this year, offering our Student Members an opportunity to apply for three grants. The standard of submissions was so high that six grants were awarded, each of \$500, to six Student Members to help them defray the cost of their studies.

We also presented our fifth Brian Morison Award for the Most Promising Student, for which Student Member, Pedro Torres Da Costa from Melbourne Polytechnic, received \$4,000 from the BDAV towards the costs of his future

studies. We would like to thank those TAFEs who again supported our Student Awards program this year.

Our big-ticket expenditure item this year was once again our annual Building Design Awards, and it was great to celebrate our 22nd Awards with a strong turnout of members and stakeholders. We also issued the second edition of our AWARDED magazine, which has been well received. We have been using a professional graphic design firm for the content and layout to communicate the quality design theme that we have been aiming for. We see the Awards and this annual publication as sound investments, as they continue to promote the skills of our members.

The other big-ticket expenditure item this year was the creation of a dedicated NEWS site, at news.bdav.org.au, which we encourage Members to use as their 'go to' portal for news about the building design profession.

Our staff resources have remained stable, with four staff running our head office, and looking after members' and our industry's enquiries.

We also continue to use outsourced consultants, especially in our lobbying and public relations activities, given our lean head-office team.

This year, as a result of prudent financial management, I am pleased to advise that we achieved a profit of \$109,104.00 at 30th June 2017.

The accounts have been audited by the audit division of Nexia Australia and have again been found to be in good order.

The financial report is available to be viewed at the BDAV's office by any member, upon request.

As I head into my second year as Treasurer, I am pleased to be able to present the accounts in such a healthy state. I would like to thank the Committee of Management, and our CEO and our Executive Officer, for their support and assistance to me over the past year.

Thank you.

Ingrid Hornung
BDAV Treasurer



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