



Australian  
Institute of  
Architects

# PRACTICE MEMBERSHIP

BE CONNECTED.  
BE HEARD.



# The knowledge, advocacy and tools that support **BEST PRACTICE**



Bundanon | Kerstin Thompson Architects | Photographer: Rory Gardiner

Whether you run a small architectural practice or a global firm, our practice membership has been designed to support your delivery of best service to your clients while helping manage the careers and wellbeing of your team.

By joining, you connect your practice to our global network of over 13,500 professionals and almost 2,000 other architectural practices, dedicated to designing the places where we live, work, and play.

Our flagship architect membership connects you to a world of knowledge, advocacy support and tools. Institute membership that takes your practice to the next level. Key Resources:

- Access to the complete catalogue of Australian Standards digital collection\*
- Acumen Practice Notes
- Find an Architect directory Practice Profile\*
- HR Hub Online
- HR Helpdesk\*
- Community Platform.

\*Exclusive practice member benefit



# Flexible membership that **ADAPTS TO YOUR PRACTICE SIZE**

## **SOLE PRACTITIONERS**

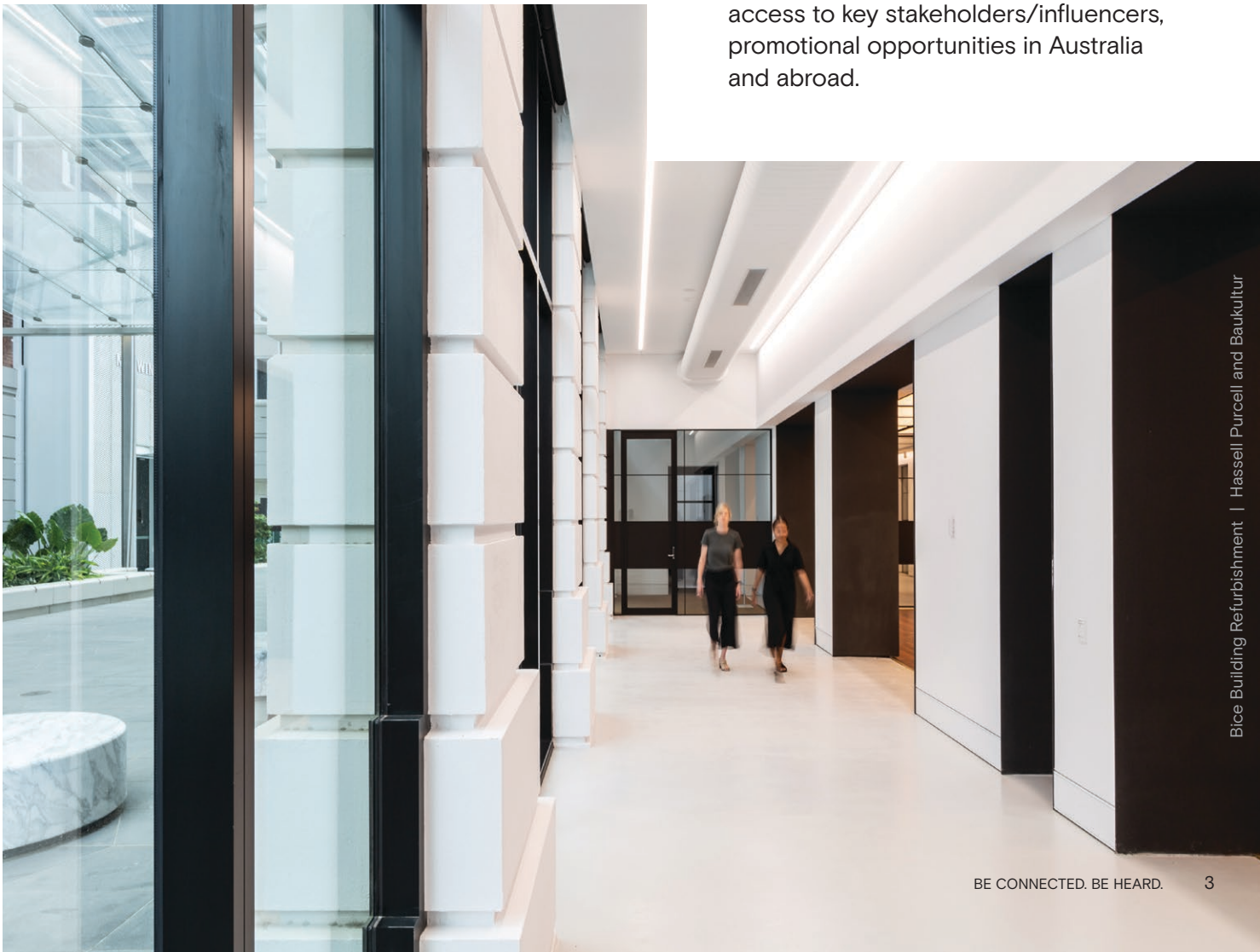
Comprehensive business support including client and consultant agreements, endorsement for potential clients, connection to the profession and economical access to essential practice resources.

