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ACEA project of the year



Construction Innovation and Arup have won project of the year at the 2007 Association of Consulting Engineers Australia (ACEA) Award of Excellence. The team won a Gold Award of Special Merit and project of the year.

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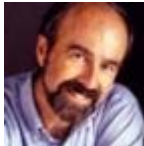
International recognition for Dean Cipolla



Dean Cipolla, project leader of *Construction Innovation's* Construction Site Safety Culture project which developed the award-winning national safety competency framework, has won the International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) 2007 Atsumi Award

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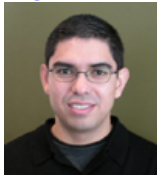
Disney chief to speak at CRC conference



Ben Schwegler, vice president and chief scientist of Walt Disney Imagineering's research and development unit, is a keynote speaker at the CRC for *Construction Innovation's* international conference on the Gold Coast on 12-14 March 2008

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Agustin shines at international conference



Congratulations to Agustin Chevez, who was awarded best paper at the Postgraduate Researchers of the Built and Natural Environment (PRoBE) 2007 conference in Glasgow

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Strong interest for sustainability workshops



Construction Innovation has piloted a new training workshop on Developing a Business Case for Sustainable Commercial Buildings.

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Wayfinding design guidelines and system audit



Construction Innovation is pleased to announce the release of two new publications developed from the Wayfinding in the Built Environment Project.

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From the CEO's desk



Skilling our industry

The Australian construction industry is currently experiencing a critical skills shortage, driven by the resourced boom.

From steel fixers, concreters, plant operators, engineers, project managers and industry executives – the entire spectrum of activity that is involved with delivering constructed products – this drastic shortage of skills is impacting on the Australian construction industry's ability to deliver the infrastructure that will underpin the future growth of this country and maintain our quality of life.

Bill Wild, Chief Operating Officer of Leighton Holdings and former Managing Director of John Holland Group, met recently with the Vice-Chancellor of QUT, Professor Peter Coaldrake, and I, to look at ways of addressing this shortage.

During our meeting, there was consensus that research, education and training are a key part of the solution to this crisis. Universities have a major role to play in this process through the training of architects, engineers and managers by ensuring their training programs are meeting industry's needs in today's market.

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