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Australian Passive House Association announces dates for the 2020 South Pacific Passive House Conference.

The Australian Passive House Association (APHA) today formally announces dates for the 2020 South Pacific Passive House Conference. Co-hosted by the Australian Passive House Association (APHA) and the Passive House Institute of New Zealand (PHINZ), the conference will be held between the 28th–31st of May 2020 in Sydney.

The event will be at the Roundhouse, at the heart of the University of New South Wales' (UNSW) campus in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. The light filled, versatile space which encompasses the main round room, eight breakout spaces and outdoor garden is perfect for the event. The venue is easily accessible via the new Sydney Light Rail which travels through the eclectic heart of Sydney's inner-city suburbs, filled with some of the city's best options for drinks and dinner

Events over the conference will include talks, site tours, hands-on masterclasses, networking events for professionals; as well as a trade show open to the general public.

Experts from around the world will present on the enormous potential of good design, while at the same time product and component suppliers and manufacturers will demonstrate their practical implementation in our Trade Exhibit. The conference will seek to demonstrate the importance of well-conceived and consistent action in the building sector for a successful transition to healthier buildings and a sustainable energy future

Paul Wall, APHA CEO says, "We are excited to be holding this event for the first time in Sydney and are already fielding strong interest from a stellar line up of speakers. We have seen a growth of 30% in membership in the last 12 months and have also doubled the number of certified professionals serving the growing demand for Passive House in Australia, which are great indicators for a bumper event in 2020.

The application of Passive House (aka Passivhaus in German) Certification in Australia is growing. In addition to single residential dwellings, we are now seeing Passive House Certification being sought in larger educational, accommodation and commercial buildings and expect this trend to grow. For example, Passive House Certification has been achieved at the new 150 bed student accommodation building at Monash University's Peninsula Campus and is being sought at The Fern, an 11-unit residential

apartment building in Redfern, Sydney. Passive House is applicable for all building scales, typologies, climate zones and even retrofits

In Victoria there are over 400 passive houses in various stages of development, with other states embracing the Passive House methodology with over 80 more buildings in various stages of planning and construction.

The future of Passive House in Australia is bright. Passive House Certification is a well-established design and construction method that delivers high quality, comfortable, healthy, low energy, and resilient buildings.

Visit the conference website at <https://passivehouseaustralia.org/SPPHC2020/> for more information, to respond to our call for papers and also takes advantage the super early-bird offers until August 31.

To find out more about the Australian Passive House Association <https://passivehouseaustralia.org/>

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The Australian Passive House Association¹ is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which aims to promote Passive House principles as a way of providing superior indoor comfort and air quality while reducing energy use and carbon emissions from Australia's buildings.

Passive House (or Passivhaus) was originally developed in Germany and has since spread throughout Europe. The standard continues to evolve and is now finding popularity in diverse climatic regions including Canada, California, Japan, Ireland, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Dubai. To date over 60,000 ² houses, schools, offices, and other building types have been built to the Passive House standard around the world.

For further information regarding the Australian Passive House Association, current events ([Ice Box Challenge](#), Passive House training courses), speakers and promotion, or just to get involved - email admin@passivehouseaustralia.org

¹ <https://passivehouseaustralia.org/>

² https://passivehouse-international.org/index.php?page_id=65

