

2013 CEFPI WA Chapter Report

Membership

Membership in the WA Chapter continues to remain relatively steady with 2013 experiencing modest growth with 2 new memberships including:

- 1x private architect, 1x K-12 school
- no drop-offs
- Current membership is 102 !
- Majority of membership are architects & designers (including landscape).

While the committee has targeted an increase in membership from educators, this is still proving to be a challenge. Another option to this is to try and encourage more corporate membership by schools. The WA membership composes:

- 68 private firms (63% corporate and 37% individual)
- 18 K-12 Schools
- 5 College/University
- 11 Government agency

Alliances

The committee is currently working on alliances with the Property Managers Association of WA. An approach is being made to the recently appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor of Education at UWA. CEFPI will be joint badging some events with the Australian College of Educators as well as the Office of Government Architect.

Publications

Lara Mackintosh is coordinating a small sub committee of the chapter with a view to creating an awards publication in time for November. The purpose is to increase the chapter profile and give another avenue of exposure for members and sponsors.

Branding and Sponsorship

The committee, while not overly concerned, is still surprised at how often CEFPI has to be explained to others given how long it has now been operating in WA. For some reason the name or brand is difficult to develop traction around. This is something we are trying to work on through the increased alliances.

The committee is fortunate to have two key sponsors, Armstrongs (flooring specialists) and Davison and Ward (quantity surveyors). Their ongoing support is invaluable in terms of running quality events for the membership.

Professional Events

A number of activities and events have been held since the last national conference.

The largest event took place at the end of 2012 when CEFPI hosted a half day of presentations and panel discussion at the newly completed English and Languages facilities at Rossmoyne Senior High School. The locale provided the opportunity for CEFPI attendees to experience a contemporary classroom as students, while Brad Quartermaine (T&Z Architects) and Leila Bothams (Principal Rossmoyne Senior High School) shared the impact the new contemporary facility has made on the staff and students of Rossmoyne Senior High School, an otherwise 1960's style school campus.

As keynote speaker, Josh Byrne's (Josh Byrne and Associates) enthusiastic and heartfelt approach towards demonstrating practical outcomes to integrating sustainability into the learning environment was met with interest from the diverse attendees.

On **re-imagining concepts and classrooms**, Peter C. Lippman (EIW Architects) presented on responsive design approaches at a conceptual level and in several examples of implementation. Mike Savage and Paul Rossen (Parry and Rosenthal Architects) moved through the re-imagining process involved in successfully converting a disused gymnasium at LaSalle College into a functioning senior learning area.

On **re-imagining schools and learning places**, Dick Donaldson (Donaldson and Warn) discussed his evolving approach to challenging traditional views of learning places from Mindarie Senior College's school design in 2000 to a teaser of the upcoming new Governor Stirling Senior High School, which opened in early 2013. Dave Smith (Plan-E) talked about a landscape architect's approach towards providing places for learning and interaction in the environment outside the classroom, featuring the Rio Tinto Naturescape.

The day ended with a structured Q&A panel on Lessons Learned, facilitated by Peter C. Lippman. Speakers included Dr Alec O'Connell (WA's Independent School Sector), Jeff Phillips (independent facilities planner of Jeff Phillips Consulting), and Vaughan Sadler (WA's Catholic Education Office). As a mix of experienced educators and facilities planners focused on Western Australia's evolving view of educational facilities, these three diverse sector voices presented a stimulating discussion to the attendees, ranging from the role of technology in future classrooms to the importance of curriculum outcomes first.

The schedule of events all ready held so far in 2013 and those proposed for the WA Chapter is as follows:

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Date	Description
February	Activity: Notre Dame University Lecture and Tutorial – PEDAGOGY AND SPACE LECTURE / WORKSHOP 2 With Anne Coffey – Secondary Schools Lecture Monday 18 February: 12:30 – 1:15pm. Tutorial Tuesday 19 th February: 11:30 – 1:15pm.
March	No event
16 April	Perth Samplings / CEFPI co badging event: DESIGN AND PEDAGOGY: TOUCH ON ROLE OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN SOCIETY / COMMUNITY (SYMPOSIUM PLUG). Local: Jeff Phillips (to showcase national public and private examples), Local: Dick Donaldson – Ashdale College Carol Strauss – Ashdale College
7 May	Site Visit – Ashdale Secondary College
May 29 - 31	(End of May) Event: CEFPI NATIONAL CONFERENCE Sponsoring attendance for Uni Student and Chair Elect
18 June	Event: BMW / DOE YEAR 7 ACCOMMODATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS - BY 6-10 ARCHITECTS (Similar format to Pecha Kucha with show and tell, 7 minutes each).
16 July	Perth Samplings / CEFPI co Badge Event: BALDIVIS SECONDARY SCHOOL IN DETAIL: Architect, DOE, BMW, School Principal, Teacher and Student
30 July	Site Visit – BALDIVIS SECONDARY SCHOOL (STAGE 1): Keith Svendsen (principal) Potential bus hire for the trip.
August - TBC	Activity: PEDAGOGY AND SPACE LECTURE / WORKSHOP 2 Notre Dame University (Linda – Early Learning)
10 Sept.	Perth Samplings / CEFPI co Badge Event: Integrating Special needs in buildings / schools POSSIBLE SPECIAL NEEDS THERAPIST SPEAKER.

	Architect, School Principal, Teacher and Student
24 Sept.	Site Visit – ATWELL SECONDARY SCHOOL (STAGE 2): Kim Beasley Centre (loose connection with PS talk) Potential bus hire for the trip.
October - TBC	Site Visit – PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL/ special needs integration focus: TBC
November - TBC	Event: Symposium – Proposed topic: INNER CITY SCHOOLS: CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND AND THE ROLE OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY / SOCIETY. Dates to coincide with Architecture Week (October) or Open House (November) . Speakers TBC. Govt, Private Schools, panel of experts, etc. National Speaker – TBC, (suggestions: Julia Aikin.)
10 Dec	Event: Christmas Party : Venue Hassell Offices if no other venue is determined.

The WA Chapter is very active and is fortunate to have a strong committee. As the WA Chair I would like to thank all members of the WA Committee for the everything they do on behalf of the members and the support they give to each other.

The main goal of the current committee is to widen the name of CEFPI and also draw others into becoming involved in organizing events and activities. The committee would also like to thank and acknowledge the support from the national level, especially through our administrator Helen Murray.

Dr Alec O'Connell

Chapter Chair