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## THE EMERALD

MELBOURNE, VIC

Light, space and views. The Emerald apartment tower delivers the lot in a distinctive, rippling form that fully maximises its prime Albert Road site, with St Kilda Road, the Domain and Royal Botanic Gardens to the east, and Albert Park Lake and the historic Emerald Hill precinct to the west.

Creating a design that was worthy of the site began with developing a connection to the beauty of the surrounding gardens and lake. The ripples and waves of nature found in the Botanic Gardens and the lake and its parklands inspired a concept that stands out from nearby towers and relates to its context.

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## REALM

RINGWOOD, VIC

Realm is the name chosen for the new Ringwood Library, Learning & Cultural Centre being developed by QIC Global Real Estate as part of the \$575M expansion of Eastland Shopping Centre. We have designed REALM to be the centrepiece of the new Ringwood Town Square Precinct, interacting with open air gathering spaces, cafes and shops.

When completed in late 2015, REALM will comprise a Library, a comprehensive Customer Service Centre, an Art Gallery, flexible learning spaces for use by education and other learning groups, a Café with reading area, and an interactive local history display. REALM will be managed by Maroondah Council.

The Buchan Group is working in association with Acme and our project team is being led by Principal Grant Withers, with Associate Ashley Sheppard and Interior Designer Brooke Fuller.



## EMPORIUM MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE, VIC

Emporium Melbourne has taken Melbourne by storm since its opening earlier this year. The centre had more than 5 million customer visits in its first four months and has been very positively received by retailers and customers, with strong sales and traffic numbers to date.

Artichoke design magazine describes Emporium Melbourne as both "a model of classic retail planning" that "in many ways, turns that model on its head" and is in "no way like a suburban shopping mall".

We think of it as a Melbourne-centric, CBD lifestyle centre, where traditional retail anchors have been replaced by flagship stores from global brands Uniqlo and Top Shop, headlining precincts offering other strong overseas and local brands new to Melbourne.

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## NEWS &amp; AWARDS



## GALADA COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHITTLESEA, VIC.

The new Galada Community Centre is part of the Aurora Town Centre development by Places Victoria for Whittlesea Council. The project sits at the heart of the Town Centre and has been designed to reflect its residential context.

Roofs are pitched and are punctuated with skylights. Decorative glazed brickwork creates an interesting face to the main street facade, while the west facade features a tree motif in mosaic in anticipation of the mature landscape in years to come.

The Community Centre comprises:

- A community hall with a commercial kitchen able to cater for 300;
- Three kindergarten rooms and a playground;
- Two maternal and child health consulting rooms and a program room;
- Two multi-purpose meeting rooms;
- A community lounge with computer access and reading alcove;
- Two planned activity group rooms for older adults, with kitchen attached; and
- Car parking

Galada Community Centre was completed in November 2014 and will open to the community in February 2015. Tai Chau led our project team.

Principal **Phil Schoutrop** has recently completed a series of presentations on the global emergence of Lifestyle Retailing. Phil's study of lifestyle centres across Europe, the USA and Asia has enabled him to define the key elements of this new type of centre. His presentation covers mixing uses such as residential and commercial with retail, creative precincting, the quality and growth of food & beverage, the absence of traditional anchors in shopping centres of the future, multi-channel retailing, and developing unique selling points to win customers in an era of showrooming.

Phil has addressed the Large Format Retailers' Association, Dexus, QIC Global Real Estate, AMP, Stockland, Federation and Lend Lease. He will continue his presentations in 2015.



## THE BUCHAN GROUP HAS BEEN AWARDED THE MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL EXPORT AWARD

The Buchan Group has been announced as the **Winner of the Master Builders Association's National Export Award**. The National Export Award is sponsored by the Australian Made Campaign and recognises the outstanding export performance of members and others in the Australian building and construction industry in the export market. The 2014 MBA National Awards were presented at a ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra on November 21, 2014.

Over the last 24 years, we have expanded our business beyond Australia and New Zealand and currently we have projects in New Zealand, Japan, India, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Middle East, Canada and the United Kingdom, as well as across Australasia.

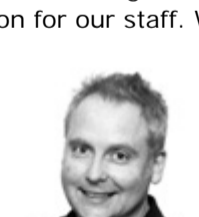
## ICSC 2014 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY AWARDS

The \$300M North West Precinct development of Highpoint Shopping Centre was announced as the **Winner of the Silver Award for Renovations and Expansions at the 2014 International Council of Shopping Centres' Asia Pacific International Property Awards**. Owners GPT Group; Highpoint Property Group and GPT Wholesale Shopping Centre Fund received the award for the expansion, which introduced 100 new specialty stores to Highpoint and a new David Jones department store.

The Buchan Group has worked on every stage of Highpoint's development and provided Architecture, Master Planning and Retail Planning services.

## APPOINTMENTS 2014

During the year, there have been a number of senior appointments made from our staff. These appointments reflect the vigorous growth of The Buchan Group and are an important part of providing career progression for our staff. We have pleasure in announcing the following appointments:



**MARC LAWRENCE**  
Principal



**JACKSON CHAN**  
Senior Associate



**GREG COCHRAN**  
Senior Associate



**JOHN MCCRYSTAL**  
Senior Associate

## BRISBANE



**CLINTON JASMIN**  
Associate



**ALLEN LUCINI**  
Associate

## MELBOURNE



**ANDRE JONES**  
Associate Director



**JANE DEYKIN**  
Associate Director



**ANNA MESZAROS**  
Associate Director



**ROGER WAKEFIELD**  
Associate Director



**LILLA FEKETE**  
Senior Associate

## PERTH



**DAVID KINGSTON**  
Senior Associate



**CHRIS LEE**  
Senior Associate

## SYDNEY



**PALAMARY PALAMARY**  
Principal



**MICHAEL MORONY**  
Senior Associate



**FRANCO PAK**  
Associate

## AUCKLAND



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**ROB GUILD**  
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**THOMAS SPARG**  
Senior Associate

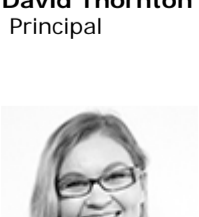


**CHARLOTTE COCHRAN**  
Associate

## CHRISTCHURCH



**ANTON TRITT**  
Principal



**RAYLENE MCEWAN**  
Practice Manager NZ



**ERIC BUHRS**  
Senior Associate

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