

architectsnorth



Entry awning – Department of Child Safety, Townsville, 2009



1.0 INTRODUCTION

architects north is a Townsville based architectural firm established in 2003 with a wide range of experience in projects throughout New South Wales, Queensland and South-East Asia.

Building a reputation as one of the few design orientated practices in the region we have received many design and construction awards for our buildings.

architectsnorth is proud to announce that at the prestigious 2006 RAIA North Queensland awards it won the trifecta: Building of the Year, People's Choice and Regional Commendation awards for its 'Edge on Echlin' apartments.

Our firm is determined to undertake a quality design based approach to its projects creating unique, custom based outcomes. The practice has developed a wide expertise and understanding of the regional climate and unique constraints of the tropics. We have developed a reputation of providing exciting outcomes, functional solutions and economic buildings which bring delight to their users.

2.0 CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY

architectsnorth is a private company owned by David Stefanovic, the practice principal. In addition to each project being under the direct control of the practice principal, David is responsible for the day-to-day co-ordination of all major projects and consultants' performance.

We have established working relationships with a number of national architectural offices such as, Bligh Voller Nield, Allen Jack + Cottier, Phorm Architecture, Hassell and Jackson Architecture.

David Stefanovic is a registered architect with 20 years experience. He has worked in Frankfurt, London and Brussels prior to moving to Australia in 1993. In Sydney, David spent four years with Bligh Voller Neild as a design architect and a further six years as an Associate Director with Allan Jack and Cottier. He designed and managed a number of large-scale public and residential projects such as: Ultimo Community Centre, Graduate School of Management UNSW and worked as project/design architect on a number of multi-unit residential developments such as: 'Bulletcourt' development in Ultimo and 'Hudson' apartment complex in Alexandria. Within this period David spent a number of years as a principal architect of AJ+C's Malaysian office with responsibility for the design of the \$120 million luxury twin residential towers (adjacent to KLCC) in the heart of Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

Arriving in Townsville in 2003, David established **architectsnorth** and embarked on a diverse range of exciting projects including the design and management of the Riverview Tavern (awarded a RAI Regional Commendation in 2005) , Edge on Echlin Apartments, Storm Financial HQ Building expansion, Yarrowonga Terraces apartments and a number of residential designs.

Awards:

Yarrowonga Terraces, Townsville

Royal Australian Institute of Architecture Regional Commendation 2008

Edge on Echlin Apartments, Townville

Royal Australian Institute of Architecture Building of the Year 2006 Peoples Choice Award
2006 Royal Australian Institute of Architecture Regional Commendation 2006

Riverview Hotel, Townville

Royal Australian Institute of Architecture Regional Commendation 2005

Hudson Development, Sydney

Royal Australian Institute 'Premiers Award' 2002 (with AJ+C)

Ultimo Community Centre, Sydney

Royal Australian Institute Merit Award 1998 (with Bligh Voller Neild)

Graduate School of Management, UNSW, Sydney

Royal Australian Institute Merit Award 1998 (with Bligh Voller Neild)

CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY *Contd*

To highlight our commitment in raising the level of design quality in the tropics we have included three projects, as follows:

Recent Projects **01**



Sturt street office building is a \$6 million commercial project located on the fringe of Townsville CBD. The building design provides functional interiors set around a central double height volume. The projected entry conference room that is suspended above the building entry has a back lit polycarbonate skin facing busy Street. The building design promotes a strong and innovative corporate image that is set comfortably within its urban settings and its tropical location.

2.0 CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY *Contd*

Current Projects **02**



The **Department of Child Safety's** new office building is a direct response to the design brief to create an attractive, functional and inviting office environment. The design provides approximately 1000m² of new office space, a large secure car park and landscaped outdoor recreational area. The building form opens to the street with a combination of an elongated portal element and a hovering high level entry roof. The secure back part of the building forms an 'L' shaped enclosure to the landscaped courtyard and outdoor entertainment deck areas.

Distinctive features of the design include a naturally ventilated entry space and a high level of natural lighting / thermal comfort achieved by provision of deep shading to the large external openings.

2.0 CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY *Contd*

Current Projects 03



Southpark Terraces is a low rise residential development on the fringe of Townsville's CBD. The total of nine terrace apartments was developed in two separate buildings. The shared courtyard contains concealed common services and parking. The design language is simple, climatically responsive and repetitive, creating an instant sense of familiarity. This approach defined the project from its outset allowing for ease of construction, end user affordability and therefore the sense of social responsibility historically associated with South Townsville. The future energy requirements, in particular the use of air-conditioning - are minimal due to achieved high level on natural ventilation (use of louvers, high level openings) and low glare levels (use of screening to outdoor areas). Solar hot water has been provided while rainwater harvesting tanks are used as party walls to the garden areas.

2.0 CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY *Contd*

The best indication of our capability is the recommendation of our previous clients and a number of the eminent architects David was fortunate to work with.

We offer the following referees:

Mr Rick Jameson *Director of Idahologic Pty Ltd*
Project 'Southpark Terrace'
Tel. 0417 698 138

Mr Lewis Ramsay *Director of 'Ramlock Pty Ltd'*
Project '40 Palm Street'
Tel. 0438 539 477

Mr Brendan Douglass *Director of 'Faniloby Group'*
Project 'Edge on Echlin Apartments'
Tel. 0419 127452

3.0 CONCLUSION



architects north is a group of committed professionals with a deep understanding of the importance of urban planning and good design in setting new benchmarks for sustainable living in the tropics. **architects north** has taken several joint venture initiatives with Townsville City Council in development of the Sustainable Guides and show-case pilot projects:.



We have well established links with knowledgeable consultants and builders in this region.

For further enquiries please contact our office on (07) 4772 1522 or visit our web site at

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