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Home made skylights?



If anyone ever wondered why we need Peak Industry Groups like the Skylight Industry Association this photograph says it all. Luckily there are few of these home made 'things' found these days, and it is because of the work the SIA does with respect to working with Standards Australia, and the Australian Fenestration Ratings Council (AFRC) that helps Consumers become aware that effective Design, Testing, Energy Rating and Installation of Skylights is the only way forward. Daylight may well be free, but the use of this sort of home made product, in the end makes it an expensive proposition, with a very short life span. It is why we always encourage Consumers

to use an SIA Member to be sure that they end up with a product that is completely fit for purpose.

Fenestration Australia 2017 - Fiji



The Fenestration Australia 2017 was held in Fiji this year and was another great success, and the content of the Conference sessions was excellent. The Industry Update from the Executive Director of the AWA, Tracey Gramlick was insightful & thought provoking. There is no doubt that the Energy Efficiency & the Paris Agreement will play a significant part in the fenestration industry over the next decade. Regulatory change is happening rapidly & all countries will set mitigation targets from 2020 & will review every 5 Years. Product will need to improve or be left behind and drop out of the market.

- *The AWA has a series of Instructional Installation Videos on line that are worth the SIA considering similar. Also their Key Messages section of their website is attracting wide readership. Other matters covered included*
- *Energy Efficiency provisions will be ratified in the National Construction Code in 2019.*
- *Australasian Procurement and Construction Council (APCC) & the WA government now reference the AWA & WERS*
- *AS3959 under review*

An excellent presentation from the president of South Africa's AAAMSA Johan Heyneke (similar to the AAMA in the US) which covers the Skylight Association of South Africa . They are adopting WERS & following the AWA model. The Technical Chair of the SIA, Steve Lynch was on hand to have a chat to Johan & he is delighted to hear of the SIA's progress with WERSfS & keen to develop the relationship between the SIA & theirs. The Keynote Speaker was Steven Bradbury who was amazing & shared his memorable story of his Gold medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics IN Salt Lake City, USA – truly inspirational story – Last Man Standing.

The Design Awards Dinner was fabulous event. The primary aims of the SIA Design Awards are to: • Increase the level of interest in skylights, • Raise the awareness, profile of, and interest in, Members of the SIA and to differentiate them from others. • Execute a consistent professional showcase for skylights by celebrating and recognising excellence.

SIA Members who were awarded this year were

*Best Use of Skylights
Residential in an
Existing Construction*

Winner

*Regent Skylight Systems
Waverley Homestead
Gundy, NSW*

*Best Use of Skylights
Residential in an
Existing Construction*

*Highly
Commended*

*Skydome Hunter Coast
Swan Street Transformation
Newcastle, NSW*

*Best Use of Skylights
Commercial*

*Highly
Commended*

*RJ Group WA
Salt Kitchens + Bathrooms Showroom
Canning Vale, WA*

The SIA Design Awards are worth competing for & the Building Designers Association of Victoria (BDIV) have promoted the 2017 Design Awards winners in their latest newsletter.

Fenestration 2018 Conference will be held in Port Douglas and we encourage SIA Members to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

**Fenestration 2018 - PORT DOUGLAS,
Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 September
2018**



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Question: Are you Involved in The Skylight Industry in any way shape or form YES/NO ??

If NO, we hope you enjoy the Newsletter and we also hope it provokes some thought and ideally questions.

If YES, then why not join the SIA and join the daylighting voice of Australia? Contact us via www.siai.com.au, or directly to our General Secretary, Laurie Baker, email at admin@siai.com.au or mobile on 0413 610 100
