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*In today's world none of us ever knows enough.  
Experts and expert knowledge are always required to  
get a top class job.*

The following organisations and professional associations may be able to help you, or set you off in the right direction if you need further information or assistance. Your local library is also likely to be a good source of books for further reading.

### ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Royal Australian Institute of Architects is the professional organisation representing most architects, whether they are principals of firms or employees. Membership is voluntary.

The Institute's activities cover many fields including representation on the State Government Boards that control registration of architects. The Institute also provides the management and staffing of the Architects Residential Advisory Service which provides inspection reports for prospective residential property purchasers.

Beside these activities it maintains lists of architects practising in your area whom you may contact concerning the design or alteration of a house. Also available are booklets describing the various services architects offer.

In addition to maintaining State headquarters at the addresses listed below, there are also a number of country divisions whose addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained from the State head office.

Sydney            Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
New South Wales Chapter,  
"Tusculum" 3 Manning St  
Potts Point 2011  
Phone (02)9356-2955   Fax (02)6361-4281  
Email: [nsw@raia.com.au](mailto:nsw@raia.com.au)  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

Melbourne        Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Victorian Chapter  
41 Exhibition St  
Melbourne 3000  
Phone (03)9654-8066   Fax (03)9650-3360  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

Brisbane Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Queensland Chapter  
70 Merivale St  
South Brisbane 4101  
Phone (07)3846-4900 Fax (07)3846-5087

Adelaide Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
South Australian Chapter  
100 Flinders St  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08)8228-9100 Fax (08)8228-9199  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

Perth Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Western Australian Chapter  
250 St Georges Tce  
Perth 6000  
Phone (08)9321-7114 Fax (08)9321-4708

Darwin Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Northern Territory Chapter  
1 Shepherd St  
Darwin, 800  
Phone (08)8981-2288 Fax (08)8981-3042  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

Hobart Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Tasmanian Chapter  
1st floor, City Hall Building  
Market Place Hobart 7000  
Phone (03)6234-5464 Fax (03)6234-9063  
Email: [normac@raia.com.au](mailto:normac@raia.com.au)  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

Canberra      Royal Australian Institute of Architects  
Australian Capital Territory Chapter  
2a Mugga Way  
Red Hill 2603  
Phone (02)6273-2929    Fax (02)6273-1953  
Email: [act@raia.com.au](mailto:act@raia.com.au)  
Website: [www.architecture.com.au](http://www.architecture.com.au)

## LEGAL SERVICES

**The Law Society or Law Institute** is the professional body representing the solicitors in your state. They are responsible for setting professional standards, and provide information services to the public. The Society or Institute welcomes inquiry from the public concerning the appropriate procedures to be followed when purchasing property or building housing.

Sydney      Law Society of New South Wales  
170 Phillip Street  
Sydney 2000  
Phone (02)9926-0333    Fax (02)9231-5809  
Email: [lawsociety@lawsocnsw.asn.au](mailto:lawsociety@lawsocnsw.asn.au)  
Website: [www.lawsociety.com.au](http://www.lawsociety.com.au)

Melbourne      Law Institute of Victoria  
GPO Box 263C  
Melbourne 3001  
Phone (03)9607-3911    Fax (03)9602-5270  
Email: [mail@lawcouncil.asn.au](mailto:mail@lawcouncil.asn.au)  
Web site: <http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au>

Brisbane      Queensland Law Society Incorporated  
GPO Box 1785  
Brisbane 4001  
Phone (07)3842-5888    Fax (07)3842-5999  
Email: [info@qls.com.au](mailto:info@qls.com.au)  
Web site: <http://www.qls.com.au/>

