

# Building Designers Association of Northern Territory Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION KIT



Use this membership kit for all membership categories  
of the Building Designers Association of The NT. Inc

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# Membership Information 2014

## introducing BDANT

The Building Designers Association of the Northern Territory represents a group of building design professionals who use a combination of experience, skill and the creative application of current technology to satisfy their client's brief, with emphasis on energy efficiency, cost, skilled design, quality documentation and prompt service.

The Building Designers Association in the Northern Territory is a relatively new association which enjoys a high level of respect from the public, manufacturers and all levels of government.

The BDA is seen as the premier association of Building Designers and it jealously guards this reputation. Members are bound by a Code of Ethics and encouraged to operate at the highest professional level at all times.

The Association encourages design excellence from its members and promotes the benefits of good building design to the public.

The BDA is active in the development of education and training standards relevant to the building design profession and is now recognised by governments and educational institutions as a leading professional body for building designers in the NT.

## benefits of membership

The major benefits of membership include such things as representation, professional development, promotion, comraderie and the ability to network with other building designers.

Members also have access to the BDA services and publications including the BDA Contract of Engagement, BDA Risk Management Program, BCA Summary Sheets, Schedule of Fixtures and Fittings and more. Some of these are heavily discounted for members and others are only available to members.

A more intangible but very important benefit is that members are contributing to the current and future wellbeing of the profession, the future of all building designers in the Northern Territory, your future!

Members are part of an extensive information network which includes government, building industry stakeholders, materials manufacturers, national and international design associations and educational institutions. The information provided to members from all these sources is factual, up to date and important.

The full range of benefits is difficult to describe in a short space. If you consider the ways in which BDA fulfils the objects of association (see over) you will identify just a few of the many benefits.



## mission statement

The mission of the BDANT is to promote the pursuit of excellence and integrity within the building design profession and to support and promote building designers in the Northern Territory working within a local, national and international context to guide building designers to a position of respect and dignity in the design and building industries.

## objects of the association

1. To promote and enhance the profession of Building design.
2. To provide consumer awareness of Building Design and their contribution to the Building Industry and the wider community.
3. To promote and achieve the highest degree of professionalism amongst Building designers.
4. To promote and encourage ethical conduct and sound business practice in the Building Design profession.
5. To promote consumer protection by advocating that all members carry Professional Indemnity Insurance.
6. To maintain an on-going professional development.
7. To hold Building Design Awards to promote excellence in Building Design.
8. To be active in the development of education and training standards relevant to the Building Design profession.
9. To establish and promote guidelines for achieving higher standards in Building Design and Documentation.
10. To be active in the development of Standards, By Laws, Legislation and documentation relevant to the wider Design profession.
11. To liaise with Federal State and Local Government on matters relating to Building Design, with the express aim of achieving a better built environment.
12. To support the rights of Building Designers who become the subject of victimization, suffer prejudice or could be detrimentally effected by the action of others.

## who can join?

If you are the principal of a practice, an employee in a design office, a student, in an allied profession or trade, are a supplier to the building or design industry or are just someone interested in building design, there is a membership category to suit you.

## fulfilling the objects of the association

### 1. REPRESENTATION

The Association maintains a high profile with its submissions to government and industry. It is selected to participate on working parties and committees which shape the future of the whole building industry.

### 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Association has a professional development program encompassing a national magazine, local discussion groups, workshops, seminars and conferences.

The program aims to provide all building designers with up to date information on changing legislation, building products, construction systems, business practices and more.

Members remain informed about new materials and new building methods and processes. They keep informed about changes to government legislation and regulations as well as modern trends, client and community attitudes and expectations.

### 3. PROMOTION

Effective promotion can be difficult for individuals. BDA works hard to provide promotion of building designers.

The BDA web site is highly popular among potential clients and members can have a link to their own web site. The site is constantly monitored and upgraded to remain relevant.

### 4. COMRADERIE

Members who attend meetings and other functions enjoy the friendships which result.

Sharing client related stories or design problems can make the sometimes lonely life of small business easier.

