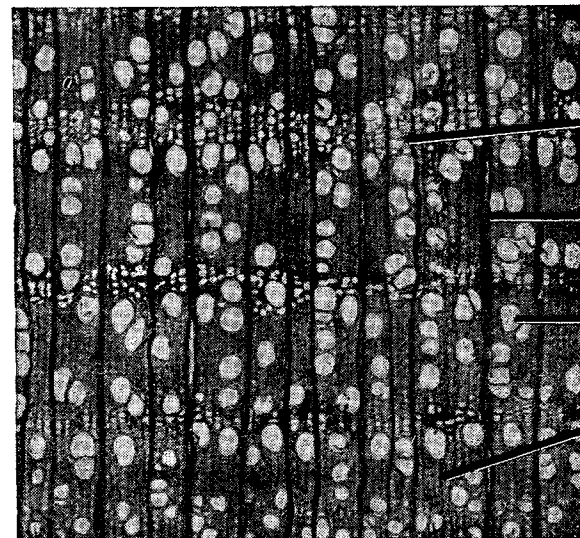


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No. 1 of a series



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Coachwood (*Ceratopetalum apetalum*)

Recognition is made by means of (a) minute numerous vessels (b) fine rays, and (c) irregularly spaced, concentric bands of parenchyma. This parenchyma accounts for the back sawn figure.

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FEBRUARY, 1960

BULLETIN

TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

COMPETITION FOR A MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE AND SQUARE AT RYDE

A competition open to architects registered in the State of N.S.W. is to be held for the design of a Memorial Civic Centre and Square at Ryde, N.S.W. This competition has been approved by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

Intending competitors should register their names with the Town Clerk of the Municipality of Ryde in writing not later than 12 noon on 28th February, 1960. No registration fee is required.

Premiums offered are:—

For the design placed first £1,000.

For the four designs placed next in merit, £250 each.

The assessors are:—

Professor Denis Winston, B.Arch., M.A.,
F.R.A.I.A., M.T.P.I., F.I.L.A.

David Littlemore, Esq., F.R.A.I.A., A.R.I.B.A.,

Peter Priestley, Esq., B.Arch., F.R.A.I.A.,
A.R.I.B.A.

R.I.B.A. ARCHITECTURE BRONZE MEDAL 1959 Award

Nominations are invited for the 1959 Award of the R.I.B.A. Architecture Bronze Medal. Any building completed during the three years ended 31st December, 1959, is eligible, and application forms are now available from the Chapter Office. Closing date for nomination is 31st March, 1960.

The R.I.B.A. Architecture Bronze Medal and Diploma is awarded for a building of outstanding merit erected in New South Wales. The intention of the award is to increase the public interest in architecture, and any building nominated should, therefore, be reasonably accessible and visible. The award is made by a Jury appointed by the Chapter.

The R.I.B.A. provide a bronze medal and diploma for presentation to the architect, a replica of the medal for the building owner, a diploma for presentation to the contractor and a plaque for affixing to the building.

YEAR BOOK

Copies of the R.A.I.A. Year Book, 1959-60, have now been despatched to Members. Additional copies are available from the Chapter Office at £2/2/- per copy. Student Members may purchase the Year Book at a reduced price—£1.

S.E.A.T.O. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL EXHIBITION

Scenic Protection for Sydney Harbour
and Environs

An exhibition of the Cumberland County Council's plan for development of Sydney Harbour foreshores is now on public exhibition at the Council's offices at 274 Kent Street, Sydney.

The plan is a code drawn up by the Cumberland County Council to control buildings on the Harbour foreshores. The code will increase the space which must be left between buildings and the distance they must be set back from the shore, and will require the erection of taller buildings covering a smaller proportion of the site. Under the plan, the foreshores include the land up to the tops of the ridges surrounding the Harbour.

The code was adopted by the Cumberland County Council last December, but this exhibition will give local councils the opportunity to view the plan, discuss it and propose amendments.

An invitation is extended to all Members of the Chapter to visit the exhibition which remains open until 26th February, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Cumberland County Council's offices, 274 Kent Street, Sydney.