- Adelaide Law Society of South Australia Incorporated  
GPO Box 2066  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08)8229-0222 Fax (08)8231-1929  
Email: [email@Issa.asn.au](mailto:email@Issa.asn.au)  
Web site: <http://www.Issa.asn.au>
- Perth Law Society of Western Australia  
GPO Box Z5345  
Perth 6001  
Phone (08)9221-3222 Fax (08)9221-2430  
Email: [info@lawsocietywa.asn.au](mailto:info@lawsocietywa.asn.au)  
Web site: <http://www.lawsocietywa.asn.au>
- Darwin Law Society of the Northern Territory  
GPO Box 2388  
Darwin 0801  
Phone (08)8981-5104 Fax (08)8941-1623  
Email: [lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:lawsoc@lawsocnt.asn.au)  
Web site: <http://www.lawsocnt.asn.au/>
- Hobart Law Society of Tasmania  
28 Murray Street  
Hobart 7000 Phone (03)6234-4133 Fax (03)6223-8240  
Email: [taslawsoc@vision.net.au](mailto:taslawsoc@vision.net.au)  
Web site: <http://www.taslawsociety.asn.au>
- Canberra The Law Society of the ACT  
GPO Box 932  
Canberra 2601  
Phone (02)6247-5700 Fax (02)6247-3754  
Email: [lawsoc@lawsocact.asn.au](mailto:lawsoc@lawsocact.asn.au)  
Web site: <http://lawsocact.asn.au/>

## BUILDING INFORMATION CENTRES

**Building Information Centres** are commercial organisations that have developed Australia wide since the 1960s. They provide opportunities for the home building industry and its manufacturers to distribute information and demonstrate their products and services to potential customers.

They usually provide a variety of services, including product display, information leaflets, plan services, reference libraries, bookstores, customer advice and owner-builder clubs.

In addition to those listed below, a number of regional centres have also developed.

- Sydney            Sydney Building Information Centre  
525 Elizabeth Street (near Central Railway)  
Surry Hills 2010  
Phone (02)9303-0555    Fax (02)8303-0533  
Email: [inspection@sbic.com.au](mailto:inspection@sbic.com.au)  
Website: [www.buildingcentre.com](http://www.buildingcentre.com)
- Melbourne        Melbourne Display and Development Centre  
332 Albert Street  
Melbourne 3000  
Phone (03)9419-7488    Fax (03)9017-9417  
Email: [info@buildingdisplaycentre.com.au](mailto:info@buildingdisplaycentre.com.au)  
Website: [www.buildingdisplay.com.au](http://www.buildingdisplay.com.au)
- Brisbane           Brisbane Building Service Authority  
11 Edmondstone St  
South Brisbane 4101  
Phone (07)3225-2899    Fax (07)3225-2929  
Email: [info@bsa.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@bsa.qld.gov.au)  
Website: [info@bsa.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@bsa.qld.gov.au)
- Adelaide           Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA)  
Level 3, Chesser House, 91-97 Grenfell Street  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone 1300-138-918    Fax (08)8204-9771

Perth Builders Registration Board of Western Australia  
Parliament Court Suite 10, 18 Harvest Terrace  
West Perth 6005  
Phone (08)9476-1200 Fax (08)9476-1299  
Email: [registrar@brb.org.au](mailto:registrar@brb.org.au)  
Web page: [www.brb.org.au](http://www.brb.org.au)

## BUILDERS

**The Housing Industry Association** is the professional body representing builders whose major activity is residential construction.

The Association provides its members with services aimed at assisting their business activities, and improving their performance as residential builders. Part of this includes the development of various standard forms of building contracts.

The membership includes small cottage builders and large firms and companies that build project houses, townhouses, villas, home units, high-rise apartments and retirement villages.

The Association conducts annual competitions for the best housing in a variety of categories of cost and type, including townhouses, suburban houses and alterations.

