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PROJECTS

Thanks to the many great clients who have chosen PIDCOCK – Architecture + Sustainability to assist them in realising their architectural aspirations, we have been kept very busy and able to flourish over the challenging economic times in 2009. We would all like to thank our clients for putting faith in us, and we look forward to continuing to deliver on our promise to create desirable, sustainable living and working environments.

COMPLETED

The end of this year will see a number of clients enjoying their completed projects. They include homes in Blueys Beach, Burwood, Castlecrag, Cremorne, Forster, Glebe, Minnie Waters, Mosman, Point Piper and Taree.

TO COME

We have quite a few projects currently under construction. They include homes in Clontarf, Cremorne, Darlinghurst, Drummoyne, Gordon, Mosman, Potts Point, St Ives, Waverley, and West Pennant Hills.

The Eco-Challenge by Australian Living currently under construction in Rose Bay includes a beautiful, highly efficient home designed by us.

We have also contributed to improvements for a school in Woolloomooloo, a pre-school in Oyster Bay and the Fields Study Centre at Sydney Olympic Park all of which should be finished over the school holidays.

House of Parts – a kit home initiative undertaken with David Pidcock – will see its first project delivered on the South Coast in 2010.

Caroline's contributions to Landcom's Sustainable Homes Display project will be realized as 3 project homes demonstrating increasing levels of sustainability are built in The Ponds, Kellyville.

There are many projects on the drawings boards (well computers actually!), being considered by Council or being documented ready to build next year. They include many more houses around Sydney and beyond, an autonomous house near Gosford and renovations to a set of four apartments in Mosman.

STUDIO

PEOPLE – PROMOTIONS

In recognition of the very talented people working at PIDCOCK, we have decided for the first time to nominate positions that reflect the contribution they are making and the trust they have earned. We are proud to announce the following positions:

Associate Director
Associate
Associate

Katherine Madden
Alex Matyear
Matt Cochrane

THE ARCHITECTURE OF ZERO EMISSIONS HOUSING

We are delighted to announce that Caroline has been awarded one of the prestigious 2009 Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarships valued at \$30,000 by the NSW Architects Registration Board. See: (<http://www.boarch.nsw.gov.au/content.cfm?smenu=22&subcategoryID=127>).

This will enable her to extend a personal trip to Italy this Christmas, to undertake specific and focused research into "The Architecture of Zero Emissions Housing". In order to do this, she will be travelling to Spain, France, Germany and the UK to talk with experts in the design, construction and regulation of energy efficient housing in these countries. Caroline will travel again to the 14th Passive Haus conference in Dressden, Germany in May, and come home via Canada where a Net Zero Homes Coalition is in place and California where much has been done in a similar cultural and economic climate.

As part of her scholarship outcomes, Caroline will develop strategies to implement these ideas into PIDCOCK – Architecture and Sustainability. Additionally, she aims to contribute to:

- the development of Australia's national Building Code of Australia through her role on the ABCB Board
- a book on the work with Professor Deo Prasad from UNSW
- Landcom's sustainable home project

Caroline will also give a number of talks on the matter and contribute to a number of magazine articles. Caroline will be keeping a record of her travels and research on a blog that will be accessible through the PIDCOCK web page. See below.



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Rolando Graterol, Stacey Bark, Alanna King and Rachel Couper are being mentored to take greater responsibility on a number of our projects, while providing invaluable assistance to everyone in the office. Rose Steedman will be starting with us at the end of November. She is taking on the most important role in the office - organising us all! - replacing Rachel when she goes back to full-time studies next year. We are also delighted that Fiona Cook has joined us help keep our books in order.

PLACE – RESOURCE 88

It is over one year since we relocated to our new studio at Resource88, in Pitt Street Redfern. We are thoroughly enjoying working in our award winning sustainable space, and the collaborations that are being enabled through the other groups choosing to be part of the Centre of Sustainable Practice. Please see the segment below regarding the great activities that have been happening at Resource88 this year, and the directions we are looking forward to next year.

SERVICES

In order to better reflect the strong sustainable direction we are taking and the services we would like to deliver in the future, we are reconfiguring the way we offer our services and how we charge for these. We are keen to include better evaluation techniques both during the design and documentation process, as well as post-occupancy reviews. This will enable us to design with more precision, confirm how well our ideas are working as well as assist clients in operating their home and buildings in the optimum way. Additionally, as more products and inventions become available we would like to assist you in appropriate fine tuning and updating. More on this to come in the new year.

