

NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, PAST AND FUTURE CLIENTS,

ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA would like to wish you a belated **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We hope the year to date, has you happy and healthy, with a positive attitude despite the challenges the coming months pose.

With reports of the downturn in the economy becoming more and more prevalent, it is very easy to just see the doom and gloom and miss the benefits and opportunities that exist.

The impact of the global economic crisis across much of Queensland, not least the construction industry, is becoming very evident, and has been met by the Australian Government's Economic Stimulus Package. As part of the Government's package, you have no doubt heard about the Insulation Incentives, but what do they entail? And how might they benefit **YOU?**

Well the Government is offering rebates to owner occupiers and residential rental property owners who take the initiative to install ceiling insulation in new homes or retrofit existing homes, and if your property already has ceiling insulation installed, rebates are being offered for the installation of solar hot water systems. \$3.9 billion has been allocated for insulation and solar hot water installation; 2.2 million owner occupiers will be eligible for the free insulation, with a value of up to \$1600.

(www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/insulation.html)

We believe it is the opportune time, while installing insulation, with interest rates as low as they are and as builders are being forced to submit competitive tenders, to **VALUE ADD** to your property.

As Architects, it is our responsibility to watch the market, and stay informed of trends, and buyers expectations. We keep aware of the standards, always searching for those features that elevate a property and its appeal. We pride ourselves on our years of experience and our proven track record in being able to maximize the potential of any project. Whether it is **RESIDENTIAL** renovations or extensions, to modernize or realign your house with a changing family's needs, or in achieving the best results for your multi-storey, **MULTI-RESIDENTIAL** or **COMMERCIAL** development approvals, we have the skills and experience to simplify the process.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

- DID YOU KNOW THE ABBEY ALL-SUITE HOTEL, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ROMA ST & MAKERSTON ST IN THE BRISBANE CBD, AND DESIGNED BY **ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA** WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN BRISBANE AND SET MARKET STANDARD IN 80'S?
- DID YOU ALSO KNOW THE HOTEL WAS NAMED AFTER A VERY LOYAL, LONG SERVING FAMILY PET?

Or if you are considering taking a **GREEN** approach to your property, and lowering your environmental impact, including water and energy requirements, you will benefit by not only being able to market your property's **GREEN** features when it comes time to sell, (check out www.domain.com.au – every property page states the energy efficiency rating of the property), but you may well be able to save yourself money on the running costs along the way.

'**Going GREEN**' for so long has been associated with hippies, alternate lifestyles, growing your own vegetables and a bygone era, but not anymore. With a more informed 'generation Y' entering the marketplace and making their way up the corporate ladder, attitudes have changed and we are moving toward a more socially aware and environmentally conscious community. There is an understanding that an initial cost output can ensure long term cost savings and a moral standpoint that everyone should be doing as much as reasonably possible to reduce their environmental impact.

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OUR LATEST DESIGN...



BROOKE ELISE APARTMENTS

CNR BROOKES ST & ST PAULS TERRACE
BOWEN HILLS, BRISBANE

SEPTEMBER 2008

REVISED DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT:

199 SERVICED APARTMENTS,
203 CAPRARKS,
3 RETAIL TENANCIES,
RESTAURANT WITH OUTDOOR DECK,
1 FUNCTION ROOM,
3 MULTI-PURPOSE MEETING ROOMS
POOL, SPA, SAUNA, SUN DECK,
RECREATION ROOM, GYM

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WHAT ARE WE UP TO IN 2009?

JANUARY

• BROOKE KILDEY returns as Associate Director. A registered Architect in QLD since 2003, she has spent the best part of the last 4 years working abroad in both the UK & UAE.

She cites as a highlight of her overseas experience the time she spent working on the refurbishment of the Royal Ascot Racecourse, and living on site in the middle of the dunes in Dubai with the local camels as regular visitors.

FEBRUARY

• KERRI ECKERT, our architectural graduate, has begun the arduous but nevertheless rewarding task of embarking on her registration. The process including; regular workshop attendance for 2 months, a submission of detailed log books outlining her work experience, sitting the national registration examination, and on completion of all these stages, she will then need to undertake a successful interview with an appointed panel of senior industry professionals.

We wish her all the best.

MARCH

• GRAHAM KILDEY continues to develop the schematic designs for the multi-million dollar Peninsular project, located in Bramble Bay on the Redcliffe Peninsular. Due to the unprecedented scale and scope of the development, meetings with several levels of government, councils, and local community groups, as well as coordination with several specialist consultants are ongoing.

• BROOKE KILDEY becomes a Green Star Professional this month, after attending both the Green Building Council of Australia's Professional Course and sitting the national GBCA examination she has qualified as one of fewer than 100 Queensland Architects who possess their Green Star Professional credentials.

Passive cooling design principles, correct material utilization, in combination with creative planning options can provide you with not only **GREEN** but versatile spaces, as changing as the weather. **ADAPTABLE** designs can operate in open plan format to maximize the appearance of space and utilize breezes and aspect, creating more livable conditions for the moderate months of the year, but can also be transformed in the more unbearable temperature conditions, compartmentalized to minimize the area required to heat or cool, and can therefore reduce your energy consumption and running costs

As Dennis D'Arcy, CEO of the Insulation Council of Australia & New Zealand explains, with the rise in the numbers of air-conditioners being installed in Queensland it is important to understand that for air-conditioning to work efficiently, the movement of hot air or radiant heat into the cooled space should be prevented, and insulation is the most effective way to achieve this, and thereby limiting the stress on the energy generating systems, the environment and the electricity costs.

(February, 16, 2009, Queenslanders to Benefit Most from Federal Insulation Package, ICANZ – Media Release)

Be **PROACTIVE**; by acting now to maximize the potential of your property, not only will you be able to make use of government incentives, and a competitive market tilted in your favour, but the sooner you act the more money you will save.

ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA can offer you **ARCHITECTURAL, INTERIOR DESIGN** and **PROJECT MANAGEMENT** services, for projects both large and small. We have an extensive portfolio and registered professionals who have many years of experience in both the architecture and development industries, in Australia and abroad, providing us with a wealth of knowledge and understanding that we can use to benefit you and your project.

Whether your project is a residential extension or a multi-storey commercial development, the whole process can be very stressful. We understand and our goal is to demystify the process and make it as smooth as possible for you.

We also realize that in the current economic climate, making the decision to invest further capital in your property is not one to be taken lightly. As part of our contribution towards lightening this load, we are currently offering all our prospective clients an initial obligation free consultation to discuss your proposed project.

So, if you are considering a new project and would like to identify the possibilities open to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

ARCHITECTS AUSTRALIA would be happy to discuss your options with **YOU**.

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