

# Victorian Stucco Seminar



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Stucco (exterior cement plaster decoration) is a characteristic feature of many heritage places in Victoria. A substantial number of high Victorian and Boom-style buildings are finished in stucco - some of it apparently never painted. In 2006 South Melbourne Town Hall, its stucco facades and Mansard roof restoration (RBA Architects), won the RIAA John George Knight Award For Heritage Architecture. Research undertaken in conjunction with the conservation of South Melbourne Town Hall highlighted some gaps in existing knowledge about Victorian stucco, disappearing skills and practices in working with stucco, and the need for ongoing research and dissemination of information. The purpose of the seminar is to draw together and disseminate the available body of knowledge of Victorian stucco, and to promote high standards in research and conservation.

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## A significant and exciting initiative

This program is open to those who have an interest in Australia's Heritage and seek to enhance their knowledge and skills in Victorian Stucco - to tackle, alongside experts, its associated problems and solutions.

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## Scope...

Stucco, external renders and cement decorations, historical resources on the materials and traditional practices, stucco finishes and conservation techniques.

**Lunch** Pack your own lunch box, shop at the South Melbourne Market behind the Town Hall, or lunch at one of the nearby cafes.

## Format

This special event is a one day seminar with papers from invited contributors followed by discussion.

Papers will be required in advance in correct format for distribution following the seminar.

Visual presentations will be in Powerpoint.

## Venue

South Melbourne Town Hall  
South Melbourne  
Australian National Academy of Music  
(enter from Layfield Street)

## Date • Time

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
9.00am to 5.00pm

## Fee

\$165 which includes:

- Morning and afternoon refreshments
  - Copy of seminar papers
  - A 'Certificate of Participation' will be presented.
- The fee is subsidised by ISS Institute.

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## Program



8.30am	<b>Registration</b>	12.30pm	<b>Case Studies</b> <i>Roger Beeston</i> <i>RBA Architects</i>
9.00am	<b>Opening Comments</b> <i>Dr Donald Ellsmore (Convenor)</i> <i>APT Australia Chapter</i>  <i>Ray Osborne (Chair)</i> <i>Heritage Victoria</i>	1.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
9.15am	<b>Stucco in Australia</b> Overseas background • Lime and cement imports and manufacturers in Australia • Stucco recipes • Stucco washes and finishes • Early cement renders • Artificial stone and Victoria stone • Cast cement components in building exteriors <i>Professor Miles Lewis</i> <i>University of Melbourne</i>	2.00pm	<b>Session Introduction</b> <i>Meredith Gould</i> <i>Heritage Council member and Chair of the Heritage Council's Technical Advisory Committee</i>
10.00am	<b>Materials and their Properties</b> Properties of sand, hydraulic and non-hydraulic limes, cements and mixes <i>David Young OAM</i> <i>Consultant</i>	2.05pm	<b>Site Inspections</b> Sth Melb Town Hall and nearby places <i>Roger Beeston</i> <i>RBA Architects</i> <i>Dr Donald Ellsmore</i> <i>APT Australia Chapter</i>
10.30am	<b>Discussion</b>	3.05pm	<b>Break - refreshments</b>
10.45am	<b>Break - refreshments</b>	3.30pm	<b>Case Studies</b> including 300 Queen Street, Glass Terrace, Collingwood Town Hall, Government House and the Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building <i>Peter Lovell</i> <i>Lovell Chen Architects</i>
11.15am	<b>Testing of Materials &amp; Specifications</b> The role of testing in specifying works: analysis of existing stucco • Test Methods Interpreting results • Specification for success • Prototype testing and evaluation <i>David West</i> <i>International Conservation Services</i>	3.45pm	<b>How and where to obtain materials and Trade Skills</b> Where to obtain the right materials and trade skills <i>Bart Scheen</i> <i>Holmesglen Institute of TAFE</i>
11.45am	<b>Analysis of Finishes</b> Examples of painted finishes and the role of Heritage Victoria in providing technical assistance <i>Jenny Dickens</i> <i>Heritage Victoria</i>	4.00pm	<b>Options for Finishes</b> The use of limewash, cement paints, mineral paints, oil paints, acrylics and colouring agents <i>Dr. Donald Ellsmore</i> <i>Donald Ellsmore Pty Ltd</i>
12.15pm	<b>Discussion</b>	4.20pm	<b>Discussion</b>
		4.30pm	<b>Where to Next</b> Conservation practice. Further research <i>Carolynne Bourne AM</i> <i>International Specialised Skills Institute Inc.</i>
		5.00pm	<b>Seminar concludes</b>



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