

Candidate Information Sheet 2026

BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF 2 ARCHITECT BOARD MEMBERS

There are 12 candidates. The order of names on the ballot paper and this information sheet has been determined by lot drawn by the returning officer.

1 Samuel (Sam) CRAWFORD Architect Registration #6498	I completed my university studies in 1996 (BScArch USyd, BArch USyd) and became registered as an architect in NSW in 2000 (#6498). I have been an examiner assisting the NSW Architects Registration Board in APE Part 3 Assessment since 2019. I very much appreciate the importance of the role of the Board in protecting consumers, registering architects and monitoring their CPD and PI obligations, disciplining architects who have acted unprofessionally, accrediting architectural qualifications, informing the public about the qualifications and competence of architects, and promoting a better understanding of architecture within the community. I have served for several years on the RAIA NSW Chapter Council, and currently co-chair the NSW Chapter Awards and Honours Committee. I am a keen advocate for the profession and the positive role that architecture plays in a civil society. I believe that in protecting consumers and maintaining the trust of the community in architecture and architects, the Board performs a vital function. I would like to support the proper functioning of the NSW Architects Registration Board and feel that my experience and aptitude make me a suitable candidate for a role on the Board.
2 Christine (Chris) Susan MAJOR Architect Registration #9193	I am a registered architect and principal of Sydney practice Welsh + Major. Our work has been recognized by numerous awards, with a portfolio that ranges across a variety of public and private building typologies. I am a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects. I helped establish the AIA NSW Medium Practice forum and was inaugural co-chair 2017-2022, playing an important role in supporting small and medium practices through Covid. I have been a member of the AIA National Committee for Gender Equity, chaired the NSW residential awards jury, been a mentor in the AIA program, and have delivered lectures as part of various AIA programs, conferences and events. I am a strong supporter of architectural education, having taught at both UoN and UTS, presenting lectures, participating in design crits and competition juries. I have been a NSW SDRP panel member since 2020, reviewing projects including masterplanning and public spaces, housing, infrastructure, schools and medical facilities. I wish to nominate for a Board position to advance the quality of the built environment, by helping to ensure that the quality of architectural services delivered by the profession results in real improvements to the social and environmental context of our communities.

3 Amanda Jayne STOLLERY Architect Registration #10342	I am a Registered Architect and Director at MHNDU. Across my career, I've led award-winning projects across Australia, Asia and the U.S., spanning cultural, public, residential, multi-residential, mixed-use and adaptive re-use projects, as well as urban precincts and masterplans. My international experience includes competitions and curatorial projects with Golden Lion-winning architect Juny Ishigami in Tokyo, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation in New York, and the Aedes Architecture Forum in Berlin. I am particularly passionate about mixed-use residential projects responding to difference scales, budgets and demographics, having recently specialised in the design and procurement of residential projects across NSW. I have also valued my involvement in the NSW Housing Pattern Book and my role in the NSW State Design Review Panel with GANSW, contributing to housing quality and design excellence. I would bring to the Board professional experience, design leadership, industry knowledge and a strong commitment to the profession and the public value of architecture. I confirm availability to attend monthly Board meetings, participate in committee duties, and contribute to selection committees for awards and scholarships. I confirm that I have not been subject to any disciplinary findings under Part 4 of the <i>Architects Act 2003</i>.
4 David Malcolm Morison McCRAE Architect Registration #8352	David McCrae B.Arch Deakin Registered architect ARB NSW no.8352 Architect of 40 years standing with wide experience across all stages of works, in a wide variety of firm sizes, on an extensive range of project types and sizes. I've previously been the subject of disciplinary action, but not within the last 2 years. From my experience within and supporting and promoting the architectural profession. I have a key understanding of the issues related to working with clients, councils, builders, stakeholders, the requirements of the <i>Architects Act</i>, and the challenges based on current hands-on work through practice not academia. I am also a fierce advocate for education for the clients and architects to assist in preventing dispute I'm self-employed, which allows me much flexibility and adaptability in my working week to suit required meetings, or commitments maybe required in this role. As a previous board member of Architeam, Australian Architecture Association, LOWAN, and New South Wales Chapter Council I have experience of the work, professionalism, governance and attendance requirements of such positions Whilst understanding the ARB NSW is there for clients, I will still ensure fair treatment of all evidence, and parties, whilst treating all complaints against any architect equally.