## **SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED PRACTICES**

HR and business support, incentives for potential staff, endorsement for potential clients, connection to the profession and access to premium practice tools.

## **MEDIUM TO LARGE PRACTICES**

Contribution to the direction of the profession, cost effective staff incentives, access to key stakeholders/influencers, promotional opportunities in Australia and abroad.





# The knowledge and tools to **BE INFORMED**



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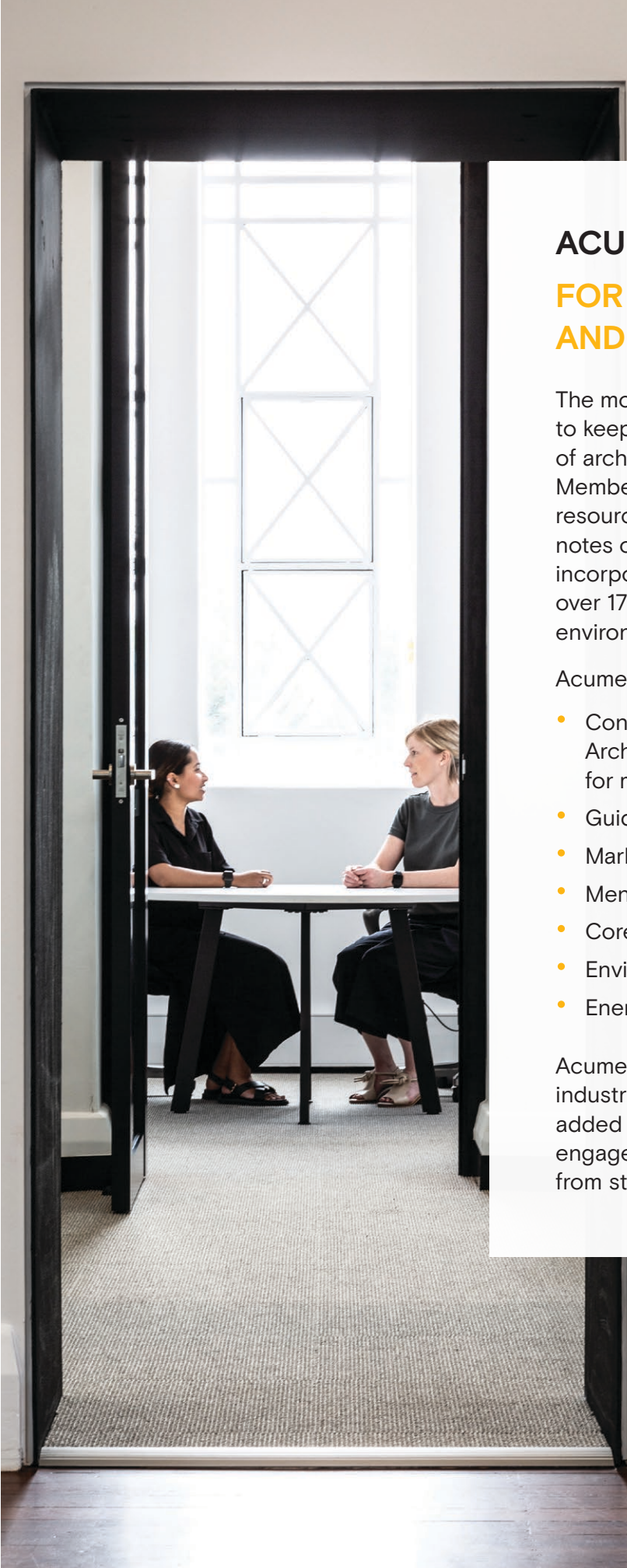
## AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS FOR SAFE PRACTICE

