



Qualifications

Accredited Access Consultant
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
Advanced Diploma of Building Design
(Architectural)
Registered Assessor for Livable Housing
Australia

Affiliations

Accredited Member of the Association of
Consultants in Access, Australia (ACAA)
Member of Australian Rehabilitation Assistive
Technology Association (ARATA)

Introduction

George is an Occupational Therapist, Building Designer and Project Manager with 15 years of experience in working across a number of services within the disability sector.

As an Occupational Therapist, George worked with people with a wide range of diagnoses and across all age groups. This included clients from paediatrics through to the aged care areas, as well as clients with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities.

Combined with an extensive background in Access Consultancy, Building Design and home modifications for people with a disability, George is well equipped in developing, managing and delivering specialist projects in complex environments and conditions.

George has acted as a seasonal lecturer and tutor across all Occupational Therapy schools in Victoria (LaTrobe, Monash, Deakin and Charles-Sturt Universities), as well as the Architecture schools of Melbourne and Deakin Universities. George has also presented at a number of national conferences and facilitated workshops in the area of assistive technology.

George's unique skills set allows him to formulate responses to building accessibility issues flexibly while maintaining the necessary sensitivity in meeting the requirements of people with disabilities as well as the relevant legislative requirements.

His high level communication skills and understanding of the complex nature of disability, assist George in delivering outcomes which meet the expectations of all stakeholders.

Roles & Functions

Access Consulting

George's contributions provide value at all stages of projects. From formulating project specific access design briefs at inception, clarifying design issues and responses, through to providing sensible and achievable advice during construction.

Project Management & Design

George's role within projects extends from their inception and planning through to final delivery. This includes management of design development and ensuring stakeholder interests are incorporated effectively. Supervising contracts and construction, and managing these within budgetary and time constraints.

Universal Design Advice

George has a strong desire to shift from the traditional and segregating concept of accessibility, and nurture a holistic approach which captures the needs of building users of all abilities. A focus on evidence based practice, research, and user-centred methodologies pave the way for this shift.

Publications

Cinema Futura—Access for the 21st Century Discussion Paper

Universal Design is not just 'access', *Award Magazine*

...but what about housing?, *Award Magazine*

Where to now?, *Award Magazine*

Automation & Technology for Access, *Award Magazine*

Access to Premises—More Than a Decade in the Making, *Award Magazine*

Lighting for Safety & Function, *BDAV News*

Flooring for Mobility & Safety, *Award Magazine*

But its Existing, *Award Magazine*

Sustainability—We're all in this together, *Award Magazine*

How Do I Get Out? - Emergency Egress for People with Disabilities, *Award Magazine*

Changing Places—Better Facilities for All, *Award Magazine*

Sustainable Cities for All, *Award Magazine*

Access All Areas—Stadiums & Assembly Areas, *Award Magazine*

Does it All Measure Up?, *Award Magazine*

Common Pitfalls in Coordinating Home Modifications, *Occupational Therapist*

Project Experience

The following is a non-exhaustive list of projects George has positively contributed to as part of previous entities and affiliations:

Cinema

- Village Cinemas Refurbishment—Shepparton
- Cinema Futura Industry Forum—Audits & Discussion Paper

Correctional

- 54 Bed Expansion, H.M. Prison Dhurringile

Ecclesiastic

- Abbotsford Chapel Refurbishment
- Scots Church Assembly Hall

Education

- Surf Coast Secondary College
- Western Cape College, Weipa
- Marymede Catholic College
- Inala Day Care Centre
- Stella Langford Terraces Redevelopment—Leicester Street Carlton

Health

- Olivia Newton John Cancer & Wellness Centre (Austin Hospital)
- Port Mcquarie Hospital Expansion

Hospitality

- Crown Metropol Hotel
- Rosetta Restaurant—Crown Entertainment Complex

Residential / Home Modifications

- Previous co-convenor of Occupational Therapy Victoria Home Modifications Special Interest Group
- Project Manager to the Transport Accident Commission (TAC)
- Project Manager to the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA)
- Residential Independence Pty Ltd (RIPL) Project—Lilydale
- Richmond Office of Housing Development
- Bank Street, South Melbourne—Social Housing Project
- Former Ferntree Gully Primary School Social Housing Project
- Casey Gardens—Supported Accommodation Partnership
- 12-20 Miller Street, Brunswick East

Sporting Facilities

- Logan Metro Sports Centre
- Greensborough Regional Aquatic & Fitness Centre

Retail

- Benton Square Shopping Centre
- Paspaley Pearls—Martin Street, Sydney
- Masters Home Improvement, Wagga Wagga
- The Emporium Redevelopment
- Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre Expansion
- Westfield Shopping Centre—Fountain Gate Extension
- 6-20 Luck Street, Eltham
- South Wharf Retail Development

Office / Fitout

- Yarra Valley Water—Mitcham Office Refurbishment
- Pixel Building, Carlton Brewery Site
- Santos Office Fitout—Brisbane
- Nexus Energy Fitout—Southbank
- Village Cinemas Fitout—StKilda
- Dept of Education & Early Childhood Development—Grampians & Eastern Region
- 2 Nexus Court, Mulgrave
- Suncorp Fitout—501 Ann Street, Brisbane
- Building 7 Botannica Business Park
- Salvation Army Headquarters—Melbourne

Museums

- Immigration Museum
- Melbourne Museum
- Royal Exhibition Building
- Melbourne Museum Annex
- ScienceWorks—Think Ahead Exhibition
- Royal Exhibition Western Forecourt Reconstruction
- National Gallery of Victoria

