



Education Outlook Australia Conference 2009

PMA has gladly accepted an invitation to be the architectural profession's sole representative at this year's Education Outlook Australia Conference in Sydney, which will be promoting strategies for growth in the higher education sector amongst educators, government and partners.

Our involvement in the annual event confirms a growing interest in PMA's TAFE and university design work amongst industry professionals and will provide us with links and insights into world-wide best practice solutions in Education Design.

Dates: December 1 – 3 2009.

Visit: www.terrapinn.com/2009/edu/

TEFMA Conference, Darwin, 2009

PMA was pleased to provide Keynote speaker sponsorship to this year's Tertiary Education Facilities Management Association (TEFMA) Conference held at the Darwin Convention Centre in September.

The overarching theme of "Sustainability" also included a range of related topics from environmental to strategic development issues, technological development, community and regional engagement.

Visit: www.temc.org.au

Green Good Design 2009

Recently awarded an international Green Good Design Award, PMA's Cape Schanck House, winner of the Robin Boyd Award in 2007, continues to exemplify the practice's leading position on environmentally sustainable design.

The house was one of only 30 projects selected worldwide by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies to receive the prestigious accolade, created in 1950 by modernist architects

Eero Saarinen, Charles and Ray Eames and Edgar Kaufmann Jr. Known then simply as GOOD DESIGN, the addition of "Green" to the award in recent years recognizes excellence in sustainable design.

During July PMA exhibited images of The Cape Schanck House at the European Centre's Contemporary Space, Athens, as part of the Green Good Design Award exhibition of the winning designs.

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Residential09



Airhinge, PMA's design for "About Face", 2009



The University of Melbourne's Centre for Neural Engineering, Schematic Design

Think Brick

PMA was one of 6 architecture practices invited to participate in this year's Think Brick Australia 'About Face' Award. This year's competition, which aimed to promote the innovative use of brick in contemporary architecture, also encouraged architects to question the social and ecological imperatives of their designs.

PMA's design, *Airhinge* is located in an area of Melbourne that formerly housed Melbourne's brick works, but today represents a broad demographic mix of students, migrants and low income earners. *Airhinge* provides a mix of medium density housing and mixed use programs.

Airhinge has recently been published in Architectural Review Australia's Residential 09 edition [AR112, October/ November 2009].

Neural Engineering

PMA has been appointed to refurbish The University of Melbourne's Centre for Neural Engineering, in Carlton. The world class facility includes a PC2 laboratory and workshops within which neuroengineers and post-graduate students can develop technologies for experimental and computational neuroscience.

This program will be articulated both architecturally and functionally, creating a blur between the building as an academic environment and a pedagogical tool.

The design will act as a showroom for the faculty's highly specialised post-graduate activities, stimulating a visual connection between neural engineering specialists and public passers-by. The project is due for completion in 2010.

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Recent and upcoming publications

PMA's work has recently featured in several new international publications, including *Ecological Architecture* and *The Sustainable Home* [Germany], Thames and Hudson's compendious *10x10/3* [London] and *Extreme Architecture*, Laurence King Publishing [London].

Above Left: *10x10/3 100 Architects*, 10 Critics, Phaidon Press; *Ecological Architecture*, Chris van Uffelen, Braun Publishing; *Extreme Architecture*, Ruth Slavid, Laurence King Publishing; Below Left: *The Sustainable Home*, Cathy Strongman, Merrell Publishers; *Architectural Review Australia*, June – July, *Design Wall*; *Sustainable Gardens*, Rob Cross & Roger Spencer CSIRO; *Elle Decoration Germany*, Sandra Hofmeister, Issue 4; *Homes with a View*, Vol 1, Japan

Forthcoming publications include:

- *The Mathematics of Architecture*, Jane Burry and Mark Burry, Thames & Hudson
- *Melbourne Architecture*, Philip Goad, The Watermark Press

PMA has grown.

With several TAFE projects in documentation and administration phases and numerous education and Museum Victoria projects on the drawing board, PMA has leapt from a small to medium scale practice over the last 18 months and subsequently, our office has recently double in floor area.