Want the most up-to-date resources to ensure your work is safe, reliable and functional for your clients and the community? Your membership provides you and all of your enrolled staff access to:

- The full digital catalogue of Australian Standards including over 7,000 current Standards plus superseded and withdrawn documents via online view and print. Over 16,000 total reference documents available.
- Australian, New Zealand and adopted International Standards (such as the updated Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-prone Areas and Fixed Platforms, Walkways, Stairways and Ladders – Design Construction and Installation)
- Services that identify where Standards are referenced in Australian Commonwealth, state and territory legislations
- National Construction Code (NCC), guide documents and performance requirements.







## ACUMEN PRACTICE NOTES

### FOR ESSENTIAL ADVICE AND DOCUMENTS

The most contemporary resources and knowledge to keep you at the leading edge of the practice of architecture and the future of your profession. Membership equips your practice with essential resources including approximately 700 advisory notes on architectural practice in Australia, incorporating the environment section comprising over 175 peer-reviewed design notes on built-environment sustainability.

Acumen resources and topics include:

- Contracts and agreements including the Client Architect Agreement available free of charge for members
- Guide letters
- Marketing and Communications
- Mental health in the profession
- Core architectural services
- Environmental rating tools
- Energy saving design and technologies.

Acumen Practice Notes are developed by industry experts with new and updated notes added regularly, providing knowledge and engagement to all levels of the profession, from students to experienced practitioners.





# Tools and support for running your business **HR HUB**

## FOR A GREAT WORKPLACE

HR Hub gives you the tools to be an exemplary employer.

HR Hub is available to you and your enrolled staff, offering relevant HR advice and guidance. Practices benefit from the value-add of one-to-one HR support and guidance through the dedicated telephone help desk service and online chat function.

HR Hub provides guidance on and support for:

- Recruitment and retention strategies
- Position descriptions
- Performance appraisals
- Remuneration, recognition and reward
- HR policies and procedures
- Fair Work Australia compliance
- Work Health and Safety issues.

HR Hub features an extensive online wellbeing section with advice tailored for members at all stages of their careers (from dealing with your first job to managing your retirement) and Essential Management TV, which provides a database of bite-sized clips on topics designed to improve management skills.



