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## RADARHEADLINES

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## INTERNATIONAL

■ **Alexander and Lloyd**, in association with **Ben Handen**, has won the design competition for the new Madang Court Complex in Papua New Guinea // **Lab Architecture Studio** has won a limited competition for the Guardian Towers in Abu Dhabi and been commissioned for a cultural showcase building in Dubai. **Lab** is setting up a Dubai office, with **Lewis Hunt** and **Adam Jackson** from the Melbourne office, and has appointed **Adam Osbourne** to its London office // **Gehry Partners** in Los Angeles has appointed Australian architect **Gavin Langley** as a senior associate // **Woodhead** has made the following appointments: **Graham Bolton** as regional principal in Singapore, **Lucas Gallardo** as associate in Beijing, and **Ada Jin** as associate in Shanghai // Melbourne-based architectural lighting designers **Andrew Jaques** and **Nathan Thompson**, of **The Flaming Beacon**, received an Edison Award in New York in May for their work on the Amanya Hotel // **Australians Studying Abroad**, in conjunction with **RMIT University**, is running an architecture tour to Finland, the Netherlands and London. Led by Prof **Shane Murray**, the tour runs until 16 July.

## NATIONAL

■ BlueScope Lysaght and the **RAIA** have widened the eligibility criteria for the Lysaght Research Scholarship // Australians for Affordable Housing is campaigning for a comprehensive housing policy // Architecture graduate **Joel Kelder** from **Bligh Voller Nield** has won the James Hardie Scyon Design Challenge with the Lake House // **Stephen Tan**, immediate graduate of landscape architecture, **RMIT**, Melbourne, has won the 2006 **Hassell Landscape Architecture Travelling Scholarship** // Interior designer **Stacey Nichols** has won the **PMDL Biennial Design Scholarship** // The 2007 Australian Timber Design Awards will be presented on 29 November at National @ Docklands, Melbourne. Entries close 31 August.



The Lake House, the winning entry by architecture graduate Joel Kelder of Bligh Voller Nield to the James Hardie Scyon Design Challenge.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

■ Perth Samplings 2007 is a new monthly forum to discuss architecture and urban design, coordinated by the **WA Office of the Government Architect** // **Cameron Chisholm Nicol (WA)** is now operationally carbon neutral // Urban and landscape design practice **Tract (WA)** is merging with advisory firm **UrbisJHD** as a new practice, **Urbis** // **Emiliano Roia** and **Dr Ursa Rosner** have joined the staff at **UWA** // An exhibition of the Australian Pavilion at the Venice Biennale of Architecture 2006 opens in July at Perth's Holmes à Court Gallery // **Woodhead** has appointed **John Nichols** as regional principal in Perth.

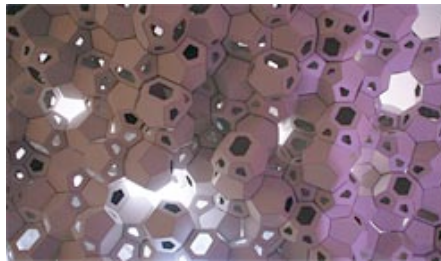
## NEW SOUTH WALES

■ **Jørn Utzon**, **Jan Utzon** and **Richard Johnson of Johnson Pilton Walker** plan to restructure the Sydney Opera House's main Opera Theatre // Goat Island, just west of Sydney Harbour Bridge, with some of the earliest constructions in the area, is to be redeveloped as a cultural tourism destination // **McGregor + Partners** has appointed **Christian Borchert**, **Rupert Carmichael** and **Larissa Ward** as associates in Sydney // **Group GSA** has made the following Sydney appointments: **Kate McCann** as interiors associate director; **Melisse Lee** as interiors associate; and **Rajat Khanna**, **Heike Barth**, **Rosemary Kelly**, **Milan Busina**, **Darren Woodman**, **Jane Furner** and **Mati Yogev** as associates // *An Im-Modern* Members' exhibition of Richard Glover's artwork



Mawbey Place, London. From Richard Glover's photographic exhibition, *An Im-Modern Vernacular*.

*vernacular*, an exhibition of **Richard Glover's** portrait-like photographs of apartment buildings, was held at Peloton in May and June // **Alexander and Lloyd** has appointed **Graham Turner** as senior director and **Hamish George** as associate director, following **Peter Champion's** retirement // **Nettleton Tribe** is the project architect for workplace6, a speculative commercial building under construction that is aiming for a six-star Green Star rating // The City of Sydney has established a Design Advisory Panel. Members are: **Ken Maher, Prof James Weirick, Kerry Clare, Peter Mould, Maria Atkinson, Liz Ann McGregor, Rob Adams and Richard Johnson**. The panel will also include a member of the



*Digital Origami*, a collaborative installation by Chris Bosse of PTW and UTS students.

