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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hobart Conference

With the Hobart Conference a few weeks away I hope that members thinking of attending have registered and booked their travel and accommodation. The Annual conference is a great opportunity to meet up with colleagues and form new friendships in a wonderful atmosphere.

The range of keynote speakers and showcase presentations is outstanding as are the school tours and typical down-under hospitality. The conference has been timed to coincide with school holidays in several Australian States to give members and their families an opportunity to enjoy the unique experience that only Tasmania can offer.

Ron Fanning, Immediate Past President will be attending the conference as the International Board representative. It is very fitting that Ron attends as it was during his term as President that the International Board voted to include Australasia as a new region.

Representation on the International Board of CEFPI

Our region is now represented on the International Board and as the Australasia representative I recently attend board meetings in Scottsdale Arizona. From those meetings a

number of proposals are being developed to provide our members with better value for their membership.

Included in the proposals are; achieving greater equity for members outside of the USA in respect to access to services, publications and research; a due structure that takes into account currency variations and relative costs as well as providing a greater focus on truly International and Australasia Regional activities.

We have been well received by the International Board and it's clear that the members within the USA and Canada are very keen to hear more from us and to find out about our work in the region.

Local chapters

One way to ensure that members in our region feel as though they are gaining greater benefits from their membership is for individuals to engage more in activities at the local level.

By being a region, local chapters can now be formed with the goal of providing relevant and topical events, seminars and workshops. It will be through chapter action that the region gains momentum and start to have an influence on the direction of the CEFPI organisation as a whole.

Annual General Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting should now be with you and I urge members attending the conference to be at the AGM where your executive will be chosen and the formation of new chapters will be proposed.

Here's to us

I look forward to meeting with many of you in Hobart at the first Annual Conference of the Australasia Region.

We should make frequent toasts to mark the occasion with those famous Tassie brews.

YOUR INPUT REQUIRED!

General Business and Nominations for the Board of Directors

The first Annual General Meeting of CEFPI Australasia Region will be held on Wednesday 20 April 2005, 4.30–5.30pm at Wrest Point Convention Centre, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

Being the first election for Board members of the newly formed Australasia Region of CEFPI we are seeking up to a maximum of 3 representatives from each State, Territory or Nation in the Region. The term of office for Board Members will commence and expire at the conclusion of the Annual International Conference which is held in October each year.

Further details are on the web site; www.cefpi.com

Please submit all matters for General Business and Nominations for the Board of Directors to the Secretary, Janet Mattiske no later than COB Monday, 4 April, 2005.

Email fpandjm@netspace.net.au

OECD Programme on Education Buildings (PEB) Compendium

The OECD PEB is preparing its 3rd international compendium of exemplary educational facilities. CEFPI Australasia has undertaken to support this project in a number of ways, including identification of projects for inclusion in the publication, promotion through our annual conference and members and sponsorship for the project.

The PEB has asked us to identify a range of projects from which a selection can be made, so we need your help in identifying projects that exemplify good planning and design, clever use of building materials and innovative thinking to meet local needs. We need small, medium and large projects and examples that show new ways of providing practical solutions to common problems.

We have been asked to include representative projects from the Australasia region, so we need examples from Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, and also from Singapore, Malaysia and India.

South Australia has undertaken to help coordinate the proposed projects so if you have a project you think would be suitable, or know of one that you think should be included, please forward an initial registration of interest to Ann Gorey by 30 April at the latest. Further details will be required by 16 May 2005.

Email gorey.ann@saugov.sa.gov.au

CONNECTING WITH HOLLAND

Despite disparity in size and location, but similar population, the Netherlands and Australia have a lot in common and regularly share ideas. Shared school sites, funding across the tiers of government, interdenominational schools, community schools and lifelong learning are common features of the two nations.

Designing for School and Community

Lifelong learning, integration with the local community and school design to facilitate learning are shared interests. A recent example has been described in detail by Susan Stuebing in the PEB Exchange (February 2005).

The Firebird School is a flexible new design that takes into account:

- Community growth
- Changes in school enrolment
- Expanding use of information technology
- Team teaching and new approaches to learning
- Community learning and changing facilities needs for social use

The Brink Cluster in Varhorst is another exciting school that brings together five primary schools, a child care centre, pre-school and a community centre

Both schools focus on team teaching and student centred learning and the provision of additional support for students according to their needs

Environmentally sustainable development

ESD is an important issue in school and community design and there are many examples of thinking, planning and implementation that are relevant to both countries. Significant research has been undertaken by Professor Hans van Weenen from the University Alkmaar where he is Professor in Sustainable Technology. He has published a book on the development process of De Sokkerwei in Castricum, the first sustainable elementary school of the Netherlands, and keeps in touch with colleagues from New Zealand and Australia.