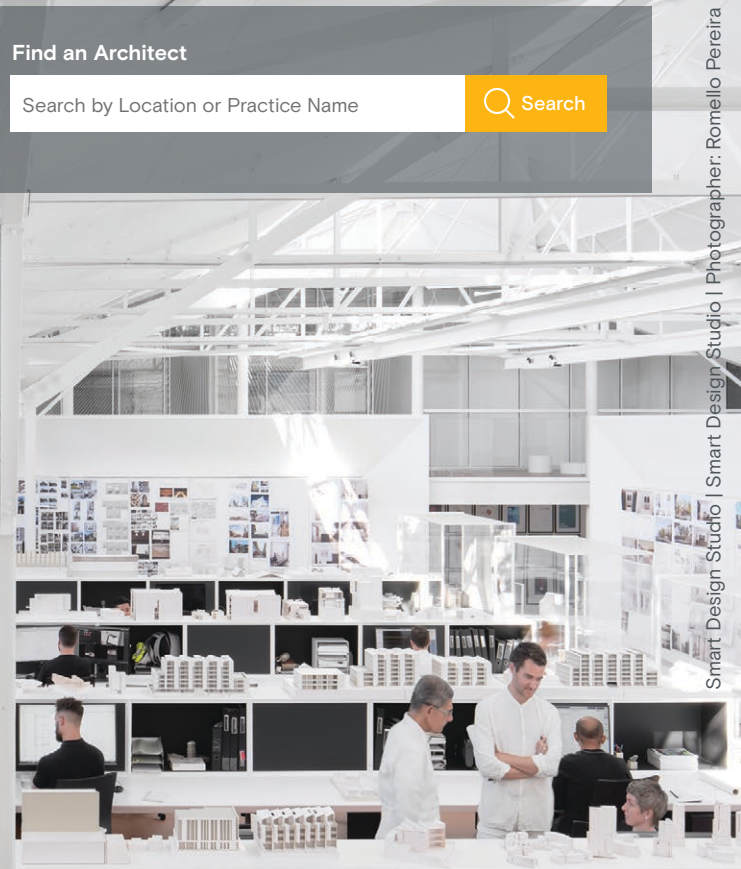
# Promote your practice to clients

## FIND AN ARCHITECT

### Find an Architect

Search by Location or Practice Name

 Search



Practice members have the exclusive ability to market their business on the Institute's Find an Architect directory, [www.findanarchitect.com.au](http://www.findanarchitect.com.au).

Designed as a tool for consumers to find the right architect for their next project, Find an Architect provides members with the opportunity to showcase their best work to future clients.

By populating your practice profile, consumers will be able to view images of your key projects, read about your accolades and awards and contact you for their projects.

Put your practice on the map. Future clients can search for architects by:

- Specialties
- Project types and sizes
- Location
- Budget.



# BE RECOGNISED

## Celebrating Australian Architecture

### FOR YOUR BEST WORK – ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Members are eligible to enter and attend the Institute's prestigious architecture awards programs at reduced rates. Our awards champion the profession's achievements and innovations to inspire the public and highlight the best of our industry.

The Architecture Awards is a rigorous, peer-reviewed program celebrating exemplary outcomes at regional, chapter and national levels across all building typologies. The program offers local, state and national promotion and exposure – powerful opportunities to attract new clients and advance your practice's reputation.

Join architecture and industry peers, celebrating your practice's achievements among the best in field.





# ADVOCACY IS A KEY FOCUS for the Institute

**ENSURING THE RESPECTED VOICE OF THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION IS HEARD.**

## PARTNERS IN CHANGE

Together, we can advance the profession and our community.

Advocacy is a key focus for the Institute, ensuring the respected voice of the architecture profession is heard.

We raise the profession's public profile and awareness by championing issues of national importance. We also offer opportunities for members to drive our policy agenda through participation on national and chapter based committees and councils.





# SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION of Australian Talent



VIC SuperStudio 2021 | Photographer: Aurora Wang

Student members, recent graduates and emerging architects are the new wave of Australian design talent, and we're committed to supporting tomorrow's architects by providing them with the resources to augment their learning and prepare them for their future careers.

The Institute's Student Organised Network for Architecture (SONA) & the Emerging Architects and Graduate Network (EmAGN) supports and provides opportunities for emerging professionals by creating events and initiatives which help grow and strengthen connections within the industry.

*"Being an Institute member has been a great starting point for getting connected within the industry after completing my studies. Getting to meet so many people within the profession and access so many resources, I have been able to grow and strengthen my drive to becoming an architect."*

Zorawar Singh Basur  
Recent Graduate, University of South Australia





# Prepare your staff for **PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS**

## **PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE LEARNING SERIES (PALS) & CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**

Utilise your membership to recruit and retain graduates. Your enrolled staff can access PALS at significantly reduced rates with even further incentives for multiple purchases.

