

## New BIM publication launched



*Construction Innovation* launched a new industry publication – *Adopting BIM for facilities management* – at the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) conference in Melbourne last month. [More details](#)

## Free industry research showcase for Sydney



A symposium showcasing major research initiatives in Safety, Innovation and Building Information Modelling will be held in Sydney on Monday 4 June. [More details](#)

## Public works staff focus on relationship management



Queensland Department of Public Works staff attended the third of *Construction Innovation's* highly regarded two-day Relationship Management workshops in Brisbane last month. [More details](#)

## Construction Innovation heads west!

Construction Innovation staff will be in Perth 15-18 May for a series of meetings with partner groups and a major networking dinner to be held in conjunction with the CRCA National Conference. [More details](#)

## "Best ever" scholar's workshop

Construction Innovation scholars met in Brisbane recently for a workshop that was rated by many as the "best ever" scholar's workshop. Students travelled from Perth, Melbourne and Sydney to attend the workshop. [More details](#)

## Events

### Sydney Research Symposium

4 June, Sydney [More details](#)

### 2nd Construction Industry Leaders Conference (ACIF)

5-6 July, Gold Coast [More details](#)

### buildingSMART International Summit

14 November [More details](#)

### Third International Conference of the CRC for Construction Innovation Clients Driving Innovation: Benefiting from Innovation

12-14 March 2008, Gold Coast [More details](#)

## From the CEO's desk



The building industry is an important sector of the Australian economy in terms of achieving greenhouse gas emission abatement.

According to a recent report in the March edition of the Australian Institute of Building's *Construct* publication, buildings account for 25% of Australia's delivered energy consumption, 30% of greenhouse gas emissions, 30% of acid gas emissions, eight percent of potable water consumption, and 16% of methane emissions.

In energy terms, heating is the largest single end use in the commercial buildings sector at 33%, but is the fourth largest with respect to greenhouse gas emissions. Space cooling, ventilation and lighting were found to be the three most significant causes of emissions, together accounting for 71% of the total.

To assist the industry in reducing emissions, the CRC for *Construction Innovation* is collaborating with the AGO and the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council... [More details](#)