Sydney Housing Industry Association New South Wales  
89 Blaxland Road  
Ryde 2112  
Phone (02)8878-0400  
Email: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)

Melbourne Housing Industry Association Victoria  
PO Box 1614M  
Melbourne 3001  
Phone (03)9280-8200 Fax (03)3654-8164  
Email: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)

- Brisbane      Housing Industry Association Queensland  
15 Edmondstone Street  
South Brisbane 4101  
Phone (07)3846-1298    Fax (07)3846-3794  
Email: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)
- Adelaide      Housing Industry Association South Australia  
Corner Port Road and Station Place  
Hindmarsh 5007  
Phone (08)8346-5091    Fax (08)8346-0922  
Email: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)
- Perth          Housing Industry Association Western Australia  
28 Walters Drive  
Osborne Park 6017  
Phone (08)9244-0100    Fax (08)9244-4944  
Email: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)
- Canberra      Housing Industry Association Australian Capital Territory  
79 Constitution Avenue  
Canberra 2612  
Phone (02)6249-6366    Fax(02)6257-5658  
General e-Mail: [enquiry@hia.asn.au](mailto:enquiry@hia.asn.au)  
Web site: [www.buildingonline.com.au](http://www.buildingonline.com.au)

**The Master Builders Associations** in each state are the professional associations representing all types of builders including those who build housing, factories, office buildings, shopping centres, schools, and public institutions.

One of its important activities, sometimes in association with the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and other organisations, is the development of various standard forms of building contracts. In some States the Association administers the system of commercial arbitration for the resolution of contractual disputes including those involving residential buildings.

- Sydney      Master Builders Association of New South Wales  
52 Parramatta Road  
Forest Lodge 2037  
Phone (02)8586-3555    Fax (02)9660-3700  
Toll Free: 1800 451 393  
Email: [enquiries@mbansw.asn.au](mailto:enquiries@mbansw.asn.au)
- Melbourne      Master Builders Association of Victoria  
332 Albert Street  
East Melbourne 3002  
Phone (03)9411-4555    Fax (03)9411-4592  
Email: [slyons@mbav.com](mailto:slyons@mbav.com)  
Web site: [www.mbav.com.au](http://www.mbav.com.au)
- Brisbane      Master Builders Association of Queensland  
Corner Flinders & Fletchers Street  
Townsville 4810  
Phone (07)4760-4600    Fax (07)4771-5777  
Email: [m.Henderson@qmba.asn.au](mailto:m.Henderson@qmba.asn.au)
- Adelaide      Master Builders Association of South Australia  
Incorporated  
47 South Terrace  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08)8211-7466    Fax (08)8231-5240  
[buildsa@mbasa.com.au](mailto:buildsa@mbasa.com.au)
- Perth      Master Builders Association of Western Australia  
35Havelock Street  
West Perth 6005  
Phone (08)9322-5133    Fax (08)9322-5518  
[director@mbawa.com](mailto:director@mbawa.com)
- Hobart      Master Builders Association of Tasmania  
Construction House, 2/85-89 Brisbane Street  
Hobart 7000  
Phone (03)6234-3810    Fax (03)62343860  
[Mba.tas@tas.org.au](mailto:Mba.tas@tas.org.au)

Canberra      Master Builders Association of the ACT  
241 Northbourne Avenue  
Lyneham 2601  
Phone (02)6247-2099    Fax (02)6249-8374  
Email: Canberra@mba.org.au

**State Government Builders Licensing Authorities** are responsible for maintaining the registration and licensing of residential builders. Under various state laws, residential builders are required to be licensed to ensure that certain minimum standards of construction are maintained.

The Authorities also have procedures for dealing with complaints about performance. These include inspection of the building work, conferences between builder and owner conducted by the Authority's representative, suspension of the builder's licence to build, and in some states, payment for repairs up to a set limit of cost.

There are also regional offices whose addresses and telephone numbers can be obtained from the head office.