THE AUSTRALIAN PLANNING INSTITUTE "Recent U.S. Experience in Urban Renewal"

The Sydney Division of The Australian Planning Institute has extended an invitation to members of this Institute to attend a General Meeting on Friday, 19th February, 1960, when Mr. George Clarke, B.Arch. (Sydney), Dip. T.P. (London), M.C.P. (M.I.T.), A.R.A.I.A., will speak on the subject of "Recent U.S. Experience in Urban Renewal." The meeting will be held in Science House, 157 Gloucester Street, Sydney, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Mr. Clarke returned to Sydney recently after four years work and study in the field of urban development in Europe and U.S.A. He went to the United States on a M.I.T. fellowship and gained a Master in City Planning Degree in the M.I.T. Graduate School of Architecture and Planning. He worked in London for the L.C.C. and in the U.S. for I. M. Pei & Assoc., the planners and designers of large scale urban projects.

Mr. Clarke's address will be illustrated by slides.

(Registered at the G.P.O., Sydney, for transmission by post as a periodical)

AUSTRALIAN SISALKRAFT SCHOLARSHIP

Sisalkraft Distributors Pty. Ltd., have advised that the Australian Sisalkraft Scholarship will be made available again for 1960. The amount of the scholarship generously donated by the Company is £1,000 and applications for it will close at R.A.I.A. Headquarters on 30th June, 1960.

Application forms and copies of the Conditions of the Scholarship are available from the Chapter Office. Where applicants have applied previously and have supplied references and other information it is not necessary to duplicate this if such information has been left in the care of R.A.I.A. Headquarters. Previous applicants are eligible to re-apply.

SEATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Information has been received on the above Research Fellowships. Grants will normally be for a period of 4 to 10 months. A monthly allowance of 400 dollars and tourist-class return air-travel to the country or countries of research will be paid to the successful candidates by SEATO.

A candidate must be a national of a SEATO member state. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their special aptitude and experience for carrying out a major project of research. In the making of this selection, such factors as academic qualifications (preferably of the doctorate level or equivalent), professional experience of several years beyond the graduate level and published material will be taken into account.

Applications close on 1st April, 1960. Further details and application forms are available from the Department of External Affairs, Canberra, A.C.T.

6th AUSTRALIAN PLANNING CONGRESS

A letter has been received from the Australian Planning Institute extending an invitation to Members to participate in the 6th Australian Planning Congress to take place in Brisbane from 30th July-5th August, 1960.

The proceedings will take the form of several papers followed by discussions. Arrangements are being made in an effort to have an eminent British Town Planner address Congress.

The Registration Fee is £6/6/- per participant, and further information may be obtained from the Secretary, 6th A.P.I.C., C/o University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

New Registrations:

The following persons were registered under the Architects Act 1921 (as amended), at a meeting of the Board held on 26th January, 1960.

John Barrie Carter, A.R.I.B.A., 1948.

Peter Duffield, A.R.I.B.A., 1957.

Garth Howard Setchell, B.Arch, Syd. Univ., 1959.

Restoration to the Registrar:

Alan Hayward Dwyer.

R. S. GREIG, Registrar.

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA

Members are invited to attend a meeting arranged by the National Trust of Australia to hear an address by Mr. W. S. Tatlow, who returned recently from a trip to South-East Asia. He will be showing a number of colour slides depicting Asian life and peoples, preservation of arts and culture, aspects of conservation, examples of town re-planning after war-time destruction and preservation of buildings of historic or architectural interest. The meeting will be held on Monday, 29th February, at 7.45 p.m., in the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, Sydney.

PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Messrs. Brown, Brewer & Gregory advise that their Sydney office is now located at 26 Alfred Street, North Sydney. Tel. 92-7187.

Mr. Denis Moulen (A) of Hurstville, requires a 5th Year University of N.S.W. student, or a recent graduate. Tel. LU 5441.

Mr. Basil Beirman (A), of Turramurra, requires an architectural student, preferably 3rd Year onwards. Tel. JJ 5789.

Messrs. Dennis & Odling & Read advise that Mr. J. G. N. Snapp has become an Associate of the firm.

Messrs. R. M. Joy, Pollitt, Malcolm & Bell require a senior student or recent graduate. Tel. BU 1563.

Messrs. McCauley and Conran of 62a Alfred Street, Milson's Point, require a qualified architectural assistant. Good prospects. Phone XB 9231.

Messrs. McCauley and Conran wish to announce that Messrs. W. M. Fraser (A) and Andrew Briger (A) are now associates of the firm.

Messrs. Collard and Clarke require a qualified architectural assistant, and a Senior Student. Tel. XB 1894.

Mr. A. N. Baldwinson (F) requires a 4th year student or more advanced. Phone 92-4870.

