

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY

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All tenants
St. James Building
15 September, 1975

SUBJECT:- AIR CONDITIONING – ST. JAMES BUILDING

Following complaints by tenants on the adequacy of air conditioning in the St. James Building, the Society has conducted a thorough study of the matter.

The engineers responsible for the study have concluded that there is insufficient airflow within the building. This has been due to inefficient operation of the airflow mechanism, which is geared to the revolving door on the ground floor.

Tenants may have noticed that his door is unusually heavy to push. This is due to the modern energy saving device connected to the door. Instead of the fans which control the airflow within the building being operated by electricity this system makes use of the renewable human energy used to revolve the door to operate the building's airflow system as well.

Unfortunately many tenants, wishing to avoid the effort of using the revolving door, have been using the two hinged doors on the ground floor instead. These doors are not geared to the airflow system.

For some months the Society has experimented by locking either or both of the hinged doors. We are now pleased to inform tenants that so long as the hinged doors are kept locked we anticipate that in normal circumstances sufficient energy will be generated by pushing the revolving door.

Accordingly as from October 15th the hinged doors will be kept locked.

U. Power
Office Air Conditioning

P.S. Some tenants have asked why this unusual method of air conditioning was adopted in the first place. In fact a conventional system was originally intended, but when a large portion of the air conditioning ducting fell into the courtyard during construction, it was decided to leave it there as a "natural sculpture" and proceed with an alternative energy source. In view of the current oil crisis this turned out to be a wise decision.