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Perth Architect's Contribution Recognised with Top Award

The Architects Board of Western Australia last night (30 November) presented its annual Board Award for outstanding contribution to the architectural profession, to heritage and multi-award winning Perth Architect, Philip Griffiths.

The award was presented by the Chairman of the Architects Board of Western Australia, Mr Bruce Callow who said it was fitting that Philip Griffiths be bestowed with the award - which represents the highest recognition from the Architectural profession.

"Philip Griffiths has contributed significantly to the architectural profession over many years. This award acknowledges the role he's played in the heritage architecture field in Western Australia," Mr Callow said.

Mr Griffiths has substantial expertise and a recognised specialisation in heritage architecture.

In fact, he was responsible for architectural work at Fremantle Prison, which is WA's only World Heritage cultural site.

He has also contributed his expertise to the revitalisation of the William Street precinct in Northbridge, as well as to conservation and rejuvenation projects on Rottnest Island.

Mr Callow said: "Philip's active participation in the Heritage Council and in working with the communities involved with projects has raised the public awareness of heritage, its value to the community, to the architectural environment and to the profession."

At the other end of the scale, he has also embraced small regional projects in country towns, on farm and station buildings in the Midwest and elsewhere which have enormous value to their owners and local communities.

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Mr Griffiths is available for comment. He is particularly well placed to discuss matters relating to heritage architecture.

To arrange an interview or for more information contact:

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Quick facts about Philip Griffiths

- Subiaco based architect who resides in West Leederville.
- Philip runs a successful private practice which undertakes commissions in architecture, heritage, urban and interior design.
- The practice has won architectural, planning, and heritage awards for a wide range of projects located throughout the state.
- He holds a Diploma in Architecture (Polytechnic of the South Bank, London).

About this award

The intention of the Award is to recognise architects registered in Western Australia whose attitudes and personal contributions to the profession and/or community have enhanced public confidence in the standing of the profession, and/or promoted public awareness of the profession and the activities of the Board.

There are many architects who, by individual effort and example, ensure that the profession has a respected voice in forming professional and community standards. It is to those, whose true value may otherwise go unrecognised, who this honour is awarded to.

It is not intended that the Board Award should be made to recognise the successful career of an architect, building design or academic excellence. It is awarded to recognise special endeavours outside of those which would be considered the normal business activities of an architect.

About the Architects Board of Western Australia

The Architects Board of Western Australia is the body responsible for maintaining professional standards in the architectural profession.

It was created by State Government legislation (the Architects Act 1921-1978, replaced by the Architects Act 2004, which was proclaimed on 15 November 2005). Although the Board reports to State Parliament through the Minister for Commerce, it is entirely self funded by architects registration.

The Board is composed of ten members. Four are elected by architects, six are appointed by the Minister, including four community representatives and two architects.