



Dean's Message

I am very pleased to have joined the Faculty here in Sydney. After 13 years teaching at the University of Hong Kong, I took up my appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Architecture in early January and went straight in to Information Day where I met prospective members of our family. From the briefings I have received and my conversations with a wide range of alumni, staff and friends of the Faculty, it is clear to me that there are many challenges ahead. The tremendous changes in the world are affecting tertiary education and the professions in which our graduates engage. I am excited by the potential and opportunities and look forward to meeting you to explore and realise these futures. The most fundamental shift in tertiary education is the substantial shift to a research agenda. Research underlies our teaching and is embedded in the learning experience for all students. The current university funding model places research activity at its core, just as the future of our professions rest upon research and advancement of knowledge. While there are sources of funds for research at the Federal level, we must ensure our research is supported more broadly and seek funding elsewhere, from industry and other sources. This is an essential focus for our future, both in terms of the education we deliver to students and the value we return to society. Challenges are best met by open discussion and collaboration. I hope to meet you at one of our many functions during the coming year; I encourage you to re-engage with the Faculty and let your voice be heard. Please, stay in touch, join in and help out. I am happy to meet with you if you wish to discuss the future of the Faculty and our University agenda.

Professor Tom Kvan, Dean

Welcome Reception for the New Dean The Architecture Alumni Association is hosting a reception for the new Dean, Prof Tom Kvan, on **Tuesday 7 March**, from 5-7pm in the Hearth of the Wilkinson Building (level 2). All alumni and staff are invited to meet this distinguished academic who until recently was Dean and Professor of Architecture at Hong Kong University and who has numerous publications in design computing and design education. To get an indication of numbers, please email David Turner on davidwturner9331@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend the reception. We look forward to seeing you there!

SHOWCASE 2006: AN EXHIBITION OF RECENT GRADUATES' WORK This is a new initiative of the Alumni Association, to display the latest work of our emerging stars to the professions and the university community. All alumni and staff are invited to attend the opening function on **TUESDAY 21 MARCH** in the Wilkinson Hearth from 5-7pm to view the show and meet tomorrow's leaders in the designed, planned and built environment.

2006 Events

Please join us

Fri 10 Feb – Sat 25 Feb, Tues – Sat 11am – 5pm Tin Sheds Gallery
TOWARDS PERIGEE: Julia Davis
www.arch.usyd.edu.au

Thurs 23 February 4.30pm Masonic Centre, Sydney
DesignCheck Seminar John Gero, Mike Rosenman and the CSIRO present an automated code checking reporting system
More details: <http://www.construction-innovation.info/articles.php?rc=65>

Tues 7 March 5 – 7pm Hearth, level 2 Wilkinson Building
Welcome Reception for the New Dean, Professor Tom Kvan
RSVP: davidwturner9331@hotmail.com

Tues 21 March 5 – 7 pm Hearth, level 2 Wilkinson Building
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For more news on upcoming events, see
<http://www.arch.usyd.edu.au/web/general/whatson.html>

**Urban Renewal
Planning Workshop
2 – 3 March
Wilkinson Building**

presented by
The Planning Research Centre

Coinciding with the inaugural Mayors Design Forum, this workshop is targeted at Local Government Officers, Councilors, Architects and Design Professionals. Hear The Hon Paul Keating, Malcolm Turnbull MP, The Hon Bob Carr, Professor Ed Blakely and Professor Chris Johnson.

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