CONNECTIONS

RESOURCE88

2009 has seen Resource88 find its feet and test some ideas about how we should be operating. We have enjoyed the building of our community of many great tenants. As of November 2009, the following businesses have chosen to locate in our building:

- PIDCOCK - Architecture + Sustainability
- Transition (business consulting)
- Ecological Design (thermal modeling and hydraulic design)
- Sustainable Capital (capacity and knowledge building)
- Free Range Productions (visual communications)
- Good Environmental Choice Australia (3rd party assessment of products)
- Greenskills section of the WPC Group
- National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (until the end of 2009 when they will move into their new premises at the south end of George Street)

BLOG

In order to keep a trackable record of her travels and research, Caroline will be keeping a blog. This will be accessible directly and through the PIDCOCK web site. We hope to use this to also identify any interesting developments in this area that we find and think you might be interested in.

AWARDS

The last 12 months has seen the public recognition of some of the work of PIDCOCK. This has included:

2009

Winner Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship, NSW Architects Registration Board

Finalist Single Dwelling (Alterations & Extensions) Sustainability Award for Petersham House, Building Product News & Environment Products and Services

Nominee Marion Mahoney Griffen Award AIA NSW Chapter

Nominee Women's College Alumna Awards

2008

Winner Small Commercial Sustainability Award for Resource88, Building Product News & Environ Products and Services

Highly Commended

Single Dwelling (Alterations & Extensions) Sustainability Award for Stanmore House, Building Product News & Environ Products and Services



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PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

2009 saw the planned reduction of Caroline’s commitments to various professional groups to enable her to concentrate on taking a more strategic role within PIDCOCK. This included:

- November 2008 saw her step down as President of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council after 4 years in the leadership role.
- March 2009 saw Caroline’s term as Immediate Past President of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects finish as her successor finished two terms as President. This also saw Caroline step down from the NSW Architects Registration Board where she represented the AIA as past president.
- November 2009 saw the completion of an enjoyable 2 year term on the Board of Bicycle NSW.

Caroline continues in her role as Industry Representative on the Australian Building Codes Board, where she is contributing to discussions about many issues, not least energy efficiency, sustainability and appropriate responses to bush fires.

CLIMATE GROUPS

Caroline was rejuvenated by the AI Gore Climate Project in July 2009, and has been giving numerous talks to various groups in an attempt to help raise awareness of the urgency of climate issues prior to Copenhagen. There is much you can all do – have a look at the website. http://www.acfonline.org.au/default.asp?section_id=193

The 1 Million Women project was launched at the University of Sydney on 19 May 2009 by the Governor of NSW and Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Professor Marie Bashir. Deputy Premier Carmel Tebbutt gave an inspirational speech, and Bernie Hobbs was the Fabulous MC. Melinda Schneider performed her award winning song Courageous. There are now over 11,000 women who have joined and we are working towards 1 million. Please have a look at the website and join if you haven’t already! <http://www.1millionwomen.com.au>

EDUCATION

Caroline took the opportunity to reconnect with her past by tutoring at University of Sydney in the first semester of 2009. The studio was part of the Sustainability Stream in the masters program and involved the sustainable master planning and design of buildings for Sancta Sophia College. Not only was the studio very enjoyable, it was great to see the exciting ideas of the students finding such rich ground to help Sancta work out the best way forward.

Katherine, Alex and Rachel have been furthering their studies in permaculture and horticulture. This will enable them to extend their knowledge, as well as the offerings that PIDCOCK can deliver to our clients. We look forward to sharing this with you as we update our “Services” offerings noted above.

LECTURES

Caroline continues to deliver her message on the importance of sustainability generally and with regards to architecture specifically to a wide variety of audiences. This year this has included:

- NOV The Triennial Conference for University Women, “Sustainable Built Environments – what does this mean?” Energy Australia’s ‘Green Dream Home Open Day’ at Homebush, (with Richard Glover), “Green options for your home”
- OCT arcKwiz, Sydney Architecture Festival, Customs House Sydney
- SEPT Talk on PIDCOCK at Sydney Home Ideas Centre
- AUG Sydney Design 09 – Eat Green Breakfast, Sydney Design Talks in the Pub, Newcastle Formal Dinner talk on sustainability, Sancta Sophia College, USyd “Sustainability not Statements”, after lunch speech Women’s College, USyd
- JULY Retrofitting Existing buildings – Scene Setting, Institute of Architects NSW
- MAY “Green in Crisis”, University of Sydney Architecture Thursday Night Lecture
- APR Keynote speaker, Marrickville Council Heritage Awards night
- MAR Earth Hour – Talk for the Watershed gathering, Newtown “The Wrap”, Green Cities 09, Brisbane
- FEB Hurstville Rotary Club, Talk on Sustainability to members