Season's Greetings to all!

2006 has been a busy year full of exciting events and new directions. Thank you all for your support. We hope that you have a restful break over the Christmas period and look forward to seeing you at the Faculty in 2007.

Dean's Message

I hope you have all received the recently mailed archetype in which we summarised the many successes of the year. With more prizes awarded to students and staff and larger sums of research funding than received in recent years, the Faculty has had a wonderful year. This was reaffirmed by the well attended shows of student work at the close of the year and a comment by the Architecture State Visiting Panel that the Faculty exhibited a ‘culture of enthusiasm and participation’. A spirit of collaboration has brought students and staff together from all parts of the Faculty to realise these successes, a spirit I am sure will continue to flourish. Both the Architecture Student Revue and the Graduation Show have been booked for 2007 so be ready to mark your diaries when we know the dates.

Research flourishes too. In particular I would like to mention Ed Blakely’s award of a fellowship by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Kirsty Beilharz’s award of a Matsumae International Fellowship which will take her to the Research Centre of Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo, for 3 months. Alumni activities are a strength of the Faculty, and many more are planned for 2007. Stay in touch so that you have advanced notice of the many exciting opportunities (and excuses!) there are to visit the Faculty.

This is my final message in etype as I will depart Sydney or the University of Melbourne in mid-January 2007. I am very proud to have had a chance to work with this energetic and vibrant Faculty; students and colleagues put enormous energy in to making the Faculty a leading centre of scholarly and professional activity in the fields of architecture, design and planning.

Professor Tom Kvan
Dean

University Alumni Reunion
Spring back to Sydney!
Mark Saturday 27 October 2007 in your diary.

The University will be holding a full day of festivities, cultural and sporting events to welcome alumni and their families and friends back to campus. Hope to see you there!

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President's Message

A very eventful year in the history of the Faculty is drawing to a close. On Monday 4 December, the Senate approved the new name for the Faculty, now the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning. The change resolves an issue hotly debated for at least the last six years and we are now able to move on to expand rapidly the research program of the Faculty. It has also been the year in which we greeted, and farewelled, Professor Tom Kvan as our Dean. Tom’s short tenure marked a change in direction for the Faculty, as well as a consolidation of the changes made under Professor Gary Moore’s stewardship. We wish Tom well in his new post at the University of Melbourne.

About a month ago, after extensive discussions and planning by the Alumni Council, the Faculty accepted a substantial contribution from David W Turner (B Arch ’71) towards a bursary that will assist disadvantaged students in the Faculty who need financial help, for any reason. During the year, students face many crises, not just submission dates. This bursary will assist cases such as those needing a rental bond, those with unforeseen medical expenses, etc. The aim is to raise sufficient money to ensure that the fund self-sustaining.

Our last function for the year was to support the exhibitions of students completing the B Arch and B Design (Arch) courses – fantastic work, well displayed, a credit to all students and their teachers. Finally, we wish you a happy and healthy festive season and prosperity (commensurate with environmental objectives!) for the coming year. We hope to see many of you at our functions in the new year.

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President, Alumni Association

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