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BOARD OF ARCHITECTS OF TASMANIA

# STRATEGIC PLAN

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### 2018-2020

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The Board of Architects of Tasmania (the Board) is a self-funded statutory body established to administer the *Architects Act 1929* (the Act).

The Board is a member of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) which is a national body made up of registration boards in each State and Territory of Australia. The AACA sets and reviews the National Standard of Competency for Architects.

The Board is also involved with the accreditation of aspects of the Architecture and Design Discipline at the University of Tasmania.

## Charter

The Board's Charter as prescribed in legislation is to provide for the registration of architects and to regulate the practice of architecture.

The Board administers its undertaking through the following:

1. Protect consumers of architectural services by requiring architects registered in Tasmania to provide services to the public in a professional and competent manner
2. Require that only architectural practitioners registered by the Board describe themselves as architects, or a derivative of the term
3. Inform the public about the qualifications and competence of individuals or organisations holding themselves out as architects
4. Determine standards for the registration of architects in Tasmania
5. Provide advice to the Minister with respect to any matter in connection with the administration of the *Architects Act*
6. Investigate complaints against architects and take appropriate action
7. Maintain the Register of Architects

## Members

The Board as at 1 January 2018 comprises five members:

- Two appointed by the Governor of Tasmania
  - Catherine Parker
  - Andrew Finch
- Two practising architects elected by the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects
  - Richard Crawford (Chair)
  - Damien Rogers
- Tasmanian President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects
  - Yvette Breytenbach

## Registrar

The Board is supported by a Registrar appointed by the Board under Section 7 of the Act. The Registrar is charged with the custody of the Register of Architects in Tasmania.

- Geoff Harper

## Regulation and the Public Interest

The regulation of the title “Architect” and associated registration requirements promote the public interest by:

- providing a formal structure supported by legislation that ensures consumers use only registered architects and do not inadvertently hire non-architects
- imposing minimum training requirements and rules of conduct – thus raising the quality of architects which, in turn, generates benefits for consumers and the wider community, including improving the quality of the built environment and Australia’s cultural legacy
- promoting Australia’s exports of architectural services and education
- facilitating mutual recognition of architects Australia-wide and via the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia negotiating international agreements.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2018-2020

GOAL	STRATEGY	ACTION
<b>1. Maintain the Tasmanian Register of Architects</b>	1.1 Maintain the Tasmanian Register of Architects	a Regularly update the Board of Architects website <a href="http://architectsboardtas.org.au/">http://architectsboardtas.org.au/</a> to provide the public with an easily accessible Register of Architects and list of Architects Firms and Corporations
	1.2 Promote public brand recognition of the architectural profession through use of the Board's logo by registered architects	a Ensure that only registered architects use the Board's logo b Monitor and take action relating to irregular use of the logo by unauthorised individuals or businesses operating in breach of the Architects Act
<b>2. Ensure ongoing Financial Viability</b>	2.1 Maintain financial sustainability of the Board	a Effectively manage the Board's financial resources by ensuring the Board operates within its financial constraints b Ensure the Board's financial statements and transactions are audited annually c Regularly review the annual registration fee to ensure the Board remains self-funding
<b>3. Ensure Professional Practice and Competency</b>	3.1 Support practice examinations and course accreditation processes in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA)	a Facilitate the program of the five-year National Visiting Panel to review course delivery and content of the Masters of Architecture program provided by the Architecture and Design Discipline of the University of Tasmania, and ensure it aligns with national competencies for Architects b Monitor course changes and review the Annual Report provided by the University of Tasmania on the accredited architecture course c Facilitate and coordinate the half-yearly Architectural Practice Examination leading to architectural registration
	3.2 Provide accurate and timely information to architects and the community to maximise understanding of obligations under the Act and the Code of Professional Conduct	a Develop a Professional Code of Conduct for Architects in Tasmania b Develop, implement and manage an efficient and effective complaints investigation procedure in accordance with the powers under the Act

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	3.3 Ensure architects comply with requirements to maintain competency standards under the <i>Building Act 2016</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Coordinate provision of a comprehensive CPD program for architects and members of the broader construction industry in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Architects Tasmania Chapter (with funding from the Tasmanian Department of Justice)</li> <li>b Ensure seminars:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. cover a wide range of topics and target identified weaknesses in the building industry</li> <li>ii. have defined learning outcomes linked to one or more of the nine Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) National Standard of Competency for Architects <a href="https://www.aaca.org.au/the-national-standard-of-competency-for-architects/">https://www.aaca.org.au/the-national-standard-of-competency-for-architects/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>c Provide oversight to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i delivery of the Practice of Architecture Learning Series (PALS) courses addressing key elements of architectural practice</li> <li>ii recognised schemes offering students the opportunity to undertake work experience within established local architectural practices and/or construction companies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4. Ensure Regulation remains current and relevant</b>	4.1 Regularly review legislation impacting architects in Tasmania and provide advice to the Minister on requirements to introduce new legislation or amend existing legislation (including subordinate legislation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Instigate a formal Review of the <i>Architects Act 1929</i> and supporting <i>Architects Regulations 2008</i> to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i introduce better alignment with the <i>Building Act 2016</i></li> <li>ii ensure harmonisation with other Architects Registration Acts around Australia</li> <li>iii integrate requirement for architects to maintain competency through undertaking formal professional development or other recognised development activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>5. Communicate with stakeholders</b>	5.1 Provide regular communication to key stakeholders and registered architects on the activities of the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Produce two newsletters per year for public dissemination</li> <li>b Maintain the Board's website to ensure currency and relevance</li> </ul>

## CONTACT

For more information on the Board of Architects of Tasmania go to <http://architectsboardtas.org.au/>

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