The Institute has been helping graduates prepare for the Architectural Practice Exam (APE) and providing critical tools to help architects succeed in practice for over 20 years.

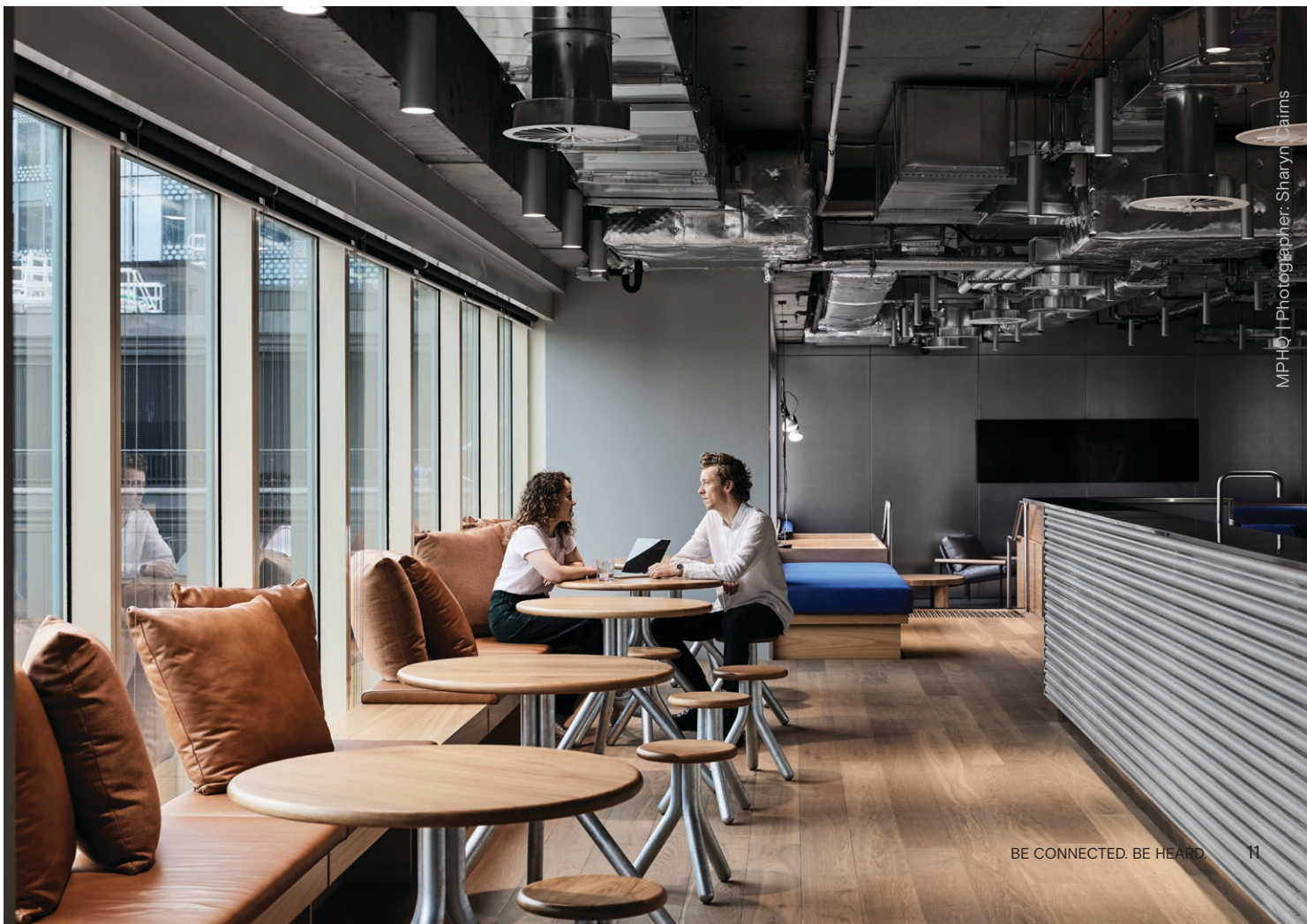
21 online modules are available for graduates to view and absorb online, on-demand, with notes for the full length of their subscription.