Mr. Alexander Kann (A) advises that the name of his office has been changed to Alexander Kann & Associates. The following persons have been appointed Associates of the firm—Mr. J. N. Gordon (A) and Mr. B. C. Finch.

Messrs. Spencer, Hansen & Partners require architects experienced in industrial and commercial building projects. Tel. BX 6155.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Since the move of the Chapter Office to its present location, a Library Committee was formed. The work of this Committee embraces the maintenance of the Chapter Library and the provision of a limited research service.

The eventual proper operation of the library is important to Members and at this stage, assistance is necessary.

Would any Member who is able and willing to join the Committee please phone the Chapter

Office and help by offering to join the Library Committee.

This suggestion is directed to Members who do not act on any other Chapter Committee in the hope that sufficient members will be prepared to undertake the limited but important work necessary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects will be held in Hobart, Tasmania, at the Hydro Electricity Commission Theatre, Elizabeth Street, Hobart, on Wednesday, 6th April, 1960, at 8 p.m.

Business:—

1. Confirmation of Minutes.
2. Annual Report of Council.
3. Financial Statements.
4. Auditor's Report.
5. Appointment of Auditor.
6. President and Vice-President to take office.
7. General Business.

Dated at Sydney this 26th day of January, 1960.

R. S. GREIG, Secretary.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

A letter has been received from the Postmaster-General's Department with the request that members of this Institute co-operate more fully with the Department in the planning of telephone facilities in buildings.

The Department would be pleased to co-operate with Architects in this work, and the Post Office Engineer may be consulted during the preliminary stages in the preparation of the building plans. The Department claims that if enquiries could be made before building operations are commenced, there would be a considerable saving in time and expense in many cases, with resultant benefit to all concerned.

The Department also advise that in cases where damage is caused to existing underground telephone cables by contractors, etc., operating mechanical aids and other equipment, immediate advice can be given in an emergency by telephoning 25-3909.

Members wishing to obtain advice relating to telephone requirements in buildings or associated matters may consult the Post Office Engineering Staff in Sydney, who will be pleased to assist.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS' CHARGES

For the information of Members, the following is a statement recently issued by the R.A.I.A. Headquarters on the subject of Quantity Surveyors' Charges.

"There has recently been circulated throughout Australia by the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Australia, a new Scale of Charges.

"Prior to the issue of this Scale discussions have taken place on the question of Quantity Surveyors' charges between Committees of the R.A.I.A. and the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Australia.

These discussions are still continuing and have not yet reached a point of conclusion.

"The Federal Council of the R.A.I.A. has been informed of all proceedings and has left the matter for negotiation in the hands of the Committee.

"This Institute recognises the rights of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Australia, to issue any Scale of Charges which it deems fit but as the architectural profession has the responsibility to fairly administer arrangements in preparation for and during a building contract on behalf of clients this moral principle extends to a statement of policy in regard to scales of charges which have an affect upon building costs.

"Members are advised that the Scale of Charges recently issued by the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Australia, has not been accepted by the R.A.I.A. and Members will be advised of the results of negotiation.

"It may be of assistance to Members to be again advised on the present recommendation in regard to the supply of Quantities.

"It is important to note that no fixed agreement exists as to what will or will not happen in regard to the supply of quantities for the very simple reason that it is the architects' client who has the last word as to whether quantities will or will not be provided.

"What does exist is a guide which gives some indications of when quantities may reasonably be provided for tendering purposes. This guide was produced jointly by the R.A.I.A. and the M.B.F.A. and for general information is quoted hereunder:—

"The recommended practice for provision of quantities is as follows:—

(i) Where offers are invited from more than five tenderers, it is desirable that quantities be provided if the estimated cost of the work exceeds £20,000.

(ii) Where offers are invited from not more than five tenderers, quantities need not be provided if the estimated cost of the work does not exceed £50,000.

(iii) It is desirable that quantities be provided if the estimated cost of the work exceeds £50,000 except that where circumstances render it appropriate quantities need not be provided if not more than three tenders are provided.

"Where works are extensive and of a substantially repetitive nature, it is considered that the limits of cost indicated above may be reasonably varied. It is appropriate that in unusual cases the Presidents of each of the State Chapters of the R.A.I.A. and the State Master Builders' Association may be referred to for advice on any of the above matters."

"All the foregoing should be regarded as an interim statement of policy which has some undoubted difficulties of interpretation. It is hoped that early in 1960 negotiations will proceed with representatives of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Australia, to reach a point of reasonable agreement based on a fair charge for quantity surveying related directly to the work done."