Sydney      Builders Licensing Board of New South Wales  
The Business Licensing Information Service (BLIS) is located at:  
Level 21, 227 Elizabeth Street  
Sydney, NSW 2000  
Metropolitan callers:  
Sydney (02) 9619 8722  
Toll Free 1800 463 976  
[www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)

Melbourne    Department of Infrastructure Victoria  
GPO Box 2797Y  
Melbourne 3001  
Phone (03) 9655-6666    Fax (03) 9655-6752

Brisbane      Building Division, Department of Public Works  
Level 6A, 80 George St  
Brisbane 4001  
Phone (07) 3225-1921    Fax (07) 3225 8860

- Adelaide Office of Consumer & Business Affairs,  
Business & Occupational Services Branch,  
Chesser House, Level 3, 91-97 Grenfell Street,  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08) 8204 9644
- Perth Building Registration Board of Western Australia  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Parliament Court  
18 Harvest Terrace  
Perth 6005 Phone (08) 9476 1200 Fax (08) 9476 1299  
Email: [registrar@brb.org.au](mailto:registrar@brb.org.au)  
Web site: [www.brb.org.au](http://www.brb.org.au)
- Darwin Building Practitioners' Registration Board,  
Corner Cavenagh & Mackie Street,  
Darwin  
Phone (08) 8999 8965
- Canberra Licensing Unit, ACT Building  
GPO Box 1908  
Canberra 2601  
Phone (02) 6207-66400 Fax (02)6207-6324

## RETIREMENT LIVING SERVICES

**The Council On The Aging** is an organisation established to represent the interests of consumers of retirement housing and retirement living services, as well as other matters of concern to the elderly.

They provide information and booklets to the public on many issues that the elderly face when making the decision to sell the family home and move into a retirement housing.

- Sydney Council On The Ageing NSW  
Level 4, 280 Pitt Street  
Sydney 2000  
Phone (02)9286-3860 Fax (02)9286-3872  
Internet Email: [cotact@cota-act.org.au](mailto:cotact@cota-act.org.au)  
Internet URL <http://www.cota-act.org.au>

- Melbourne Council On The Ageing Victoria  
Level 4, Block Arcade, 98 Elizabeth St  
Melbourne 3000  
Phone (03)9654-4443 Fax (03)9654-4456  
Free Call Seniors Info Service 1300 13 50 90  
[cotavic@cotavic.org.au](mailto:cotavic@cotavic.org.au)  
Email Seniors Information Service  
[askcota@cotavic.org.au](mailto:askcota@cotavic.org.au)  
Internet URL <http://www.cotavic.org.au>
- Brisbane Council On The Ageing Queensland  
1D, Level 1, Rows Arcade, 235 Adelaide St  
Brisbane 4000  
Phone (07)3221-6822 Fax (07)3221-6233  
Email: [cotaq@cotaq.org.au](mailto:cotaq@cotaq.org.au)  
Internet URL <http://www.cotaq.org.au>
- Adelaide Council On The Ageing (SA) Inc.  
45 Flinders Street  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08)8232-0422 Fax (08)8232-0433  
Free Call 1800 182 324  
Email: [cotasa@cotasa.org.au](mailto:cotasa@cotasa.org.au)  
Seniors Information Service <http://www.seniors.asn.au>
- Perth Council On The Ageing Western Australia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wesley Centre, 93 Williams Street  
Perth 6850  
Phone (08)9321-2133 Fax (08)9321-2707  
Email: [exec@cotawa.asn.au](mailto:exec@cotawa.asn.au)  
Internet URL <http://www.cotawa.asn.au>
- Hobart Council On The Ageing Tasmania  
2 St Johns Ave  
New Town 7008  
Phone (03)6228-1897 Fax (03)6228-0481  
Email: [cotatas@bigpond.com](mailto:cotatas@bigpond.com)  
<http://www.tased.edu.au/tastonline/cotatas/>

Canberra Council On The Ageing Australian Capital Territory  
Hughes Community Centre, Wisdom St  
Hughes 2605  
Phone (02)6282-3777 Fax (02)6285-3422  
Internet Email: [cotact@cota-act.org.au](mailto:cotact@cota-act.org.au)  
<http://www.cota-act.org.au>

**The Pensioners Association** is an organisation representing the interests of all elderly pensioners.

Sydney Combined Pensioner and Superannuants Association, NSW  
Level 3, 25 Cooper Street  
Surry Hills 2010  
Phone (02)9281-3588 Fax (02)9281-9716  
Toll Free: 1800 451 488  
Email: [cpsa@acay.com.au](mailto:cpsa@acay.com.au)  
Website: [www.cpsa@cpsa.org.au](http://www.cpsa@cpsa.org.au)

