

The Gauge reaches new level

The Melbourne headquarters for Lend Lease has charted a hitherto unachieved mark in Australia's built environment.



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Located at Victoria Harbour in Melbourne's Docklands, Lend Lease centre of operations The Gauge has earned an Australian-first 6 Star ratings across all three areas of Green Star certification: Office Design, As Built and Interiors from the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA).

The milestone marks the first time a single building has been awarded the maximum 6 Star Green Star ratings achievable. Lend Lease occupies two of the building's six storeys, the remainder leased by Fujitsu.

"The building responds to the needs of the organisation and our employees, and reinforces our commitment to the environment and innovation," says Lend Lease Australia CEO Rod Leaver.

"By incorporating a contemporary edge into the design of the spaces, which recall the vibrant laneways and bars of Melbourne, and a

living green wall that greets visitors upon entry, The Gauge encourages creativity and innovation, and addresses the need to attract and develop employees from across generations.

"At the same time, its open-plan style fosters business growth and performance, and has the flexibility to respond to changing organisational needs."

GBCA chair Tony Arnel says The Gauge has influenced mainstream building practices in Australia by demonstrating that 6 Star Green Star ratings are achievable and affordable. ■



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Specialty

We have specialised in LEED (the US equivalent of Green Star) certification, early-stage design eco-charrettes for green building projects, contract research in green markets for national associations, and campus sustainability master plans. A long-time specialty is marketing consultation for architecture, engineering and construction firms.

Passions

Green building - getting energy use down to 100 kWh/sq m/a. Primary energy use is the next major challenge - getting building teams and owners to accept responsibility for building performance and seeing the business benefits in doing so.

Challenges

Getting building teams to work together in a truly integrated design approach, to take on and master the major new challenges of building design and construction in a carbon-constrained era.

Professional development

I use everything I can: conferences, seminars, webinars, trade publications, local meetings, reading five to 10 newsletters or blogs daily. Sharing experiences with experienced friends is also very helpful.

Inspiring words

"We are always equal to the challenges we face" (my own words).

Future plans

I'm working on my 13th book, due out next year, called "The World's Greenest Buildings: Promise vs Performance in Sustainable Building" (Routledge Taylor & Francis, London) with a German architecture professor, Ulf Meyer. After that, who knows? ■

Notice of AIRAH's annual general meeting

AIRAH's AGM will be held May 10 in Melbourne.

The 52nd annual general meeting of the Australian Institute of Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heating will be held on Tuesday May 10 at 7.30pm at the Telstra Conference Centre Conference Room 2, Level 1, 242 Exhibition St, Melbourne.

The agenda of the meeting is:

1. Welcome and report.
2. Confirmation of minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting (held on April 13, 2010).
3. Presentation of audited accounts.

4. General business – to transact any business which may lawfully be brought forward.
5. Next meeting.
6. Closure.

All members and visitors are cordially invited to attend. Eligible voting members who cannot attend the meeting in person have the right to appoint a proxy. Proxy forms are available for download from www.airah.org.au ■