new Public Art Advisory Group // **Peckvonhartel** has appointed **Julie Campbell** as a senior interior designer in its Sydney office // The **University of Technology, Sydney**, has appointed four new staff: **Anthony Burke, Adrian Lahoud, Ben Hewett and Niall Durney** // **Chris Bosse** of PTW and UTS students collaborated on an installation, *Digital Origami*, held at 72 Erskine Gallery in May // The new Sydney Forum is a series of sustainable built environment discussions // **UWS** is holding an open competition for the design of a major student hub. Jurors include **Tony Caro, Richard Francis-Jones, John Wardle and Frank Stanicic** as competition director // Danish architect **Jan Gehl** visited in May to study public spaces and pedestrian movements in Sydney's CBD // **Rice Daubney** has appointed **Andrew Coomer, Jose Sanchez and Mark Sim** as associate directors; with **Guy Antonini, Belinda Campbell, Alessandro Filippi, Simon Grimes, Mike Kehl and Hasan Syed** appointed as associates // A group exhibition, *Tactile Imagination: Design Research Processes*, was held at UNSW in May and June // **Harry Seidler's** last public commission, the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre in Ultimo, is opening in July.

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

■ Four controversial major amendments to Canberra's National Capital Plan have been approved by the Senate. They propose high-rise development and subdivision of public lands in central Canberra and the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin // Winning: The Design of Sport, the second Canberra Biennial, will be held throughout November. The festival of design and architecture will include exhibitions, symposia and a public art display // **Peckvonhartel** has appointed **Sara McAlpin** as an interior designer in its Canberra office // The federal government's budget commits to funding two major projects associated with the Griffin Legacy: the duplication of Constitution Avenue, a "grand boulevard" stretching from Vernon Circle to Russell; and a flyover at the Kings Avenue–Parkes Way intersection.

## VICTORIA

■ **Richard Blythe**, Terroir director, has been appointed Professor in Architecture and Head of the School of Architecture and Design at RMIT // The third Melbourne Design Festival, presented by the National Design Centre, is being held in July // **Lab Architecture Studio** has made the following appointments to its Melbourne office: **Faris Hammady, Gregor Strachotta, Ben Edwards, John Tucker, Matt Irvine, Ed Carter, Oliver du Puy and Tim Fowler** // **Architects for Peace** is setting up a network to connect architects with pro bono project opportunities in Melbourne and overseas // **EDAW** has appointed **Jon Shinkfield** as principal, **Helen Day** as a senior associate, **Kevin Radford** as an associate architect and **Phil Black** as a new associate // Interior design studio **Webb+** has merged with **NHInteriors**, part of **NHArchitecture**, to become **NHWebb** // The 25th annual SAHANZ conference will be held 5–8 July 2008 in Geelong, preceded by a symposium, Intangible Heritage, 3–4 July in Melbourne // Echuca Wharf, on the Victorian/New South Wales border, has been added to the National Heritage List // **Peter Mitrakas** has bought **Robin Boyd's** McClune house in Mount Eliza, commissioning **Buro Architects** for refurbishment // **Sean Godsell Architects** in association with **Peddle Thorp Architects** is designing RMIT's new postgraduate design research school on the former CUB site // Winners of the City of Port Phillip's Design and Development Awards are **Leeton Pointon Architects, Kerstin Thompson Architects, Neometro Architects, Fender Katsalidis Architects, Idle Architecture Studio and Neil + Idle Architects, Sunpower Design, DesignInc Melbourne and The Office of Housing**, and **Geoff Nees** in association with **Studio 505**.

## QUEENSLAND

■ **Group GSA** has appointed **Jason Hedges** as architecture principal and **Sally Macnaughton** as interiors associate director in its Brisbane office // **Hassell** was the interior designer for KPMG's new workplace, over five floors of **Harry Seidler's** Riparian Plaza // Australia ICOMOS's national conference, Extreme Heritage, is being held in Cairns in July // **Nettleton Tribe** has appointed **David Royce** as associate in its Brisbane office // Prof **Bart Verschaffel, Ghent University**, Belgium, will be a keynote speaker at **UQ's** August conference, Architecture, Disciplinarity and the Arts // **Hassell** will develop a master plan for Fortitude Valley in response to the South East Regional Plan, which requires an additional 11,500 infill dwellings, and will prepare a Local Growth Management Strategy for Brisbane City // The **RAIA** Qld Chapter's mid-year conference, Drawn to the Water, was held in late June with **Richard Hassell** from **WOHA Architects**, Singapore, leading off the programme // The International Urban Design conference will be held on the Gold Coast 6–8 September. The theme is "Waves of Change – Cities at Crossroads" // **Rice Daubney** has appointed **Ari Pitkanen** as director and manager of the Brisbane office, and **Peter Martin** as an associate // The 2007 Queensland Smart Designer of the Year is **Kirsti Simpson**, managing principal **Hassell**, Brisbane // The **RAIA's** Queensland Regional Awards have been announced. The Central Queensland Building of the Year is Sea Breeze by **Aardvarc Architects**. Commendations went to The Heritage Hotel, Rockhampton, by **Brown, Evans and Associates**; and Zilzie Sustainable Home, Emu Park, by **Architectural Practice Academy**. The Darling Downs Building of the Year is UQ