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## *From the President*



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Institute's new look weekly e-newsletter which you will receive every Monday. The Institute is making some changes to the way it communicates with members. This is a process that began a couple of months ago with the launch of [our new website](#), and now continues with a new approach to our e-communications. The Institute is streamlining its emails, decreasing the amount we send and reducing instances of doubling up and inbox clutter.

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## *Feature*



### **Spirit of Place - Speaker Profile: Hua Li**

*Doing architecture, we are anticipating the future, but with our memory ... architecture belongs to a time, but it can also go beyond its time.*

*Architecture without style - Hua Li.*

Hua Li is Principal at Trace Architecture Office (TAO), a practice he founded in 2009 in Beijing ...

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## *News*

# #SCRAP the CAP

## Scrap the Cap

On Friday, the government announced that it was postponing the introduction of the proposed \$2000 per annum cap on tax deductions for work-related education expenses until 2015. The Institute has aligned with Scrap the Cap, an alliance of over 70 organisations, and will continue to lobby against its introduction.

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## Venice 2014 - Call To Enter: Contemporary Unbuilt Projects

The Australian exhibition for next year's Venice Architecture Biennale is *Augmented Australia 1914-2014* by creative team felix.\_Giles\_Anderson+Goad. Twenty-one unrealised Australian projects will be brought to life through 3D augmented models, images, voiceovers and animations. [Submit your unbuilt project](#) and be a part of Augmented Australia and the 2014 Biennale.

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## 41X

This week, 41X has topped out. The focus now shifts to the fitout of the Institute's levels, designed by Hassell. Hassell has conceived a cool green interior, one that complements the exterior, and reflects the building's sustainability ethos.

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## Dulux Study Tour 2014

The Dulux Study Tour is now in its seventh year and we are again inviting architectural professionals to submit entries for 2014. Winners will embark on an exciting world architectural tour where they can experience firsthand some of the best architectural sites and practices.



## The William J Mitchell International Committee Prize

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

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## 2015 National Architecture Conference – Call for Creative Director

The Institute is now seeking expressions of interest for the role of the Creative Director for the 2015 National Architecture Conference. Held annually, the conference is a major event of the Institute and is attended by over a thousand delegates.

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## What's on



### *Kevin Mark Low – International Speaker Series*

Following on from his role as a keynote speaker for the 2013 regional conference *Spirit of Place* in Cairns, [Kevin Low will be touring nationally](#) as the next face of the renowned International Speaker Series.



### *Foundations*

Dreaming of starting your own practice? Learn what it takes to get out of the clouds and into the director's chair. Seminar followed by a panel discussion and networking drinks. Learn *who* should start their own practice and get some tips for doing it right. [Limited spaces – book now!](#)



### *Fire Safety Solutions using Timber*

The presentation will provide a brief overview of the advantages and limitations of timber with respect to fire safety followed by a series of examples showing how to retain design freedom while satisfying fire safety requirements. [Click here to register.](#)



### *Continuum - Material Provenance*

NEW COURSE from the 2013 National Architecture Conference. Virginia San Fratello's presentation focuses on familiar materials, including materials we often fail to notice, used in novel ways. For more information please go to <http://www.continuum.com.au>.

## Notice Board



### Grand Designs Australia

*Grand Designs Australia* is seeking ambitious and exciting architectural residential projects for the forthcoming series. The project must be a complete build, not a renovation or restoration. Also, the clients should be closely involved in the process (and willing to participate in the show). [Contact Emma Duncan](#) at Fremantle Media for more information.

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## Membership



### A+

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### Calling for an end to noisy restaurants

Knauf is calling on Australian foodies, consumers, architects and designers to help improve the sound quality in Australian restaurants. The Dine Hear campaign is encouraging restaurant-goers to nominate a favourite restaurant that can sometimes be just that little bit too noisy.

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### Double Gym Built in Double-Time with Bondor

A new double gymnasium building at St Michael's College at the Adelaide Suburb of Henley Beach is reaping the benefits of Bondor Equitilt® architectural panels.

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