

SAHANZ AGM
Sunday July 6, 2008. 2pm

President's Report
Peter Kohane

Life Membership

Prior to this conference, there were only three Life Members of SAHANZ. We have moved ahead. Nominations were sought and considered by the Executive Committee. The four new life Members are Brian Andrews, George Tibbits, Margaret Hilda Alington and Donald Watson. The Executive is keen to receive additional nominations next year. One issue that needs further discussion is the extent to which a Life Member has had a substantial role in SAHANZ. Should we welcome Life Members who have contributed to our discipline but not our society? We also need to consider the ideal number of Life Members.

David Saunders Foundation Grant

Six good applications were submitted, three of which were outstanding. Given this number and high standard of the projects, we would like to consider funding two Grants in the future and offering more than \$2000. Additional funds for this will be sought. The Executive had to vote by email to select the best application (The President did not participate in this, as he was aware of the research by one of the applicants). We congratulate the scholar chosen to receive the award, Dr. Anuradha Chatterjee.

Publication of *Shifting Views*; and possible future projects to be funded by SAHANZ

The book *Shifting Views* is an impressive achievement. We congratulate Andrew Leach, Antony Moulis and Nicole Sully, who were the editors; as well as the authors of the essays. The project benefited from funding assistance from SAHANZ. The *Fabrications* editorial board are considering further projects. These will be submitted to the Executive.

The Australian Museum of Architecture

Philip Drew, who has been working to create such a museum, has asked SAHANZ to support the project. He has discussed the museum on National Radio's "Comfort Zone", and written letters to the Prime Minister and several politicians. The museum would probably be based in Canberra. While the museum will provide a forum for public debates on architecture, Philip has stressed the additional role of collecting materials of relevance to scholars. It is for this reason that SAHANZ may be keen to endorse the project. Comments from SAHANZ members are welcomed, as these will be taken into consideration by me, when responding to Philip.

Plenary Speakers

The Adelaide and Geelong conferences have included several members of SAHANZ as plenary speakers. These individuals may not need to pay registration fees. While the decision to proceed in this manner has been left with the organising committee of a conference, this AGM can consider the positive and negative aspects of the approach. The Budget is one issue, as the profit from each conference is critical to funding other projects.

SAHANZ Web Site

We have been up-dating material on the Web Site. Any comments on this are welcomed.