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Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Gather to Celebrate 20th Anniversary World Expo 88

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) will welcome all current landscape architects and associated businesses to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of World Expo 88 at an exclusive cocktail party at 6:30pm on Wednesday 7 May, 2008 in the River Room at South Bank.

The event will provide a key opportunity for members of the Expo 88 planning and design team, suppliers and contractors to celebrate the implementation of one of Brisbane's most successful rejuvenation projects.

AILA Queensland President Chris Boulton said the celebration would recognise World Expo 88 as the catalyst for the continuing development of Brisbane as a premier international subtropical city, encouraging the development for future innovative landscape planning and open space design

"The event was one of the first major opportunities the landscaping profession had to demonstrate its innovative approach to design and planning. This resulted in our significant involvement in major urban projects now evident throughout the city and the regions," Ms Boulton said.

The evening will feature a special presentation 'Bringing Back the Memories' compiled by World Expo 88 Project Landscape Architect Lawrie Smith AM.

"The presentation is a wonderful collection of images from Mr Smith's private records, many of which have never been seen. The compilation will showcase the innovative and unique elements that were developed for World Expo 88," Ms Boulton said.

The cocktail evening take place immediately after the AILA Queensland General Meeting, which will take place from 5:00pm – 6:00pm. The stand-up cocktail celebrations will celebrate the past, the present and the future influence of the landscape industry.

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For more information regarding the AILA 20th Anniversary World Expo 88 cocktail evening contact:

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