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### *From the CEO*



I know I don't need to remind you that there is just under two weeks until the election. But before you head for the polling booths, I can advise that the Institute has been surveying the major parties on the key issues relevant to the profession. In next week's e-news we will be publishing the results of the survey sent to Labor, the Coalition and the Greens on the Institute's policy priorities. It is hoped that these results will clarify the various positions on issues relevant to our profession and help inform your decision on election day.

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### *Featured event*

**MANAGING PROJECTS FOR SUCCESS**

Presented by  
**John Wenzel**  
Management Consultant, Practice Design Pty Ltd

**24 Sept, 5.30 - 7.30pm, NT Chapter**

The banner features a background image of two pencils and a piece of paper with a project plan or Gantt chart.

### *News*



### Acumen Content Review Panel established

Chapter councils and state practice committees will shortly be asked to provide nominations to the newly-formed Acumen Content Review Panel after National Council approved the formation of this group at its recent meeting. Based on a recommendation by the Acumen Content Review Group, the Review Panel, comprising five member representatives, will provide advice to the Institute on appropriate Acumen content.

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## What's on



*Designing for people with Dementia*

**11, 12 Sep, 9am-5pm  
Novotel Darwin Atrium**

Registration is now open for the NSW/ACT Dementia Training Study Centre's two-day practical, interactive workshop in Darwin in September on designing dementia-friendly healthcare facilities, including inpatient units.

REGISTER NOW at [Designing for People with Dementia](#).

Registrations close on Tue 10 September or as soon as all places are filled.



*Rapid Fire - Call for speakers*

Rapid Fire - when ideas are more neon than incandescent!  
Date - mid October  
Venue - TBC  
Call for speakers - 20 slides x 20 seconds.  
Email your interest to [e.farinha@bigpond.com](mailto:e.farinha@bigpond.com)



*2014 Dulux Study Tour - Entries now open!*

Entries are now open for the 2014 Dulux Study Tour, and will close 5pm AEST Thu 19 Sep. Click [here](#) to enter. The [Dulux Study Tour](#) recognises and rewards emerging architects for their contribution to architectural practice, education, design excellence and community involvement. The Dulux Study Tour provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity through an intensive visit for young architects - who are clearly intending to be leaders in our profession - to gain exposure to leading architectural practices and visit recent projects overseas.



*Colorbond Steel Student Biennale*



*Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize*



*The William J Mitchell International Committee Prize*

Stage One entries are now open for the Biennale, now in its 25th year, which represents the profession's recognition of quality in design by students of architecture.

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Entries are [now open](#) for the 2014 Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize, which recognises the significance of architectural education in the promotion and improvement of the built environment.

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The William J Mitchell International Committee Prize is awarded annually in recognition of a significant contribution to architecture internationally. Entries close 5 Sept.

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*Spirit of Place - Student tickets reduced!*

**Thu 5 - Sat 7 Sep**

SONA members - \$80

Student non-members - \$100

The inaugural Queensland regional conference looks at the unique opportunities commonly available to architects practising regionally, responding to the unique 'Spirit of Place'.

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*Kevin Mark Low - Buy one ticket, bring a friend for free!*

Following his role as a keynote speaker for Spirit of Place in Cairns, Kevin Low will be touring nationally as the next face of the renowned

International Speaker Series.

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*National Architecture Awards 2013*

**Thu 7 Nov**

Sydney Opera House

The National Architecture Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements and excellence in architecture. Join us for the unforgettable night-of-nights of the Australian architecture profession. Tickets

on sale soon!

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### Grand Designs - An Evening with Kevin McCloud

In this premiere two hour event Kevin McCloud will look back on the architectural and human stories that have most fascinated him over his long involvement with the show; examining the challenges and pitfalls of designing and building your dream home.

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## HR Plus

HR Plus is an architectural human resources and industrial relations information service that gives A+ members and Graduate members access to expert advice. In addition, Wentworth Advantage provides informative articles for our members. These are published on Acumen. This month [Crackdown on bullying - new law.](#)

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### *Your blueprint for green*

Knauf is excited to announce the certification of ten of its major plasterboard products to GreenRate Level A by Global GreenTag. This enables the most efficient and affordable design of systems for any sustainable building project.

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### *2013 WoodSolutions Timber Study Tour*

Germany, Austria, Switzerland - a week of inspiration, information and fun in December for only \$3850\*. Join other industry professionals to visit landmark projects and meet some of the people behind them. Institute members receive a 10% discount for bookings prior to 31 Aug.

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### *High tech roof helps Aussie team win*

A prototype high-tech solar roof has helped a team of students from the Illawarra region win an international competition to build the most energy efficient house. Team UOW Australia won the Solar Decathlon China 2013 competition.

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