



Spring 2008

### AWA Updates

#### Mark Your Diary...

Just a reminder to our Western Australian Members, that we encourage all to attend the Perth Industry Forum that will be held on:

Tues 18th November 2008  
Holiday Inn City Centre, Perth

#### Important Notice to Queensland Members

The Queensland Government has advised that a review has taken place on forms required under The Building Act. The revised forms will take effect from Monday, 27 October 2008.

To download the amended Forms 15 & 16 [Click Here](#).

#### TECHNICAL, HARDWARE & COMMERCIAL Committee Meeting Minutes

Members are able to view the meetings minutes of the:

Hardware Committee Meeting - 1st October 2008

Commercial Committee Meeting - 1st October 2008

Technical Committee Meeting - 2nd October 2008

These can be viewed in the [Member's Only Area](#) of the website under *Meeting Minutes* section.

For more info on What's Happening in the AWA visit the [AWA Website](#)

### Industry News



[BCME online magazine Spring 08 edition](#)

#### Glasstech Asia

Saigon Exhibition/Convention Centre Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam  
20-22 November, 2008

**AIBS Conference**  
Perth, WA  
November 23-26, 2008

For more info on industry activity visit the [AWA Website](#)

### AWA News

#### From the Executive Director

The intergovernmental agreement between the States, Territories and the Commonwealth for building regulation reform was signed by Ministers in 2006. It places a strong emphasis on increasing national consistency in building codes across Australia and decreasing State and Territory variations. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has endorsed this initiative. In line with these objectives, the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is undertaking a project in conjunction with the States and Territories aimed at achieving zero State and Territory variations in the BCA by 2011.

As part of Queensland's aim to continue reducing its BCA variations where appropriate, they have recently advised that two variations have been identified as being supported for removal in BCA 2009, effective 1 May 2009:

- Sound transmission and insulation (BCA Volume 1 and 2)
- Windows in cyclonic areas (BCA Volume 2)

Proposals to remove Queensland's energy efficiency variation in BCA Volume 2 and to change Queensland's variation for swimming pool access to adopt the revised 2007 edition of the Australian Standard by modifying Queensland's variation in BCA Volumes 1 and 2 are also being considered.

#### Tracey Gramlick

Executive Director

#### Women In Windows



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The inaugural "Women in Windows" (WIW) forum was held during the AWA national conference in September. This special event brought together women in a variety of roles within the window industry and offered a unique opportunity for support and networking.

It seems that rather than working shorter hours and/or fewer days, we are working longer and harder than ever before. For women there is often the challenge of juggling all the family responsibilities as well. A range of presenters provided an interesting, and often funny, look at their everyday working lives with lots of nods from the captivated audience. The feedback received to date will see WIW become a valued component of future conferences.

To find out more or to join the networking group and share your experiences, interesting projects, photos, issues and tips to success visit the website or contact **Kay** in the office on **(02) 9498 2768**

#### Conference Survey Results

Thank you to all our members who participated in providing us with feedback on our conference. Submissions entered went into a raffle to win a **\$100 voucher** to spend at the restaurant of their choice.

The **winner** of the survey raffle is:



**Robert Langner**

Aneeta Windows, Vic



### Downloads



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