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## GIPA NSWARB PUBLICATIONS GUIDE (Updated 04 June 2014)

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## About the Board

The **NSW Architects Registration Board** administers the Architects Act 2003, the legislation regulating architects in NSW. The Board's key role is to protect consumers of architectural services by ensuring that architects provide services to the public in a professional and competent manner, disciplining architects who have acted unprofessionally or incompetently, accrediting architectural qualifications for the purpose of registration, informing the public about the qualifications and competence of individuals or organisations holding themselves out as architects, and promoting a better understanding of architectural issues in the community.

### The Board

- maintains an accurate Register of Architects and a List of Architect Corporations and Firms
- operates a fair, effective, and open procedure for investigating and hearing complaints
- sanctions architects who breach the Architects Act and individuals or firms who represent themselves as an architect when they are not entitled to do so
- conducts examinations
- administers scholarships and awards
- promotes a better understanding of architectural issues in the broader community.



The Board is responsible to the Minister for Commerce.

**The work of the Board is totally funded by fees paid by architects and architect firms and corporations.**

### Board Members

The Board includes six architects and five members who are not architects. **Richard Thorp** is appointed by the Minister for Commerce as his architect nominee, and is President of the NSW Architects Registration Board.

Together with Richard Thorp, the architects on the Board include:

**Ingrid Pearson**, elected architect member

**Nigel Bell**, elected architect member

**Matthew Pullinger**, immediate past president of the Australian Institute of Architects NSW Chapter

**Catherine Lassen**, University of NSW academic representative

**Peter Poulet**, *ex-officio*, NSW Government Architect, and elected Deputy President

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### *Ministerial Appointees*

**Sue Weatherley** - local government

**Mathew Curll** - legal practitioner

**Sam Elmir** - building industry

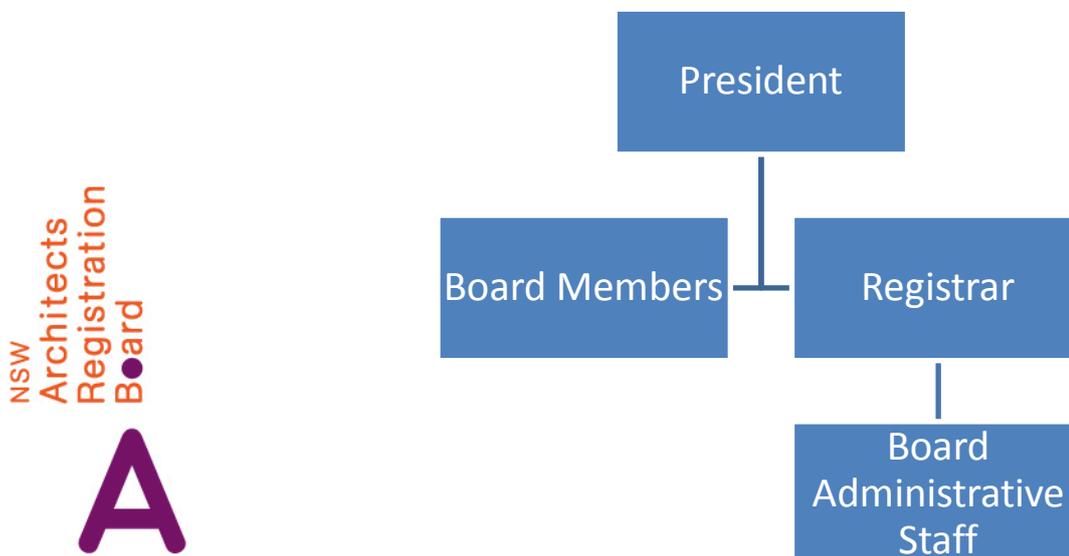
**Milly Brigden** - property industry

**Peter Salhani** - public interest

**The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month.**

The administration of the Board is supported by 3.5 full-time equivalent staff.

### Organisational Chart



### Information for the Public

The NSW Architects Registration Board is a statutory authority responsible for registering architects, approving architectural education, conducting enquiries into the conduct of architects, investigating misuse of the title Architect and promoting a better understanding of architectural matters in the community.

The Board is committed to the principles of the 2010 Government Information Act (GIPA) which aims to improve public access to Government information.

In exercising its functions, the NSW Architects Registration Board complies with State Legislation, Treasury Directions and Ministerial



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As part of our **Mandatory Disclosure** obligations a list of all circulars of information, forms and publications for the consumer, the NSW Architects Code of Conduct and the Board's Annual report are available by:

- accessing our website [www.architects.nsw.gov.au](http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au)
- sent by email or mail on request
- Collected from or read at our office  
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Our publication guide, updated 4 June 2014, is available on our website. Members of the public are encouraged to contact the Board if they want information that is currently not available on this website (**Informal Release of Information**)

The Board's website [www.architects.nsw.gov.au](http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au) is regularly updated with news and information for architects and consumers (**Proactive Release**)

Formal Access Application of information is available upon written request to the Rights to Information Officer.

The use of the title 'architect' is protected by law and only persons registered with the NSW Architects Registration Board may use the title. When a consumer chooses an architect, they can be assured that the person has attained the necessary architectural qualifications, completed specific practical experience and has passed the Board's examination before registration. Architects are subject to the **NSW Architects Code of Professional Conduct** governing their service to clients.

The public can log on to the Board's website [www.architects.nsw.gov.au](http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Board on (02) 9241 4033 to:

- Check a person's registration status
- Access the NSW Architects Code of Conduct
- Enquire about making a complaint about an architect
- Notify of possible misuse of the title 'architect' by persons or corporations and firms whose names do not appear on the Register of Architects or the List of Architect Corporations or Firms
- View the Register of Disciplinary Action Against Architects
- Access Working with an Architect – A Guide for Consumers
- View "Frequently Asked Questions" relating to Working with an Architect
- View the Board's Annual Report
- Access the Board's **Architecture Insights** website which aims to promote an understanding of architecture to the general public



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### The following documents are available to the public free of charge:

- Working with Architects - A Guide for Consumers
- NSW Register of Architects
- NSW List of Architect Corporations and Firms
- NSW Architects Code of Professional Conduct
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Annual Reports
- Information Sheet - Summary of Provisions of the Architects Act 2003
- Information Sheet - Illegal Use of the Title "Architect"
- Information Sheet - Complaint Against An Architect
- List of Disciplinary Action Against Architects
- NSWARB Code of Conduct
- NSWARB Handling Conflicts of Interest
- NSWARB Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy

### The following documents are also available for purchase:

- Printed Register of Architects including the List of Architect Corporations/Forms
- Electronic Copy (CD or email) of Register of Architects including List of Architect Corporation/Forms

### The following websites can be accessed by the public

[www.architects.nsw.gov.au](http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.architectureinsights.com.au](http://www.architectureinsights.com.au)  
[www.reducingcarbonemissions.org](http://www.reducingcarbonemissions.org)  
[www.sydneyarchitecturefestival.org](http://www.sydneyarchitecturefestival.org)

Information about the NSW Architects Registration Board and its role and our publications are available on request by email, mail or collected in person from the Board's office.

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