THE AUSTRALIAN PASSIVE HOUSE ASSOCIATION APPOINTS NEW CEO, ALEXIA LIDAS

The Australian Passive House Association (APHA) today announces the appointment of Alexia Lidas as Chief Executive Officer commencing 1 July 2022.

APHA Chairperson Kate Nason farewells outgoing CEO, Paul Wall, and welcomes the opportunity to work with Alexia, “With Paul’s leadership over the last three years, APHA has been able to more than double our membership, staff, certified professionals and, ultimately, our impact in the industry too. We thank Paul for his hard work and perseverance over the course of his tenure, and look forward to where Alexia will be able to take our purpose driven organisation next. On behalf of the board, staff and membership, I would like to formally welcome Alexia to APHA!”

Alexia is well equipped to help APHA deliver on its vision that ‘All Australians live and work in healthy, comfortable, low energy, resilient buildings’, and mission to ‘Lead change by educating, promoting, and supporting the delivery of Certified Passive House buildings in Australia.’ Alexia has 20 years of experience, holding senior appointments at various built environment peak bodies, most recently General Manager of Strategic Innovation and Enterprise at the Australian Institute of Architects.

The application of Passive House (or Passivhaus) in Australia is growing rapidly. In addition to single residential dwellings, Passive House certification is being sought in larger buildings, community buildings (most recently the Glenroy Community Hub in Victoria), schools and more, and this trend is showing no signs of slowing.

Alexia Lidas, APHA CEO says, “Buildings are responsible for 40% of global energy consumption and 33% of greenhouse gas emissions. As urgent turning points for mitigating climate change are drawing near, the move to Passive House design is a critical adaptation. I welcome the opportunity to work with the Government on lifting Standards and dually educating industry and consumers alike so that industry can meet an ever increasing demand in the market.”

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 dwellings that can be applied in all climate zones and building types.

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.

For further information regarding the Australian Passive House Association visit https://passivehouseaustralia.org/ or email admin@passivehouseaustralia.org.