Live Case Study webinars in the weeks leading up to the APE Part 2 exams each April and August support the learnings from these sessions

and make sure details are fresh in mind when candidates sit the exam.

PALS supports critical thinking, analysis, professional conduct and technical knowledge in a way that the examiners are going to assess in the actual APE and will provide your graduates with the skills they need to work in your practice and beyond.

Help your staff meet their professional development obligations with access to an extensive catalogue of high quality on demand formal and informal CPD courses available at competitive member rates. Local face to face CPD available through your Chapter office.







# JOIN NOW. BE CONNECTED.

## SHAPE YOUR WORLD

### WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO GROW

- Member discounts to seminars, conventions and conferences
- Join local and regional practice forums and networking activities
- Participate on committees and chapter council
- Local and national e-newsletters
- National and chapter printed publications.

## SHAPE YOUR PROFESSION

### THROUGH ADVOCACY AND RECOGNITION

- Belong to a network of leading architectural practices
- Enrol all professional design staff as Institute members
- Build your public profile through your listing on the Find an Architect directory
- Support your graduates of architecture staff on their pathway to registration through discounted access to the Institute's Practice of Architecture Learning Series (PALS)
- Access the senior counsellor and free legal reference services
- Find a mentor, or be a mentor through the National Mentoring Program.





Tasmanian Chapter Christmas Party. Photographer: Nina Hamilton

## SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

### PRACTICE WITH THE LATEST BUSINESS TOOLS

- Equip your professional design staff with essential practice resources
- Access Australian Standards
- Acumen Practice Notes provide guidance on all facets of architectural practice and sustainable design
- Dedicated expert human resources and industrial relation services tailored to the architectural profession through HR Hub
- Ensure your senior staff commit to a minimum CPD requirement each year
- Have your projects recognised by entering them in the Institute's awards programs.

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# PRACTICE MEMBERSHIP

## BENEFITS

	PRACTICE	ENROLLED STAFF	STUDENTS
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Post Nominals		✓†	
Digital Member Badge	✓	✓†	✓
Voting Member (AGM)		✓†	
Voting Rights (Elections)		✓†	
Free Legal Reference Service (conditions apply)		✓†	✓
Member Rewards Program (conditions apply)		✓	✓
<b>ONLINE RESOURCES &amp; PROGRAMS</b>			
Australian Standards online (includes full library of AS plus the NCC)*		✓	✓
Community Platform		✓	✓
HR Hub Online		✓	✓
HR Hub Helpdesk*	✓	✓	✓
Find an Architect Directory Practice Profile*	✓		
Acumen Practice Notes		✓	✓
Online CPD portal		✓	✓
CPD tracker (launching in 2023)		✓†	
National Mentoring Program		✓	✓
<b>NEWS &amp; PUBLICATIONS</b>			
Fortnightly e-news bulletin, e-alerts, advocacy & policy updates		✓	✓
Architecture Australia Magazine (Digital)		✓	✓
Architecture Australia Magazine (Print)	✓	✓	✓
Chapter Publications (NSW, Vic, WA) (Print)	✓	✓	✓
Chapter Publications (NSW, Vic, WA) (Digital)		✓	✓
<b>AWARDS AND PRIZES</b>			
Architecture Awards Program (eligible to enter)		✓†	
Prizes (eligibility criteria apply, refer to website)		✓	✓
National Architecture Awards gallery showcase	✓		

✓ Included in Membership    ✓ Additional Fees Apply    † Not all categories

\*Exclusive practice member benefit

**For further information contact:**

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