

PROCEDURES – THE EVOLUTION OF BUILDING AUTHORITIES, ACTS & PRACTITIONER LICENSING – VICTORIA

Building service providers re the evolution of Melbourne expanding throughout Victoria

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Victoria (please also see research notes to bottom of this spreadsheet)*

YEAR	COUNCILS, BUILDING ACTS & BUILDING SURVEYORS	BUILDING REGULATIONS & HOME WARRANTY SYSTEMS	SEWER-WATER & PLUMBERS	GAS & PLUMBERS	ELECTRICITY & ELECTRICIANS	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
1803	First Attempt at Settlement was at Sullivan's Bay at Sorrento by Colonel David Collins + 400 Convicts	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1835	John Batman then Officially claimed the Establishment of the Township of Melbourne	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1837	Melbourne Established as a Town by Governor Burke Melbourne's First Building Surveyor-Robert Hoddle Melbourne's First Survey & Town Lay Out Begins	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1845	Victorian Public Works Committee Established	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1849				Formation of The Melbourne Gas & Coke Company-William M Bell Chairman-1849		
1850	Council Jurisdictions develop with each having a Municipal Building Surveyor Appointed for Permits Ect Collingwood & Fitzroy Councils start in 1850	Local Council Regulations & Standards were adopted however, these regulations and standards were different at each Council	NIL			
1851	Victoria Separates from New South Wales as a State		NIL	Many Municipal Gas Company's Form	NIL	NIL
1851	MBAV-Master Builders Association of Victoria Formed with Mr John Sinclair Foundation President					
1853			The Board of Commissionaires of Sewers and Water Supply was Formed 1853			
1857				Formation of Ballarat Gas Company	NIL	NIL
1858				Formation of Geelong Gas Company		
1880				Formation of The Melbourne Gas Company Formation of The Brighton Gas Company Coal Gas Systems for Melbourne-1880		
1891	MPA-Master Plumbers Association Established 1891		MMBW- The Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works was then Formed & Commenced Melbourne Population Reported at 500,000		NIL	NIL
1896			Plumbing Licensing Then Started 1896 Mr John Brown was Issued License No 1 Depot's were structured-: Central, Northern, Southern, Eastern & Western			

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1901						Post Master General-Formed in 1901
1916					Formation of Brown Coal Advisory Committee-1916	
1917			All Plumbers Quality Assurance and Test			
1919					Formation of the Electricity Commissioners of Vic-1919	
1920	End of First World War	End of First World War	Regimes controlled by MMBW Inspectors	End of First World War	Formation of State Electricity Commission Vic-1920 SECV first General Manager was Sir John Monash SECV took over Municipal Electric Distributers-1920	End of First World War
1936					Electrical Contractors Regulations Adopted-1936 Licensing of all Electrical Contractors from-1936	Phone Installation Contractors were controlled by PMG from each State No Licensing of trade existed
1945	HIA-Housing Industry Association Formed with Mr Jack Atkinson Foundation President					
1945	End of Second World War	Uniform Building Regulations Adopted-1945 Local Council Regulations were then Repealed	End of Second World War	End of Second World War	End of Second World War	End of Second World War
1947		At the 1947 Premiers Conference the Prime Minister then raised the issue as to why National Registration of Builders had not happened				
1951	AIB-Australian Institute of Building Formed with Mr Fred Wilson Foundation President		Local Municipal Sewerage Authorities still had Jurisdictions in their own local Areas	Gas & Fuel Corporation Established 1951 Appliances converted from Coal Gas to Natural Gas adopted		
1954	AIB Victorian Chapter President 1954 was AV Jennings					
1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958	Local Government Act was Adopted-1958
1960				Formation of The Colonial Gas Co-1960		
1961		Birth of MBAV Certified Home Warranty Scheme-1961 to 1967 Emerged from Housing Sector Committee & was Voluntary One Year Structural Defect liability Regimes Established Consumer Claims Capped at \$1,500 & Paths & Outbuildings Excluded The MBAV-CHW Scheme emulated from a New Zealand model Key People: David Murden, Digby Forbes, Doug Batchelor and Len Scott as Technical Officer-MBAV Members Access Only		Gas Fitting Regulations Adopted-1961		
1971		1971 to 1974 Industry Committee Formed with State Government Key People: Jim O'donahue-Government & Jim Alward-Lawyer				
1973		House Builders Liability Act Adopted-1973				

