

Acoustic Feedback



Technical Meeting

In May 2004, the Building Code of Australia, Section F5, which relates to building amenity received a significant upgrade. In particular, the acoustics section, which discusses the minimum acoustic requirements for party walls, floors, soil, waste and water pipes etc was changed to reflect international standards and upgraded due to a combination of people expecting a higher level of amenity and the change in noise sources within peoples houses (home theatres for instance). At the time the BCA was released, the Western Australian building authority did not believe there was a requirement to increase the minimum standards and as such the Western Australian acoustics section essentially remained unchanged from the previous BCA. In May 2005, Western Australia will now adopt these changes.

As such, the Australian Acoustical Society has arranged a meeting to provide information to interested parties. Speaking at the meeting will be Norbert Gabriels from Gabriels Environmental Design. Norbert has been involved in numerous projects throughout Western Australia and has been in the industry for over 20 years. Prior to starting his own practice, Norbert was at the BMA. He has been strongly involved in the development of Australian Standards, which support the BCA in establishing testing procedures, as well as standards of acoustic performance.

The meeting will be held at Curtin University in Room 147 Building 301 on 5th May 2005 at 5.30pm and will comprise of a presentation from Norbert (approximately 45 minutes) followed by question time and informal discussion. Check your street directory for a map of the campus or visit http://www.properties.curtin.edu.au/your_campus/maps/. Park in carpark 18, which is just behind the bus station but only accessible from the campus ring-road (Brand Dve). Parking is free after 5pm. Follow the path westward past Building 311 and enter Building 301 through the door in its eastern end. This brings you in on Level 1 and the seminar room is at the far end of the corridor on the left hand side.

As the meeting is fast approaching, we require the **RSVP** as soon as possible and no later than **21st April 2005**. RSVP can be via return email or a phone call to Terry George on 9409 2999.