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Robert Caulfield is an internationally renowned and award winning architect having designed significant buildings throughout Australia; the middle east, Asia and the United States. He is the founder of and for 31 years the managing director of Archicentre Limited, Australia's largest building advisory group. He appears frequently on T.V., radio and in the media discussing all aspects of buying, building and renovating buildings. He is a past national president of the Australian Institute of Architects, president of Kidsafe Victoria and an experienced company director. Since graduating with honours in Design and Professional Practice from RMIT University, Robert's career has been highlighted by many awards and achievements which reflect his dedication and commitment to the profession. In 1977 he was awarded a research grant by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) for the study of possible methods of building procurement up to the year 2000. A citation by the RAIA in 1978 gave Robert recognition for the proposed development of a range of architectural advisory services to help the general public. This was to become Archicentre. In 1978, Robert along with Ivo Krivanek also formed Caulfield & Krivanek Pty Ltd, architects, planners and interior designers. In 1984 Robert was awarded another professional citation for the conception and implementation of a number of building and design services. 1986 saw Robert awarded the prestigious RAIA Sisalation research scholarship for international research into the prevention of building failures and maintenance problems. This experience has subsequently been applied to many of Caulfield & Krivanek's projects and to the development of Archicentre's technical expertise. In 1987, Robert was awarded the Victorian President's Architecture Medal for outstanding services to architecture. In 1990, he was elected National President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the youngest president up until that time. From 2000 onwards Robert has been involved with the design, documentations and construction of major residential and commercial projects in Australia, Dubai, China, Vietnam, Iran, Azerbaijan and Belarus. During this time, he still had extensive involvement with all aspects of domestic residential construction. Robert is an experienced company director and apart from corporate directorships, has been involved at a senior level with many community organizations. He has acted as President of Kidsafe Vic Inc, and was the Founding President of Kidsafe Victoria. He is a former director of the Western Bulldogs Forever Foundation. He has acted as a director of Homesafe Pty. Ltd. and is a former director of Yachting Victoria. In 2002 Robert was awarded a Centenary Medal by the federal government for services to architecture. In his spare time Robert enjoys competitive sailing, golf, tennis and scuba diving.

Professional Achievements

1974	Graduated RMIT (Honours)
1977	Winner RAI A.K.A. Henderson Research Scholarship
1979	Founder and director Architects Inspection Service (formerly Archicentre) Founder Caulfield & Krivanek Pty Ltd, Architects (now CK Designworks)
1981	Founder and director RAI A Victorian Archicentre Pty Ltd
1983	Fellow - Society of Senior Executives
1986	Winner ACI Sisalation Research Scholarship for international study of building pathology
1987	Awarded RAI A Presidents medal for outstanding services to architecture
1988	President - Nunawading Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees)
1990 - 1991	National President - Royal Australian Institute of Architects
1990 - 1996	Judge - Australian Gown of the Year
1991 - 2009	Managing Director & CEO Archicentre (Aust) Pty Ltd
1992	National Architecture Awards Jury Chairman
1994 - 1997	Chairman - Royal Australian Institute of Architects Membership Committee
1994 - 1996	Director and Treasurer - Victorian Child Accident Prevention Foundation (Kidsafe)
1997	Director and Deputy Chairman - Victorian Child Accident Prevention Foundation (Kidsafe)
1997	Chairman of Judges - Australian Gown of the Year
1997 - 2000	Commodore - Albert Sailing Club
1998 - 2002	Director and Chairman Kidsafe Victoria
1999	Director - Yachting Victoria
2002	Federal Government Centenary Medal for service to Architecture.
2002	Director and Founding President - Kidsafe Vic Inc.
2002	Member - Australian Institute of Company Directors
2003	Director - Homesafe Kids Pty Ltd
2003	Member - Property Council of Australia
2004	Director - Western Bulldogs Forever Foundation
2005	Director and Vice President - Kidsafe Vic Inc
2006 - 2010	Director - Yarrbat Place Pty Ltd - retirement village
2010 - 2015	Director - Donwood Community Aged Care Services
2011	Director and Chairman CK Designworks China
2011	Jury Chairman - China International Future Architect Award - Shenzhen - China
2012	NMIT Bachelor of Built Environment (Architecture) - Inaugural Advisory Reference Group Member
2012	Director and President - Kidsafe Victoria Inc
2013	Bayside Built Environment Awards - Juror
2015 - 2016	Director Archicentre Pty Ltd
2017	Director of Council on the Aging (COTA)
2018	Co-Founder & Chairman of Architects Group Australia
2018 - 2020	Director of Donwood Community Aged Care Services
2021 - 2025	Councillor Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter
2023 - Current	President of Council on the Aging (COTA)

Papers and Presentations

1978	K A Henderson Thesis (RAIA) - "The Architect and the Promotional Approach to Commercial Architecture"
1979 - Current	Technical articles on building problems for newspapers throughout Australia
1979 - 2009	Archicentre training seminars - Australia wide
1979 - 2009	Research, presentations and training seminars to architects on building faults in Australian Homes
1981 - 2009	Public Home Buying Seminars
1985 - 2000	The Practice and Business of Architecture - RAI A Seminar speaker
1985	"Marketing Architecture" seminars - Palmerston North, New Zealand - presenter
1986	"Marketing Architecture" seminars - Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane - presenter
1987	RAIA Thesis - "The Pathology of Building"
1987	"Finding Work and Keeping Out of Trouble" - a series of seminars in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch - presenter
1988	"Negotiating Skills" a series of seminars in Melbourne, Adelaide & Sydney - presenter
1988	"Establishing and Running A Small Business - Jaycees World Congress - Sydney - presenter

