Welcome to Edition 5 of Contours.

1. **Student Survey: AIRport Environments Evaluation**

AIRport’s online resource for Environments students was introduced this year. If you have visited the AIRport website, we’d love to hear about your experience by completing a brief one page survey. Help us understand what you needed in your first months of B.Envs, and which parts of AIRport addressed your needs. To access the survey please visit the following link: [www.airport.unimelb.edu.au/environments/evaluation.php](http://www.airport.unimelb.edu.au/environments/evaluation.php)

2. **Melbourne School of Design Information Sessions**

**WHAT:** Melbourne School of Design Information Sessions  
**WHEN:** Thursday 21 May, 6pm – 8pm  
**WHERE:** Architecture Building

To find out more about studying Architecture, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Property or Construction Management at the Melbourne School of Design you are welcome to attend our information session.

Presentation sessions will commence at 6.30pm sharp and drinks and light finger food will be served after the presentations in the Wunderlich Gallery.

To register please visit [www.abp.uimelb.edu.au](http://www.abp.uimelb.edu.au)

3. **Academic Skills Unit Resources**

**Individual academic skills tutorials are available to all students in ABP.**

Individual tutorials help students to maximise skills in…

- effective study/time management  
- academic writing  
- referencing and avoiding plagiarism  
- critical thinking  
- tutorial and seminar presentations  
- English language & expression  
- exam preparation
Academic Skills Advisers read written drafts and comment on…

- the academic style and structure
- whether the written expression is clear and concise
- the extent to which the paper has developed and supported a thesis or argument
- whether the paper has addressed the set assessment criteria
- the effectiveness of the introduction and conclusion

To book an individual tutorial, enquire at the Environments & Design Student Centre, or phone 8344 6417.

4. Australian Institute of Architects Prizes

The Australian Institute of Architects is currently offering two prizes for the advancement of architecture.

**Student Prize for the Advancement of Architecture**

Sponsored by the Australian Institute of Architects/SONA, this prize encourages a stronger, more diverse profession of architects. Applicants must demonstrate a high level of achievement in one or more of the following areas: leadership, publication, community, education.

All financial SONA members are eligible to apply and the work must have been undertaken whilst still a student or whilst the student has deferred the course (with the intention of completing their architecture studies). Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply. Applications must be submitted by **26 June 2009**. For further information please visit the following link: [http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=1.22.56.3401.215](http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=1.22.56.3401.215)

**Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize**

The Neville Quarry Architectural Education Prize was originally established as the Architectural Education Prize in 2001 to recognise the significance of architectural education in the promotion and improvement of the built environment. The Architectural Education Prize was re-named in 2005 in honour of the late Professor Neville Quarry’s outstanding contribution to architectural education in Australia.

The Prize acknowledges an outstanding contribution in architectural education in one or more areas of: teaching, scholarship, research. Applications must be submitted by **19 June 2009**. For further information please visit the following link: [http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=1.22.56.3400.6513](http://www.architecture.com.au/i-cms?page=1.22.56.3400.6513)

5. National Association of Women in Construction Awards

The 2009 National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Awards are now open for nominations. The Student Award is open to students who are currently enrolled in a construction industry-related course such as architecture, interior design, engineering
(civil, electrical, mechanical), landscape architect, project management or construction management. The winner of the student award will receive a cheque for $1,000.

Nominations close on Monday 15 June 2009. Please click here for further information on the Awards in general and click here to go to the Nomination Form for the Student Award.

6. Endeavour Awards

The Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Awards will provide scholarships, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, for the ‘best and brightest’ university students from Australia and our Asian neighbours. These scholarships will support a heightened relationship for future leaders which can be expected as their careers progress.


7. Building Usage

Air Conditioning

Students are reminded that the air conditioning control in the computer labs is not to be tampered with. The heat load in the labs must be maintained by the air conditioning to provide a comfortable working environment for students and to ensure the efficient running of the computers. Windows must remain closed to control the temperature of the labs, and to prevent birds from gaining entry.

All computer labs are monitored by video. Students who are seen to be changing the air conditioning temperature will be charged with ‘misuse’ under University Regulation 8.1.R7 – Computing and Network Facilities Rules, and may lose access to the building and/or computer lab and/or network facilities for a significant period of time.

Students are also reminded that food and drinks are not allowed in the computer labs. Failure to comply with this request will also constitute ‘misuse’ under Regulation 8.1.R7 – Computing and Network Facilities Rules, and may incur a penalty comprising loss of access to the building and/or computer lab and/or network facilities for a significant period of time.

Lockers

A reminder that you must have approval to use the lockers and they will be cleared if not appropriately registered. The lockers are available for hire at the beginning of each semester through the student society APPLe (Architecture, Property, Planning, Landscape and environments) for $15 per year (if you buy it in the second semester you only get 6 months) and you must be a member of APPLe to hire a locker. If you have any queries please go to: locker.master@appleclub.com.au

We thank you for your cooperation.

8. Free Public Lectures and Seminars
Showcasing Planning Excellence Series

PIA and the University of Melbourne Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning are proud to present the annual ‘Showcasing Planning Excellence’ seminar series. There are 3 events to be held on the 14, 21 and 26 May 2009, from 6:00pm - 8.00pm.

The series offers an opportunity to learn more about what represents excellence in planning, with presentations from category winners from the 2008 Awards for Planning Excellence, which will showcase innovation and achievement in broad and diverse planning fields.

Session 1: Thursday 14 May - Planning for Society and Community

Session 2: Thursday 21 May – Local Government, Urban Design & Transport

Session 3: Thursday 26 May - Rural, Heritage & Environment

Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of each session. For more information visit: PIA 2009 Showcasing Excellence in Planning

Public Lecture

Professor Michael Dutton, Goldsmiths College, University Of London, will speak on ‘Buildings, Gifts, Politics’ at 1.25pm to 2.15pm on Monday 18th May in the eZone Theatre, 1st Floor Architecture Building.

For more information visit http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/aboutus/events/special-public-lectures/

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