

ED's newsletter January

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great opportunity to relax and unwind over the holiday season. I certainly enjoyed my trip to the Arctic Circle and am more than happy to chat about it.

We are kicking off our **CPD** program this year on the 13th February with a CPD from Holovision 3D on '3D laser scanning' in partnership with Engineers Australia. This is a great opportunity to see some new technology and we are happy that this is being delivered by a local company. [Register here](#)

On the 21st of February we will have a **networking** breakfast with the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics the Hon Eva Lawler MLA. This is a great opportunity to hear about the Territory's direction as well as meet the Minister with a Q&A session at the end to raise topics that directly affect Architects. We would like to make this an annual event and we look forward to seeing you there. [Register here.](#)

As you are aware the **2019 Northern Territory Awards Entries** have opened with the closing date the 13th March 2019. This is a firm date and all additional materials **must** also be submitted by this date. We have also opened up the expression of interest for the Jury please follow the [link](#) which will outline the requirements and then contact us if you're interested. Please also forward to your interstate colleagues as we are looking for the chair position. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries around this at all.

Speaking of the awards..... This year we are excited to have the first awards in **Alice Springs on June 1st 2019**. The official invitations will be out shortly. This is a destination Awards event with Architectural and tourism tours offered. The link to register for the **Awards and Architectural tours** will be available to book from mid-march. We are meeting with hotels and looking at transport options from the top end and we will have links from the AIANT registration page. So **'save the date'** and plan to bring your friends and family to an amazing celebration of Architecture in the NT.

At the end of last year we have put together a plan to try and engage potential members both new and lapsed. As Architects I encourage you to identify potential members and then work with us to confirm their **membership**. As an organisation we need to come together to celebrate Architecture, continue to learn and grow through strong CPD and networking offerings, as well as continuing to have a strong voice to advocate for good policy decisions. When new members join and are financial then we are also offering the 'one off' benefit for 2019 which is that a person can become a member and will be eligible to enter in the same year. As motivation for introductions we are offering an incentive to NT members that if they send a referral who subsequently joins then you will go into a draw to win one free ticket to the AIANT awards and be seated at the head table.

As mentioned last year the Planning Commission has released Stage 2 consultation on the **Central Darwin Area Plan** (link) <https://planningcommission.nt.gov.au/projects/central-darwin-area-plan-new>. We are putting together a response so if you would like to be part of a working group on this please get in touch asap. The Commission also takes individual submission if you would like to do that as well.

This year we would like to grow our CPD and networking events. To be able to do this we have opened some **sponsorship** and **partnership** opportunities to support Architect practice and development. Please keep this in mind when you are talking to suppliers and send through a referral any time. We really want to make sure we partner with like-minded industry focussed companies.

EmAGN have their first **Regi-frustration** session on the 5th of February from 6-8pm. Please encourage graduates to attend so that they can be supported through the process to registration. If you are interested please contact Becky or Bede at Troppo.

This year we have a new **SONA** representative from CDU Pio Gillamac and we are looking forward to working with him to grow the CDU membership base which will be easier as SONA membership is now \$30. We had a lot of feedback around cost of membership through the review and it was changed to reflect the feedback. We will be holding a SONA meet and greet on the 14th of March and it would be great if came to meet our future Architects. Details will be confirmed in a What's on in a couple of weeks.

For some, round the traps news, Allison from Mode is currently working in India on an Architects without borders project and we are excited to include an article about it in this month's newsletter. It is truly inspirational, and I can't wait to see the outcome of the project she is working.

Finally over the next month I would like to catch up with all of the NT members so feel free to send me an email or keep an ear out I will be seeing you soon.

We are looking forward to 2019 being an exciting year.

Cheers

Raquel

Calendar of Event to June 2019

February

5 th	EmAGN	Regi-frustration (Darwin)
13 th	CPD	HollowVision 3D in conjunction with Engineers Australia (Darwin)
21 st	Networking	Minister Eva Lawler Industry briefing (Darwin)
28 th	Networking	AIA Industry session (Alice Springs)

March

6 th	Networking	AIA NT and NAWIC International Women's Day Cocktail function (Darwin)
7 th	CPD	Landscaping (Darwin)
13 th	NT Awards	AIA Awards Entries close (all)
14 th	SONA	meet and greet at CDU (Darwin)

April

2 nd	CPD	USG Boral site visit (Alice Springs)TBC
3 rd	CPD	USG Boral site visit (Darwin) TBC
8-12 th	NT Awards	Jury Visits (NT wide)
18 th	NT Awards	Online launch for people's choice (All)

May

1 st	CPD	Bondor presentation (Darwin)
23 rd	NT Awards	Peoples choice presentation and voting (Darwin)
30 th	CPD	Holovision 3D presentation (Alice Springs)
31 st	NT Awards	Architectural tours (Alice Springs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage • Architecture of significance
31 st	NT Awards	Reception and people's choice presentation and voting (Alice Springs)

June

1 st	NT Awards	AIA NT Chapter Awards Night (Alice Springs)
2 nd	NT Awards	Informal networking lunch following on from the Awards (<i>not a catered event</i>) (Alice Springs)
20 th – 22 nd		AIA National Conference (Melbourne)