Melbourne Combined Pensioners & Superannuates Association of Victoria  
P.O. Box 21  
Carlton 3053 Phone (03) 9662-3971

Brisbane Australian Pensioners Superannuants League Queensland Inc.  
174 Boundary St West End QLD 4101  
Ph: (07) 3844 5878

Hobart Tasmania Pensioners Union  
154 Elizabeth Street  
Hobart 7000 Phone (03) 6234 8526 Fax (03) 6531 5398

### **Aged and Community Services Association**

is the professional body representing organisations which own and manage retirement housing and villages. Its members include large religious organisations, non-profit charitable and community organisations, and those who attend to the needs of disabled persons.

It provides services which assist its members manage their properties and the services they provide, including hostel and nursing home services.

- Sydney      Aged and Community Services Association of NSW & ACT  
Level 1 391 Liverpool Road  
Ashfield 2031  
Phone (02)9799-0900    Fax (02)9799-0800  
[www.agedservicesassociation.com.au](http://www.agedservicesassociation.com.au)  
Email: [mail@agedservices.asn.au](mailto:mail@agedservices.asn.au)
- Melbourne      Aged and Community Services Association of Victoria  
Level 1, 36 Albert Road  
South Melbourne 3205  
Phone (03)9686-3460    Fax (03)9686-3453  
Email: [agedcare@vicnet.net.au](mailto:agedcare@vicnet.net.au)
- Brisbane      Aged and Community Services Association of Queensland  
Shop 7 Amazon Central, Cnr Amazons Place &  
Pavilions Close Jindalee 4074  
Phone (07)3715-8177    Fax (07)3715-8166  
<http://www.acqi.org.au/>
- Adelaide      Aged and Community Services Association of SA & NT  
11 Angas St  
Kent Town 5067  
Phone (08)8364-1180    Fax (08)8364-1251  
Email: [acs@agedcommunity.asn.au](mailto:acs@agedcommunity.asn.au)
- Perth      Aged and Community Services Association of WA  
Suite 3, 59 Walters Drive  
Osborne Park 6017  
Phone (08)9443-8233    Fax (08)9443-8933  
Email: [admin@acwa.com.au](mailto:admin@acwa.com.au)
- Hobart      Aged and Community Services Association of Tasmania  
127 Bathurst Street  
Hobart 7000  
Phone (03)6231-1788    Fax (03) 6231-0355  
Email: [ACTAS@tassie.net.au](mailto:ACTAS@tassie.net.au)  
[www.agedcaretas.org.au/](http://www.agedcaretas.org.au/)

## GOVERNMENT OFFICES FOR THE AGED

The Federal Government and a number of State Governments responding to the needs of an increasing population of older people have established units to service the elderly.

These units are concerned with the development and coordination of government policies and programmes, as well as providing elderly consumers with information to assist with decisions about, services and activities.

Common-wealth      Office for Older Australians  
MPD 10, GPO Box 9848  
Canberra ACT 2601 (02) 6225-3533      Fax (02)6282-4412  
Email: [ofoa@health.gov.au](mailto:ofoa@health.gov.au)  
[www.health.gov.au/acc/ofoa](http://www.health.gov.au/acc/ofoa)

New South Wales      Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care  
Premier' Department  
Level 13 83 Clarence Street  
Sydney 2000 Phone (02) 8270-2000  
[www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au)

South Australia      Office of the Commissioner for  
The Ageing  
3rd Floor  
68 Grenfell Street  
Adelaide 5000      Phone (08) 213-3555

Western Australia      Bureau for the Aged  
3rd Floor  
Kings Office Tower  
533 Hay Street  
Perth 6000      Phone (08) 325-1899

## DESIGNING FOR THE DISABLED

Designing or altering a house so that a disabled person can comfortably use it is a specialised field. The Standards Association of Australia has prepared Australian Standard 1428-1977, Design Rules for Access by the Disabled which has been incorporated in the building regulations applied to public and commercial buildings. It is also used to design retirement housing.