1989 "Building Failures, Facts and Fixes" - seminar for the American Institute of Architects - Houston, USA - presenter

1990 "Finding Work and Keeping out of Trouble" - seminars Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Darwin - presenter

1991 "Surviving the Recession" - a series of seminars for architects and builders - Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Darwin - presenter

1991 "Building Failures, Facts and Fixes" - Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, Auckland - presenter

1992 Management Strategies for Professional Practices - Melbourne - presenter

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1994 "Professional Networking" a series of marketing and motivation seminars - Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide - presenter

1994 "Advanced Negotiating Skills" - Travelodge Melbourne - presenter

1995 "Building Faults - Their Effect on House Valuation" Guest Speaker Australian Institute of Valuers and Land Economists- presenter

1996 "Investing in Property" Seminar

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1997 Australian Institute of Building Surveyors National Convention - presenter NSW Country Architects Convention – Jenolan Caves – chairman and presenter – "Marketing Architecture" National Housing Conference – presenter "Home Safety"

2000 "How Successful Architects Make Money". A series of seminars for Architects. Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Hobart, Launceston, Auckland.

2001 New South Wales Country Architects Convention (Ballina) – chairman and presenter "Architecture on Mars".

2001 National Housing Conference – Adelaide. Chairman and presenter.

"Living Safer, Healthier and Happier – a housing profile of Victoria's older population" – A research paper based on findings from Archicentre's Home Services Program.

"Quality of Owner Built Buildings". A research paper prepared in conjunction with Deakin University.

2001 "Australian's Residential Building Faults. A View From The State of Victoria" a research paper prepared in conjunction with Deakin University and featured in The Building and Environment International Journal.

"National Town Planning Survey" A survey of architects and research report prepared by Archicentre and presented to state and federal governments and the media.

2003 "Inquiry on First Home Ownership". A research paper prepared by Archicentre and the RAI A at the request of the Federal Government's Productivity Commission.

2003 "How Successful Architects Make Money". A series of continuing education seminars commissioned by the New Zealand Institute of Architects Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Napier.

2005 "Making Homes Safe as Houses" an updated profile of Victoria's older population. A research paper based on findings from Archicentre's Home Services Program.

2006 - 2009 Archicentre Cost Guide. Review of Australian building costs – updated quarterly

2008 "Safe & Sound" A housing profile of Victoria's older population

2010 "Growing Cities - A Vegi-ecture Approach" - Read More

2011 The Retirement Industry in China - Asia Property Investment Conference – Shanghai – China

2012 "Sustainable Cities of the Future" Victorian Government Trade Mission – Chengdu – China

2013 Cost Guide, Renovation Guide, Child Safety Guide - Homesafe Group <https://caulfieldkrivanek.com/resources/>

2013 Australian 60 Minutes TV Cities of China

2015 "2015 China's productive Cities; Reality or Myth" - Cities of the Future Symposium Adelaide

2016 "Can Australian Professions Prosper in the Emerging Global Economy?" - Delta Sigma delta Society- Melbourne

2017 "A facelift for older facilities", Australian Aging Agenda Magazine

2018 "Look to NDIS for new income sources" Australian Aging Agenda Magazine

2018 Melbourne Skyloop Video

2020 "How to secure overseas commissions" - Architecture Au.

2020 "How to survive a recession" - Architecture Au

2021 "How to be and expert witness" - Host AIA Webinar

2021 "Reinventing Retirement" - COTA Victoria

2025 2025 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards. Presenter

Professional Awards

1978	RAIA Urban and Community Design Award
1984	RAIA Merit Award for Outstanding Architecture
1984	Finalist - Jaycees Five Outstanding Young Australians Award
1984	Nominated BHP Pursuit of Excellence Award
1987	RAIA Presidents Award
1987	Melbourne Art Directors Club Award
1989	Runner-up RAIA Institutional Buildings Award
1991	Commendation - Industrial Supplies Office (Vic) Australian Business Award
1991	Winner MBA Innovative use of timber in design award
1991	Runner-up HIA Home of the Year (over \$300,000 category)
1991	Runner-up HIA Medium Density Housing Award
1992	Winner James Hardie National Design Award
1992	Life Fellowship, Royal Australian Institute of Architects
1995	Victorian Government Fair Trading Award (Archicentre)
1998	Victorian Yachting Council – Media Award
1998	Victorian Yachting Council – Commodore of Outstanding Yacht Club of the year
2003	Federal Government Centenary Medal for Services to Architecture
2010	Winner - UDIA Award - Special Purpose Living - Yarrbat Place
2016	Victorian Government Premier's Award for Services to Child Safety

RAIA/AIA Involvement

1968 - 1970	Student member RAIA (Vic) Membership Committee
1970 - 1973	Convenor - RAIA (Vic) Activities Committee
1973 - 1978	Member RAIA Membership Committee
1979 - 1986	Councillor - RAIA (Vic)
1979 - 1985	Member RAIA (Vic) Information Committee
1982 - 1986	Vice President RAIA (Vic)
1984 - 1990	RAIA National Information Committee Member
1986 - 1993	RAIA National Councillor
1989	National Vice President RAIA
1989	Chairman RAIA (NSW chapter) Finance Management Committee
1990 - 1991	National President RAIA
1992	Chairman RAIA National Awards Jury
1994 - 1996	Chairman RAIA (Vic) Membership Committee
1997	Deputy Chairman RAIA (Vic) Membership Committee & Various RAIA Committees
2003	Member RAIA 2004 Year of The Built Environment Committee
2010 - 2012	Australian Institute of Architects National Councillor
2015 - 2016	Director Archicentre Pty Ltd
2021 - 2025	Councillor - Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter
2022 - Current	Robert Caulfield Graduate Research Scholarship Sponsor