



MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

VICTORIAN PRE-ELECTION PLATFORM

There have been some notable achievements since the last election when we called for policymakers to turn the conversation to quality and we applaud these efforts. The establishment of Infrastructure Victoria in 2015, the Fishermens Bend Framework and consultation process that has supported it are two particular highlights. The introduction of the Better Apartments Design Standards and Apartment Design and Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria in 2017 was also a welcome step, but needed to go further. The challenge for the next government, whichever party wins power, is to maintain this momentum. The imperative to achieve good design outcomes that connect and strengthen communities merits tripartisan support. As such we are calling on all parties to make the following commitments.

A COMMITMENT TO:

A STRONG OFFICE OF THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT (OVGA)

Government must guarantee the OVGA secure, ongoing funding, ensure it maintains a position of authority, and has adequate resourcing to provide strategic design advocacy and advice, along with formal design review of major projects by the Victorian Design Review Panel, including infrastructure. As Victoria grows, with Melbourne set to overtake Sydney as the nation's most populous city by mid-century, delivering enduring, quality design is integral to maintaining liveability. Masterplanning must become the norm. Demands on the OVGA will - and should - continue to grow and must be backed by government support if communities are to be strengthened and thrive going forward.

IMPROVED PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

Government purchasing power must be harnessed and directed to deliver better long-term design outcomes. Further research into current novation models is required to identify and address existing shortcomings that can compromise quality and result in adverse outcomes for individual practices, the broader architectural profession and ultimately the public realm. Government must partner with the architectural profession if it is to maintain our state's competitive edge and leave a positive legacy in the built environment.

BETTER DESIGN STANDARDS

Government should bring Victoria's building standards in line with emerging best practice in other jurisdictions to improve safety and amenity. This means requiring the involvement of a registered architect for all apartment buildings over three storeys, clamping down on inadequate building supervision, and putting an end to the practice of product substitution or short term profits. Safety must be the number one priority and go hand in hand with sustainability as we strive to achieve net zero carbon emissions from the built environment. With their decades' long lifespan, the standards we apply to our buildings today are integral to assuring the wellbeing of their inhabitants into the future.

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Government must set clear targets for social and affordable housing and fund their delivery. This also means encouraging the adoption of alternative housing models, like baugruppen or build-to-rent, that consciously engage with building better communities. Whilst applauding the current government's \$1billion Social Housing Growth Fund, business-as-usual won't put an end to the housing and homelessness crisis; big thinking and bold ideas are needed to affect lasting change. Melbourne should be looking to lead by taking the ideas, expertise and experience from architects domestically and around the world and applying them in the local context to solve this challenge and maintain our standing as one of the world's most liveable cities.



**VICTORIAN ARCHITECTS,
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED**

**AWARDED BUILDINGS CONTRIBUTING TO AN ICONIC,
TRANSFORMATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE VICTORIA**

Urban design excellence by large practice JWA as this bridge stitches together errant landscapes and connects public spaces around Melbourne.

Tanderrum Bridge
Architect: JWA, NADAAA and Oculus
Prize: Melbourne Prize - RAIA Victoria Architecture Awards 2017
Photographer: Kristoffer Paulsen




Medium practices are primed to work in our suburbs and regional townships and help deliver sensitive and humble community buildings.

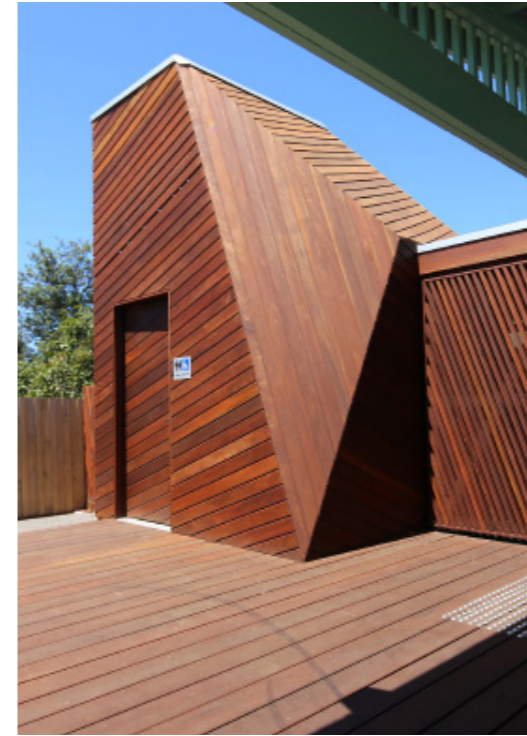
Marysville Police Station
Architect: Kerstin Thompson Architects
Prize: 2013 RAIA Regional Prize
Photographer: Trevor Mein, Meinphoto



A new teaching and research facility that establishes a direct engagement with the street - carefully stitched infill projects make our city great.

The Grimwade Centre For Cultural Materials Conservation – The University of Melbourne
Architect: Jackson Clements Burrows Architects
Prize: RAIA Award for Educational Architecture and a Commendation for the COLORBOND Award for Steel Architecture
Photographer: Emily Bartlett

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A highly awarded community pavilion by small practice Searle & Waldron, clearly providing immense value to the municipality as seen by all emerging firms given the opportunity to work at the civic scale.

Maidstone Tennis Pavilion
Architect: Searle and Waldron Architecture
Prize: 2016 Nicholas Murcutt Award for Small Project Architecture, RAIA and National Awards 2016 Kevin Borland Award for Small Project Architecture, RAIA Vic Chapter
Photographer: Nick Searle

VCCC has become a magnet for the world's best cancer researchers and its key interior public space is intended to be comforting for patients, uplifting for staff and inspiring for both.

Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre
Architect: sthDI+MCR
Prize: Victorian Architecture Medal and the William Wardell Award for Public Architecture
Photographer: Peter Bennetts.



A highly crafted exemplar government school project within heritage listed buildings proving a new & successful reuse model by the VSBA.

Albert Park Environmental College Arts Hub
Architect: Six Degrees Architects
Prize: Henry Bastow Award for Educational Architecture
Photographer: Simon James

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2018 JOINT INSTITUTES LETTER OF SUPPORT

This is a statement of mutual support between the Australian Institute of Architects (Victoria), the Planning Institute Australia (Victoria), and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (Victoria).

Collectively our organisations represent over 20,000 built environment professionals working across Australia and overseas. In Victoria, around 6000 professionals belong to our organisations. We regularly collaborate on issues of mutual interest as we work together to achieve our common goals of good quality planning outcomes, better quality, responsible architecture and environmental design, and quality outcomes for public open spaces, stronger communities and greater environmental stewardship.

Strength in numbers. A collective voice.

The Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) is the peak body for the architectural profession in Australia. It is an independent, national member organisation with around 12,000 members across Australia and overseas. More than 3,000 of these are based in Victoria. The AIA exists to advance the interests of members, their professional standards and contemporary practice, and expand and advocate the value of architects and architecture to the sustainable growth of our communities, economy and culture. The AIA actively works to maintain and improve the quality of our built environment by promoting better, responsible and environmental design.

The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is the nation's peak planning body with over 5,000 members. PIA exists to represent the interests of the planning profession, to support members through training and to advocate for good planning outcomes. In particular, we strongly advocate for good quality planning outcomes and fair and transparent planning processes.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities and greater environmental stewardship. AILA represents over 3,000 members throughout Australia and overseas.

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Amy Muir
Australian Institute of Architects
Victorian Chapter President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Murray".

Laura Murray
Planning Institute of Australia
Victorian President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adrian Gray".

Adrian Gray
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