APHA MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 7 January 2021

APHA EDUCATION LAUNCH

The Australian Passive House Association (APHA) today advises that it will be providing Certified Passive House Training Courses commencing in March 2021. APHA is experiencing significant year on year growth and with the number of projects currently in progress, capacity is a key constraint that we are excited to be addressing.

APHA’s program will be highly accessible to a broader audience and with the use of technology and our national reach, we will be able to accommodate designers and tradespersons Australia-wide, building capacity with a world class curriculum and platform.

The courses will be offered in a blended format with a mix of live streamed presentations and self-paced e-learning, which will allow students to manage their learning time more effectively and not be bound by strict attendance schedules for all learning modules.

The following courses will be offered:

- Certified Passive House Designer/Consultant, including PH Planning Package module, exam preparation, and exam
- Certified Passive House Tradesperson, exam preparation, and exam

APHA CEO Paul Wall welcomes the news “As our capacity, resourcing and governance increases to meet the growing market demand, a 3-year business plan was developed in 2020 with education a key pillar in APHA’s strategy. We are uniquely positioned to build capacity in the right way, ensuring that professionals are ready to contribute strongly, upholding our industry values and high-quality standards.”

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 buildings and expect this trend to grow.

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. It can be applied in all climate zones and all building types.

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

The Australian Passive House Association 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 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, speakers and promotion, or just to get involved - email admin@passivehouseaustralia.org.