5 Jodie DANG Architect Registration #9943	I am seeking election to the Board to contribute the perspective of an actively practising architect and advocate for a strong, progressive and respected profession. My experience spans design, planning, heritage, sustainability and project delivery, giving me a practical understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing architects today. As a sole Trader, I am committed to supporting high professional standards, promoting the value of architects and encouraging more sustainable and resilient design practices. I would bring an independent, constructive and practical approach to the Board and am committed to contributing meaningfully to its work. Findings under Part 4 of the <i>Architects Act 2003</i>: None. I am committed to contributing constructively, independently and responsibly to the work of the Board. I believe my professional experience, practical approach and commitment to the future of the profession would enable me to effectively carry out the functions and responsibilities of a Board member.
6 Victor OLIVAR ALCAMI Architect Registration #9785	I am an architect, educator and practitioner with experience spanning architectural practice, urban design, design excellence and professional registration. Since 2012, I have represented the Catalan Institute of Architects as its ambassador in Australia, maintaining engagement with its policies and strategic direction. For several years, I have contributed to the NSW Architects Registration Board as an examiner, gaining insight into the registration process and responsibility of maintaining professional standards. I have taught architecture for fourteen years at UTS, UNSW and, currently, University of Sydney, remaining engaged with the education and development of future architects. My professional experience ranges from running my award-winning practice, Alcami Architecture, to working within larger studios on large-scale projects involving design excellence and urban design. I am currently a Principal and registered architect at Cley Studio. I am particularly interested in governance, implementation of effective processes, and the important period ahead as legislative reform is implemented and the <i>Architects Act</i> evolves. I would bring a broad, independent and internationally informed perspective, with a strong commitment to the public interest, professional standards and architecture in NSW. (Before applying, I sought advice from colleagues Gerard Reinmuth and Melonie Bayl-Smith to understand the role and learn from their experience.)

7 Daniel KARAMANEAS Architect Registration #8941	I have been a registered architect for over 15 years, with experience across diverse practice environments. I currently hold the position of Associate within a large architectural studio and Principal of a small sole practitioner practice, providing firsthand insight into the opportunities and challenges faced by practices of different scales. Since the introduction of the NSW <i>Design and Building Practitioners Act</i> in 2020, I have also been a registered Design Practitioner (Architectural), providing practical experience with the evolving regulatory framework governing the profession. This experience has developed a practical understanding of the pressures affecting architects, including business sustainability, project delivery complexities, regulatory change, and the importance of maintaining professional standards. I believe the Board benefits from representation that reflects the varied realities of registered architects across the profession. I would bring a balanced and practical perspective to the Board, with a focus on strengthening the value of architectural registration, supporting professional standards, and promoting the important role registered architects play in protecting the public interest and shaping the built environment. I am committed to maintaining the integrity, accountability, and expertise that underpin the architectural profession.
8 Jocelyn Lorraine JACKSON Architect Registration #3685	I am a practicing architect with many years' experience in architectural practice. I am an ARB APE3 examiner; an EPA, OQA and MRA examiner for AACA; and an AACA Accreditation Standing Panel member. A recent AACA Accreditation Review Panel to assess architectural education programs was to University of Sydney. Previous Accreditation Panels include University of Newcastle and UTS. I am on the Inner West Council AEDRP Architectural Excellence Design Review Panel, City of Sydney Local Planning Panel and have been on the NSW State Design Review Panel. Recently I was appointed to the Alastair Swayn Foundation's Grant Assessment Panel. I am an active Board member participating in awards committees; rubric expert committee; the Deep Dive into Systemic Risks in the Profession; a panel member for the SLNSW Summer Fellowships, the Architects Medallion and Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship panels; and sit on the Engagement Committee. I support the ARB in actively increasing its visibility to the profession and the public through social media and their support to architects to maintain their registration with free CPD sessions. I am seeking your vote for election to the Board. I am available and have the ability to carry out the functions of the Board.