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1974		Birth of MBHF Master Builder Housing Fund 1974 to 1984-HGFL Birth of HBALF Housing Industry Association Liability Fund Commenced Registration of "Recognized Builders" Compulsory Home Warranty Systems & Builder Participation Builder Redeemable-Security provided at Board Discretion Key People: Justice Frank Shelton, Max O'Brian-MBAV Digby Forbes-MBAV and Peter Gillooly				
1975						Telecom Commission-Formed July 1975
1979				Gas Fitting Regulations Adopted-1979		Training of Phone Installers by Telecom
1981	Building Control Act Adopted-1981	Building Control Act Adopted-1981 Victorian Building Regulations Adopted-1984 UBR's-Were then Repealed-Building Referees Board also starts	Building Control Act Adopted-1981	Building Control Act Adopted-1981 Gas Fitting Regulations Adopted-1981	Building Control Act Adopted-1981	
1984		Housing Guarantee Fund Ltd Commences Operations 1984-1996 MBHF & HBALF Liability Funds merged to help create HGFL Compulsory Home Warranty & Builder Registration Systems Consumer Claims Capped at \$40,000 & Unlimited Defect Cover Commercial Arbitration Act Adopted-1984 Key People: John Cain-Premier, Frank Wilks-Housing Minister Brian Morrison-CEO MBAV, Digby Forbes MBAV, Graham Bishop Murray Nugent-HGFL and Geoff Sheldrick-HGFL, Les Groves HIA				
1985		Occupational Health & Safety Act Adopted-1985				
1987		House Contracts Guarantee Act Adopted-1987				
1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989	Local Government Act was Adopted-1989 Telecom Corporation-Formed Jan 1989
1990		BCA-Building Code of Australia Adopted-1990 VBR's-Were then Repealed				Training of Phone Installers by Telecom
1991			MMBW-Ceased Operations and was merged with Smaller Water Authorities, 1991 Yarra Valley Water, South East Water and others Plumbing Industry Board Formed-1991 and Takes over all Licensing of Plumbers Metrtec Technical Services Sanitary Systems all Sewerage Plumbing & Testing Regimes			
1993	Building Control Commission Formed in 1993 First Building Commissioner was Mr Max Croxford Building Appeals Board & BRAC also formed same time	 Building Practitioners Board Established in 1993 First BPB Chairman was Mr Alan Colman-Engineer-1993 All Building Registrations Systems taken over from HGFL	 Plumbing Industry Board Formed-1999 First PIB Commissioner was Mr Michael Kefford Private Insurance & Compliance Regimes			

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1994	Adoption of the Building Act 1993 & Regulations 1994 Private Building Surveyors Started Operations in 1994	Grandfathering of Previously Registered HGFL practitioners adopted				
1995		Domestic Building Contracts & Tribunal Act Adopted-1995 Establishment of Domestic Building Tribunal-Judge Davey DBT Consumer Claims Capped at \$100,000 & Unlimited Defect Cover with 6.8 years run off for defect cover-Ministerial Order Builder Redeemable-Security provided at Insurer Discretion Private Insurers emerge-HIH, FAI, Dexter, Home Owners Warranty Key People: Jan Wade-Attorney General, Minister Rob Mclelan, Pamela Jenkins Dept of Justice, Kate Hamond Dept of Justice Brian Welch MBAV Digby Forbes MBAV, Trevor Fasham Pres-MBAV		Gas & Fuel Corporation Ceased 1995 with Smaller Gas Authorities such as Kinetic Energy, Energy 21, Ikon Energy, ect The Office of Gas Safety Formed-1995 as a Statutory Authority for Gas Installations	SECV State Electricity Commission Vic Ceased-1995 Supplier transfer was to the National Electricity market Essential Services Commission of Victoria now is the responsible Authority for the regulation of power Office of Chief Electrical Inspector Formed-1996 Licensing of all Electrical Contractors from-1996	Telstra Corporation Formed-1995 Training of Phone Installers and other Communications Equipment is by Telstra
1996		VMIA-Victorian Managed Insurance Authority Formed-1996				
1997		Second BPB Chairman was Brian Morrison-Lawyer-1997	Metratec Technical Services Systems 1997 become defunct-PIC Testing Regimes Start			
1998		VCAT-Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act Adopted-1998 DBT Tribunal becomes the Domestic Building List for Disputes Other lists such as Town Planning Permit Disputes also adopted	Private Insurance & Compliance Regimes PIC Plumbers Computer System Management			
2000	Building Commissioner Mr Max Croxford Retired-2000 Second Building Commissioner Mr Tony Arnel-2000					
2001		Third BPB Chairman was Caroline Loyd-HIA CEO-2001 HIH Insurance Corporate Collapse happens in 2001				
2002	Building & Construction Security of Payment Act-2002					
2005		Fourth BPB Chairman was Kim Lovegrove-Lawyer-2005	Plumbing Industry Commission Formed-2005 First PIC Commissioner was Mr Tony Arnel	The Office of Energy Safe Formed-2005 as a Statutory Authority for Gas Installations and for Electrical Installations in Victoria	The Office of Energy Safe Formed-2005 as a Statutory Authority for Gas Installations and for Electrical Installations in Victoria	
2010		Vero Insurance Withdraws from Home Warranty Insurance	Private Insurance & Compliance Regimes			
2011	National Construction Code Adopted in May-2011	Fifth BPB Chairman was Bill Russell-Developer-2011 Remaining Home Warranty Insurers are QBE & Calliden Insurance National Builders Registration Systems, Not currently formed	National Construction Code Adopted in May-2011	National Construction Code Adopted in May-2011	National Construction Code Adopted in May-2011	



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This Chart was assembled so as to provide specific overview to years and events as to the evolution of Building Authorities and Practitioner Licensing throughout Melbourne and Victoria as a whole, it also depicts the evolution of Home Warranty Systems and how legislation evolved in this area.

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