However, if you require specialised advice on residential design contact the **Australian Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled** in your State. They will be able to put you onto architects or design centres that can assist you.

Sydney            ACROD New South Wales Division  
                      Locked Bag 535  
                      PO Kingsgrove 2208  
                      Phone (02)9554-3666   Fax (02)9554-3188  
                      Email: [acrodns@acrodns.net](mailto:acrodns@acrodns.net)

Melbourne       ACROD Victoria Division  
                      85 Cowper Street  
                      Footscray 3011  
                      Phone (03)9362-0800   Fax (03)9362-0911  
                      E-mail: [acrodvic@infoexchange.net.au](mailto:acrodvic@infoexchange.net.au)

Brisbane         ACROD Queensland Division  
                      PO Box 364  
                      Ashgrove 4060  
                      Phone (07)3366-4366   Fax (07)3366-4736  
                      E-mail: [acrodqld@acrod.org.au](mailto:acrodqld@acrod.org.au)

Adelaide         ACROD South Australia Division  
                      PO Box 468  
                      Woodville 5011  
                      Phone (08)8244-5529   Fax (08)8347-7869  
                      Email: [acrodsa@ozemail.com.au](mailto:acrodsa@ozemail.com.au)

Perth             ACROD Western Australia  
                      PO Box 1428  
                      Osborne Park 6916  
                      Phone (08)9242-5544   Fax (08)9242-5044  
                      E-mail: [acrodwa@acrod.org.au](mailto:acrodwa@acrod.org.au)

Hobart ACROD Tasmania Division  
McDougall Building, Ellerslie Road  
Battery Point 7004  
Phone (03)6223-6086 Fax (03)6223-7290  
E-mail: acrodtas@acrod.org.au

Canberra ACROD ACT Division  
PO Box 146  
Deakin West 2600  
Phone (02)6285-2440 Fax (02)6285-2440  
E-mail: asimmons@acrod.org.au

## DESIGNING FOR A CHILD SAFE HOME

Australia in the early 1980s had the highest drowning rate for children aged under five in the world with over half of drownings occurring in home swimming pools.

**The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia** was founded to do something about this disastrous situation and to prepare design codes which, if followed, will make homes safer places for children. Further information can be obtained from:

Sydney Kidsafe Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia  
Kidsafe House  
The New Childrens Hospital  
Westmead 2145 Phone (02) 9845 0890 Fax (02) 9845 0895

ACT Kidsafe Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia  
Building 2, Pearce Centre, Collett Place  
Pearce ACT 2607 Phone (02) 6290 2244 Fax (02) 6290 2241

Melbourne Kidsafe Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia,  
Royal Children's Hospital Safety Resource Centre,  
Flemington Road,  
Parkville, VIC 3052 Ph (03) 9345 6471 Fax (03) 9345 6378

- Brisbane      Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia (Qld Division)  
50 Bramston Terrace  
Herston QLD 4006      Phone (07) 3854 1829 Fax (07) 3252 7900
- Adelaide      Kidsafe Centre  
Women's & Children's Hospital,  
72 King William Road,  
North Adelaide SA 5006      Phone (08) 8204 6318 Fax (08) 8204 6162
- Perth      Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia  
C/-Princess Margaret Hospital for Children  
Subiaco 6008      Phone (08) 9340 8509 Fax (08) 9340 8041
- Hobart      Kidsafe TAS  
C/o Tasmania Fire Service,  
1040 Cambridge Road,  
Cambridge, TAS 7170      Phone (03) 6214 8830 Fax (03) 6248 5136

## SOLAR AND ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN

Most Australian houses, townhouses and units have been designed without consideration of the need for effective solar and energy efficient design. In the late 1970s and early 1980s governments began to organise to change this situation. In 1985 the Commonwealth Government announced its Five Star Design Rating for Energy Efficient Houses. During the early 1980s a number of State Governments set up Energy Information Centres to advise the public on methods and technology that can be used to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.