Anecdotal evidence is that business competitors lose nothing and gain much through mutual recognition and cooperation.

New council policies, new materials or methods and answers to common problems are all things that building designers share when they get together.

### 5. BUILDING DESIGNERS AUSTRALIA WIDE

BDANT is also associated with the other Building Designers Association throughout Australia (which facilitates networking with building designers nationally).

## submitting your application

Completed application form with payment should be sent to: The Executive Director

Building Designers Association of the NT Inc  
PO Box 3295, Darwin, NT 0801  
or [email: admin@bdant.com.au](mailto:admin@bdant.com.au)

## membership categories

### Student member

A person who, at the time of applying for membership, is enrolled for and actively participating in an approved course of study shall be eligible for the category of "student member".

### Associate

A person who is a recent Graduate of an approved course of study in building design, with less than 2 years of post graduation experience.

### Member

A person who can satisfy the requirements as determined by the management committee in the areas of educational qualifications, and work experience of at least 2 years, or an approved portfolio of work, and work experience of at least 5 years as a principal of a building design practice; and a proven level of professional competence. Shall be eligible for the category of "Member".

### Fellow

Any member who has been an ordinary member for not less than ten years; and can satisfy the requirements as determined from time to time by the management committee in the areas of indemnity of professional activities, and ongoing professional development and professional practice standards. shall be eligible for the category of "Fellow".

### Life

Any *Member or Fellow* of at least 10 years standing and who has given extraordinary service to the association may be eligible for the category of "Life Member".

### Corporate Member (Sponsor)

Any industry related to the building design industry; that includes building, or the building supply industry, Engineers, Building Certifiers, Town Planners, etc. Shall be eligible for the category of "Corporate Member".

## payable

The following fees apply to the application for and continuing membership of the association.

*Member* - application fee \$50; Membership \$275 total payable - member \$325.

*Associate* - application fee \$50; Membership \$220 total payable - associate \$275.

*Fellow* - application fee \$100; Membership \$275 total payable - fellow \$375.

*Corporate* - No application fee, Membership is set at a total payable fee of \$440.00 per annum.

*Life* - application and membership is free of charge.

*Student* - application and membership is free of charge of the first year, and then \$ 33.00 per annum.

# membership application form

Please type or print clearly. Each box must be completed unless noted.

## part a - personal details

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Other .....

please tick one

Surname: ..... Given Name(s): .....

date of birth: ..... Preferred Name: .....  
eg for name badges

Company or business name: .....

(should be registered business or trading name)

Postal address: ..... Street Address: .....  
(if different)

Telephone: .....  
Office Fax Mobile After hours (optional)

Office

Fax

Mobile

After hours (optional)

Email: .....

## part b - professional details

please indicate below the type of work you have been involved in.

approx. dates (by year)	employer (or self-employed)	type of work undertaken	no. of years

## Educational qualifications

this is for statistical purposes only, lack of qualification does not disqualify competent practitioners from membership

course	institution	year graduated or year expecting to graduate

## part c - application

membership category applied for: Student  Associate  Member  Corporate  Fellow

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership of the Building Designers Association of Northern Territory in the above category. If accepted into membership, I agree to abide by the Rules of Association and the Code of Ethics. I declare that the information submitted in this application is true and correct.

signed by applicant: ..... date: .....

## part d - payment

enclosed is my cheque for \$ ..... OR  please debit my credit card for \$.....  
type of card  visa  mastercard  bankcard  
(we only have facilities for the above)

card no. .... expiry date: .....

name on card ..... signature .....

**if you prefer to make a direct debit into our account please contact the office (0418 800 403) for the details.**

# office use only

## membership application processing form

### 1. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Action	Date	Processed by	Comments
Application Received			
Checked for correctness			
More information requested			
Application complete			
Member category checked			
Copy of application sent to BDANT executive			

### 2. BDANT EXECUTIVE

Admit applicant as per application			
or admit as			
or refuse application			
or request further information			

further information supporting above decision

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### 3. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Applicant advised			
Membership kit prepared and sent			
Database updated			
Application filed			