9 Angus Justin Ralph KELL Architect Registration #8439	ANGUS KELL (FRAIA) I am a registered architect (NSW ARB 8439) with more than three decades of experience across architectural practice, executive management, construction innovation and industry governance throughout Australia and South-East Asia. My broad experience in non-core architecture across design practice, development, technical services and manufacturing has developed experience of enthusiastic conceptual thinking, commercial acumen and collaborative management. My professional standing is supported by my Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Architects, awarded for significant contribution to the profession, and by extensive leadership roles across industry bodies, standards committees and advisory groups. I have been actively involved with the AIA through various capacities, including contributing to policy development, participating in industry forums, and supporting initiatives that advance architectural excellence and professional standards. Involvement with major programs such as Project Remediate for Building Commission NSW, working with government, regulators and multidisciplinary teams to deliver compliant, consistent and safe outcomes across more than 200 residential buildings demonstrates my capability to uphold the Board's regulatory, consumer-protection and public-interest responsibilities. My background in governance including Board roles in not-for-profit organisations, and currently holding the position of Chair of GECA, reinforces my suitability for election and my ability to contribute constructively to Board deliberations.
10 Nickitas (Nick) KATRIS Architect Registration #3878	As a registered Architect in NSW (1978) and Queensland (2020) I have extensive experience of over 40 years through my small practise. I hold the BSc Architecture and the Bach. Architecture (University NSW, 1977) and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning (University of Sydney.) I am a member of the ACA, AIA, and RIBA. and I hold Certificates in of AICD Directors Essentials and Mediation. I established my small practice of Katris Architects in 1979 and became a Registered Design Practitioner in 2021. Elected to Kogarah Council in 1995, I became Mayor 2007, then elected to Georges River Council in 2017, became Mayor in 2021. My local Government experience enables me to bridge the gap between statutory legislation and the daily survival challenges faced by many practices. I will work with the Board to ensure the regulatory burden of compliance remains fair and manageable for individual architects and practices. Additionally, I will support the Board's focus on professional development by promoting practical, industry-aligned sustainability and climate change standards. My record is entirely clear of any disciplinary findings, under Part 4 of the <i>Architects Act 2003</i>. Finally, I believe, I am suitable to be considered for election to the Board.

11 Helen Marian LOCHHEAD Architect Registration #4675	I am a registered architect with over 30 years of experience working in small and large practice, government and universities, in Australia and internationally. I am completing my term on the NSWARB and I am keen to continue. In this last term with Board colleagues we made submissions to the Building (Approvals and Practitioners) Bill to protect the integrity of the profession, updated the Short Form Architect Client Contract and shaped a new strategy. I chaired the Finance & Risk Committee and also contributed to the 2026 Sydney Open program, served on selection panels for the State Library Summer Fellows and Architects Medallion, Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship program and a brief to review the National Standards of Competency for Architects (NSCA). To ensure we maintain our currency and value as professionals within an increasingly complex and competitive industry and regulatory environment we need to proactively engage in the future of the profession, architectural education, and the continuing professional development of architects. I believe with my breadth of experience and understanding of the profession, government, industry and educational contexts, I can continue to bring enthusiasm, commitment, and a broad range of useful skills to the work of the Board.
12 Melissa Mary DE KLERK Architect Registration #6423	Following her early experience working in architectural practice where she secured registration, Melissa de Klerk has built an extensive career in client side roles across a range of sectors including Retail, Oil and Gas, Health, Education and Aviation. Her experience has been developed from up-front project development, concept design and planning approvals through to capital bidding through to project design, design management, contract procurement and contract administration. She has led National teams delivering programs of works and currently leads a team at Sydney Airport as Director Terminals & Buildings leading major upgrade works on Terminals and Buildings across the airport. She is passionate about elevating the role of Architects within the Industry and the highlighting the opportunities that Architects have to bring their expertise to a broad range of roles within the construction industry for the betterment of the built environment overall. Melissa is seeking nomination for election to the Board of Architects to bring broader construction and industry experience to Board governance. Melissa has had no findings under Part 4 of the <i>Architects Act 2003</i> made against her. This includes the last two years. Melissa has the ability to support and carry out the functions of the Board.