You can find out more about the Commonwealth Five Star Design Rating through the Design and Construction Manual for Energy Efficient Houses available from the Glass, Mass & Insulation Council of Australia Limited, Suite 3, 10 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067.

**The various State Government Energy Information Centres** are located at:

Sydney Sustainable Energy Development Authority NSW  
Level 6, 45 Clarence St  
Sydney 2000  
Phone (02)9249-6100 Fax (02)9290-3483  
Email: [esic@seda.nsw.gov.au](mailto:esic@seda.nsw.gov.au)  
Web: [www.seda.nsw.gov](http://www.seda.nsw.gov)

Melbourne Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria  
Ground Floor, 215 Spring Street  
Melbourne 3000  
Phone (03)9655-3232 Fax (03)9655-3255  
E-mail: [infor@seav.vic.gov.au](mailto:infor@seav.vic.gov.au)

Brisbane Environmental Protection Agency  
Sustainable Industries Division  
160 Ann Street  
Brisbane 4000  
Phone (07)3227-8185  
<http://www.env.qld.gov.au/sustainable> energy

Adelaide Sustainable Energy South Australia  
Level 19 Wakefield House, 30 Wakefield Street  
Adelaide 5000  
Phone (08)8204-1888 Fax (08)8204-1880  
Email: [sustainable.energy@saugov.gov.au](mailto:sustainable.energy@saugov.gov.au)

Perth Sustainable Energy Development Office WA  
Level 9, 197 St Georges Terrace  
Perth 6000  
Phone (08)9420-5600 Fax (08)6420-5700  
Email: [sedo@energy.wa.gov.au](mailto:sedo@energy.wa.gov.au)

Canberra The Energy Advisory Centre ACT  
241 Northbourne Avenue  
Lyneham 2602  
Phone (02)6247-2126 Fax (02)6247-8349  
E-mail: [energy@mba.org.au](mailto:energy@mba.org.au)

## SUGGESTED READING

In recent years there have been an increasing number of books published on solar and energy efficient design. If you wish to delve into the details of these design methods the following books may be a helpful starting point.'

**Energy Efficient Australian Housing** — Department of Transport and Construction, Building Information Series, published by Australian Government Publishing Services, Canberra, 1983.

**Principles of Low Energy House Design**— Energy Authority of NSW, 1982.

**Climatic Data and Its Use in Design** — S.V. Szokolay, published by RA1A Education Division, available from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' bookshops.

**Solar Australia** — Applications and Product Directory — Solar Energy Industries Association of Australia, 1983.

For those who wish to design their own house using Chapter 10 the following publication may be of assistance in coping with and obtaining solar diagrams for your latitude.

**Sunshine and Shade in Australasia** — R.O. Phillips, published by the National Building Technology Centre, Delhi Road, North Ryde, NSW, 2113.

## BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

For many people outside the construction industry building technology remains a mystery. Even for those working in the industry it is sometimes difficult to keep up with recent developments. For those who wish to build their own house or carry out their own alterations a working knowledge of such technology is a necessity.

There are many sources of information available to the consumer of building products. The manufacturers of most building products produce pamphlets and often installation manuals which detail the proper techniques for use of their materials or products.

The Standards Association of Australia, with an office in each capital city, produces many standards on building materials, products and methods of construction. These are often highly technical, but are used in many cases to determine whether construction in a building is up to standard.

The various Building Information Centres are, of course, an obvious source of product literature and books on various technologies.

For those who are seeking educational courses in home building technologies various Colleges offer a variety of courses aimed at helping those who do not seek a trade or professional qualification. You need to contact your local College to check what courses are available.

For those seeking answers to specific building technology questions which are not easily answered from other sources the National Building Technology Centre at North Ryde in Sydney publishes a series called 'Notes on the Science of Building' which are particularly helpful. The officers of the Centre are also available to answer technical questions which may not be easily resolved by reference to standard trade literature about the appropriate application of particular building technologies.