

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture announces successful Aboriginal student candidate

News Release, Thursday 13 December 2018 - With only 28 of the 12,000 registered architects in Australia being Indigenous, award-winning architecture firm, Kaunitz Yeung Architecture, recently announced the creation of a full time role for one suitable Aboriginal architecture student, and have appointed **Marni Reti** as the successful candidate.

Ms Reti, 22, is now in her fourth year at the University of Technology, Sydney. Growing up with strong cultural connections to her Aboriginal heritage in Redfern she's carried that passion and understanding from her community through into her professional career.

Ms Reti, said, "I am very excited to join Kaunitz Yeung Architecture. To be working for a firm that puts community consultation at the forefront of their design process is a dream and allows me to work on projects that directly affect both my immediate community and the wider Indigenous communities.

"Kaunitz Yeung have built a strong reputation for collaborating with communities, stakeholders and end users to produce award winning architecture and it is an incredible opportunity to be part of a firm who are continuously looking at how we can integrate Aboriginal ways of thinking and culture into modern architecture."

David Kaunitz, Director and cofounder, Kaunitz Yeung Architecture, said, "Many of our projects are created to place health and wellbeing at the centre of Aboriginal communities and we believe it is important to provide Aboriginal people with the support they require so they can then advance themselves and progress as they choose. This is why we have created the role.

"We are committed to supporting the progress of Aboriginal architects and bring their perspective to practice. I look forward to Marni joining our team."

With projects in more than 30 Aboriginal communities, Kaunitz Yeung have had a long association with leading community development projects, and their work has been awarded internationally as well as locally, including three awards for the Biripi Aboriginal Health Clinic at the recent 2018 NSW Architecture Awards. The firm's cofounder and Director, David Kaunitz, also authored the 2017 update to the 'Australian Government, Department of Health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Funded Capital Works Projects – Facility Design Guidelines'.

Most recently the firm has completed two Aboriginal healthcare clinics for the Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service (PAMS) in the East Pilbara, Western Australia (WA), and this month were awarded the architectural and project management contract for the PAMS healthcare hub in Newman, WA.

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Available for Interview:

David Kaunitz, CEO and founder Kaunitz Yeung Architecture

Marni Reti

Pronunciation note: Kaunitz Yeung – “Cow – nits - Yurn– ng”

High-res images available to download of:

David Kaunitz <https://bit.ly/2RU8A2Z>

Marni Reti <https://bit.ly/2rxpSaR>

David Kaunitz Bio

David Kaunitz is an Australian architect who is also registered in the UK. Following graduation from UNSW David worked in the UK for 7 years where he ran the London office of a large multi office practice and was a senior architect on the London Olympic Village. Subsequently David lived in the Solomon Islands leading community development and post disaster responses for various governments, agencies and NGOs across the Pacific and South East Asia.

In starting Kaunitz Yeung Architecture with his wife Ka Wai Yeung he has combined his extensive commercial experience with his knowledge of living in and working with communities. This results in architecture that places people at its centre and where good architecture does not need to necessarily be a luxury item.

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture Bio

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture is a multi-award winning internationally recognised practice founded by the husband and wife team of David Kaunitz and Ka Wai Yeung. It combines their extensive commercial experience with David’s knowledge of living in and working with communities. The result is architecture that places people at its centre and where good architecture does not need to necessarily be a luxury item. Their projects are bespoke solutions that sensitively respond to clients, stakeholders, end user requirements, site context and the budget.