



The Royal Australian Institute of Architects

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ELECTION MATERIAL BY CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO RAIA COUNCIL

Candidate's Name in Full: Marcus Trimble

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Post Code: 2011

Membership Category: Graduate Member

Date of Birth: 26.02.78

Name and Location of Place of Work: Bligh Voller Nield, L6 11-31 York Street, Sydney

Position Held (eg. Partner, Chief Architect, Salaried Architect, etc.): Associate, Architect

Decorations, Awards, Professional Qualifications, Degrees etc:

B Arch (Hons1) University of Sydney 2001

Registered Architect # 7626

Design Tutor at the University of Sydney 2002-06

Record of Involvement in RAIA Affairs:

- I have been involved with the RAIA on the DARCH committee for the last two years. In that time I have been involved in the organisation of a number of events:

10x10x10 – A slidenight in the Tusculum Carpark.

REMARCH – A public forum on the future of Sydney's Harbour Foreshore

CARCH – A Christmas party at Tusculum with a paper costume.

SPARCHLE – A lighting competition as a part of the RAIA National Conference

DARCHCAST – A panel discussion podcast on the built environment.

PECHA KUCHA – A fast, diverse and open slidenight every second month.

- Introduction and co-ordination of Big Sites Tuesday Night Talk at Tusculum.

- Architecture Bulletin Committee 2007-

Candidate's Personal Platform Statement (not more than 200 words):

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I am an enthusiastic advocate of architecture, I write a weblog on architecture that aims to promote Australian architecture to an international audience, I tutor first year design at the University of Sydney and with DARCH I organise and run Pecha Kucha - an informal slidenight open to all in creative disciplines.

I believe that the Institute should be the centre of debate and discussion on the built environment, that it should promote excellence within the profession and that this can only come about if the Institute fosters and develops a *culture of architecture*. The RAIA needs to adopt an active program to aid this goal.

Firstly. The Institute *needs a bar* – an informal, social meeting place for the profession, where discussion and debate between students, practicing architects, academics and members of related disciplines can be held.

Secondly. If the Institute is to remain a focal point of debate then it must go out of its way to attract recent graduates and younger practicing architects. Other than a sense of social responsibility there is currently no reason why anyone working in a large practice would join the Institute. So far, DARCH has proven successful in raising the awareness of the Institute among those who would otherwise not be involved and I believe that the Institute as a whole could benefit from an increased involvement from the members of DARCH.

Oh, and the National Council gets far too much of the States' Booty. This *must be addressed* if we are to stock the Institute Bar with the top shelf goods.