



VESKI Newsletter Number 8 April 2007

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A message from the Executive Director:

Welcome to the second of our VESKI newsletters for 2007.

In this edition we highlight achievements of our Board Members, VESKI Innovation Fellows and our current VESKI Programs.

Also provided is a summary of VESKI forthcoming events. I hope you are able to join us for some of these and encourage you to register your interest to attend.

Until next time - Julia Page, Executive Director.

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VESKI Board Member News



Prof Peter Doherty Awarded Woodrow Wilson Award

VESKI Board Member Professor Peter Doherty has received the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service for his contribution to medical and scientific research.

Professor Doherty has been acknowledged as one of Australia's greatest visionaries.

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Mr John Denton Awarded Honorary Doctorate

VESKI Board Member John Denton was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws, from Monash University, for his outstanding contribution to architecture. John Denton received his award at the Graduation Ceremony at Robert Blackwood Hall on the 15 March 2007, in which he also gave the Occasional Address.

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VESKI Fellows' News



\$6 Million Dollars to Fund Solar Cells

VESKI Innovation Fellow Professor Andrew Holmes has been awarded \$6 million from the State Government of Victoria to continue his research in the development of organic solar cells as an alternative to silicon based cells in the generation of solar power.

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Dr Cait MacPhee - Congratulations: A New Son

VESKI would like to congratulate Dr Cait MacPhee and her partner on the birth of their son - Iain Clifford Williams. Iain was born on the 4 March 2007, he is the second child of Dr MacPhee.

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Current VESKI Programs



VESKI Funds AGIdeas Program 2007

VESKI recently supported the attendance of Mr Masaaki Kani, Senior Managing Director of Ryohin Keikaku Co Ltd. Owners of the MUJI brand, Japan at this year's AGIdeas forum.

Mr Kanai presented at a business breakfast at Hamer Hall to over 250 business leaders and at the main forum to over 3000 representatives of the Victorian Design Community.

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VESKI Provides Unique Student Opportunity

VESKI's sponsorship of the recent 2007 AGIdeas program enabled two design students from Monash and Swinburne Universities to attend the three day AGIdeas Forum.

A recipient of the VESKI sponsored pass expressed:

"AGIdeas 2007 was mind blowing, the speakers were amazing and the work spoke for itself, I left day one full of inspiration and with a hunger for design"

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Forthcoming Events



VESKI supports 5th World Conf.-Science Journo's

From the 16 – 19th April 2007, Melbourne will host the 5th World Conference of Science Journalists. Lending our support, VESKI Fellows will utilise the opportunity of over 400 visiting journalists to Victoria to highlight their Australian research outcomes in world first stories. [More...](#)



VESKI to Co-Host Public Lecture

VESKI in conjunction with Monash University will co-host a public lecture delivered by Dr R A Mashelkar. The lecture - 'Changing Geography of Science, Technology & Innovation' will be held on Monday 23 April at the Langham Hotel at 6.00pm.

To attend the lecture please RSVP to ...

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VESKI Board Member to Address Innovation Forum

VESKI Board Member Ms Janine Kirk AM, Lead Partner - Victorian Government, will be the Guest Speaker at the upcoming RMIT Innovation Lecture Series to be held on the 14 May at Ernst & Young.

Ms Kirk will give an example of how government, academia and the private sector can work together to achieve innovative outcomes for Victoria.

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VESKI Ensures Australia Represented in New Trends

Funding from VESKI supports Sean Godsell and IPH Architects participation in the New Trends in Architecture in Europe and Asia Pacific travelling exhibition which opened in June 2006 in Patras – Greece. The exhibition is currently in Europe, arriving in Melbourne in June 2007 to be showcased at the RMIT Gallery. During the exhibition's visit to RMIT Gallery, there will be a program of seminars.

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