INNOVATION

'City Cite' – Melbourne's urban school for country student



The CEFPI meeting in Melbourne in November 2004 included a visit to 'City Cite' the urban school set up by Ballarat Grammar and partner schools in 2001 to provide a city experience for country students. This was a very interesting reversal of the trend for city schools to set up sites in the country for their students. Office space on the 13th floor of an office block in the central business district has been leased to provide a base for Year 9 students while they learn about life in Melbourne. It provides a central location from which the students explore the city and learn about its activities, buildings and people.

The aims of the school include:

- Challenging students – sometimes taking them out of their comfort zones
- Providing opportunities for experiential learning
- Guiding students to effective learning through multidisciplinary tasks
- Encouraging group work and development of group strategies
- Making students accountable for their work and behaviour
- Increasing awareness of various learning styles and appreciation of difference
- Developing a sense of history through exploration of the built environment
- Developing confidence in making use of the city as a learning experience.
- City Cite provides a safe, comfortable base for students
- Office style accommodation in a well maintained building in the centre of Melbourne captures the ambience of the city
- Three separate areas for large groups, surrounded by breakout areas for small groups
- Each office has a large table for the work group and a networked computer to allow students to research and prepare presentations

- Wall space allows student research work to be displayed
- Kitchens on each level for food and catering

For further details go to www.citycite.vic.edu.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY?

Victoria

The Victorians have been active in CEFPI and have held a series of events at which buildings, design, education, administration and innovation have been discussed through presentations, site visits and debate.

Western Australia

The WA Government has announced a \$1 billion budget for school buildings over the next 4 years. This is a challenging target to meet and will require expertise in planning and design and workforce for construction.

South Australia

South Australia's Strategic Plan was released in March 2004 and the State's Strategic Infrastructure Plan is due to be released in March 2005. These two plans outline the strategic directions and infrastructure requirements for the State.

Northern Territory

Cyclone Ingrid visited the coast and remote islands of the Northern Territory in March 2005 reeking havoc in its path. The school on Croker Island was completely destroyed and is forecast to cost \$1.5 million to rebuild. The old school like many other in the NT was mainly clad in asbestos and after the cyclone destroyed the buildings the asbestos has been strewn around the community making the site unsafe and difficult to clear. Thawudthi Batchelor Minjilang Study Centre withstood cyclone conditions with a minor water leak, a small piece of zincalume cladding loosened, but the satellite dish remained intact and equipment inside the building undamaged.

Design work is underway for the education facilities at the Desert People's Centre in Alice Springs with building work expected to commence on site later this year.

CONFERENCES, MEETING AND DEBATE

Invitation to Austin, Texas in April 2005

“Building Stronger Minds” Education Facilities for the Future

Gloria Barrera, President Southern Region CEFPI, has invited Australian members of CEFPI to their regional conference in Austin, Texas from 1–4 April 2005. Austin is a university city, and has an extensive life-long learning program as well as a very well established music industry. If you don't make it to Austin in April, keep in mind that it's only a short trip to Austin if you attend the CEFPI Annual Conference in San Antonio in October 2005.

1st annual conference of the Australasian Chapter in Hobart, Tasmania

20–22 April 2005

“Curriculum & Campus: Architects and Educators Working Together”

Reminder that our annual conference will be held on Wed 20–Friday 22 April in Hobart and that the Anzac weekend provides an opportunity to explore more of Tasmania while you are there. Further information and online registration for the conference, tours and special events are available on the conference website at:

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/admin/ff/cefpi/default.htm>

DesignShare World Forum ‘Emerging Ideas Connecting Education and Architecture’ Barcelona, Spain 23–25 June 2005

“Emerging Ideas Connecting Education and Architecture”

DesignShare in conjunction with the OECD PEB and CEFPI Australasia are holding a conference in Barcelona to explore emerging ideas connecting education and architecture. Issues for discussion include ways to facilitate lifelong learning, building for school and community, fostering innovation and collaboration.

The conference web site is

<http://www.designshare.com/Barcelona/>

2005 DIARY DATES

Apr

Date 1–4 April 2005
Event Southern Region USA Annual Conference
City Austin, Texas USA
Contact www.cefpi.org

Apr



Date 20–22 April 2005
Event **CEFPI Australia Annual Conference**
City Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
Contact www.cefpi.asn.au
www.cefpi.com

Apr

Date 24–27 April 2005
Event OECD (IMHE), (PEB) and APPA (USA) "Planning, Designing and Managing Higher Education Institutions"
City San Jose, California
Contact <http://www.appa.org>

Jun

Date 23–25 June 2005
Event World Conference DesignShare, PEB & CEFPI
City Barcelona, Spain
Contact <http://www.designshare.com/Barcelona/>

Jul

Date 3–7 July 2005
Event The International Union of Architects 22nd World Congress
City Istanbul, Turkey
Contact www.uia2005istanbul.org

Sept

Date 30 Sept–3 Oct 2004
Event CEFPI 82nd Annual Conference
City San Antonio, Texas, USA
Contact www.cefpi.com

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