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### *From the CEO*



Earlier this year National Council agreed on five policy priorities for the Institute, which are forming the basis for our engagement with the major political parties during the federal election

campaign. The policy priorities are: Sustainable Communities, Design Culture, Climate Change, Housing and Regulation ...

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### *From the Chapter President*



In early August there was a National Council meeting which I attended as president. Read on for some issues of possible immediate interest to the general membership including the

structure of committees, awards category review and the Chapter Council charter ...

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### *Featured Event*



#### **Solar House Day**

##### **Lecture and Expo - LIMITED SEATS AVAIL.**

How to build a climate appropriate house in Canberra

'Lessons from the past – information for the future'

Wed 14 Aug, 5pm-7.30pm

National Library of Australia

Speaker: Andreas Luzzi - LAROS

TECHNOLOGIES

FREE EVENT (Drinks and nibbles provided)

RSVP to [act@architecture.com.au](mailto:act@architecture.com.au)

#### **Tour**

We are excited to announce that our Solar House Day bus tour has sold out. Thank you to those of you who purchased tickets.

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## News



### Institute Launches Policy Platform

We can all benefit from Australian towns and cities that are more productive, sustainable and liveable and it is critical that the next Australian government takes a leadership role in guiding the strategic planning of our cities and urban areas. This is the message being delivered by the Institute to all federal parliamentarians during the election campaign.

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## What's On



### Shared Services Procurement

Thu 22 Aug, 2pm

Level 2 Annex Large Meeting Room

The quarterly Shared Services Procurement Roundtable is an opportunity for Institute members to discuss a range of issues regarding ACT Government procurement practices and issues with key senior SSP representatives. If you have issues to raise and/or an interest in government procurement strategies, please contact David Clarke at [dclarke@clarkekeller.com.au](mailto:dclarke@clarkekeller.com.au) to arrange attendance.



### Lunchbox Session 2: Certification Hotspots

Wed 14 Aug, 12.30-1.30  
ACT Chapter

Speakers: John Mihaljevic from Certified Building Solutions and Dean McPherson from AMC Projects

Let's cut through the red tape and review the most common non compliances on projects and traps for young players from the perspective of a building certifier and architect. RSVP to [act@architecture.com.au](mailto:act@architecture.com.au).



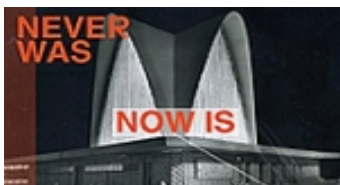
### 2013 Contemporary Australian Architects Speaker Series

Weds 4-25 Sep doors 5.30pm  
for a 6pm start

National Gallery of Australia,  
James O Fairfax Theatre  
4 Sep - Glenn Murcutt  
11 Sep - Clare Cousins, Clare Cousins Architects  
18 Sep - Peter Maddison, Maddison Architects  
25 Sep - Renato D'Ettorre,

Renato  
D'Ettorre  
Architects

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### Venice 2014 - Call out: only 2 days left!

Ten unrealised public buildings are needed for *Augmented*



### Leadership in Sustainability Prize

Entries are now open for the 2014 Leadership in



### Colorbond Steel Student Biennale

Stage One entries are now open for the Biennale, now in its 25th

Australia, the Australian exhibition for next year's Venice Biennale. Submit your projects [here](#).

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*Spirit of Place - Tickets on Sale Now!*

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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Sustainability Prize.

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*ISS - Kevin Mark Low*

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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## *Notice Board*

*Grand Designs - An Evening with Kevin McCloud*

Pre-sale tickets available today only! 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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*Marion Mahony Griffin Lecture 2013*

Thu 15 Aug 2013 at 6pm  
The Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science, Gordon Street  
Speaker Caroline Pidcock  
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*Symposium: Griffins' Canberra-100 years*

Fri 16 Aug 2013, 12.45pm – 4.30pm  
The Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science, Gordon Street  
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## *Membership*



## 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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### WoodSolutions Breakfast Presentation - Spirit of Place

Attending the Regional Architecture Conference Spirit of Place in Cairns this September? Why not attend this fabulous fringe event while you are there?

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### Knauf - 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.

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### Pecha Kucha Cairns

Attending the Regional Architecture Conference Spirit of Place in Cairns this September? Six architects from regional Queensland will be joining six local Cairns people to share their stories and passions.

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