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Tributes Flow In For Robin Boyd

Melbourne. — The Premier, Sir Henry Bolte, civic leaders and leading architects yesterday joined in tributes to Robin Boyd, one of Australia's greatest architects, who died on Friday night after a short illness.

Mr. Boyd caught a virus infection in Britain while on a tour he began in July.

He was suffering loss of weight when he returned to Melbourne and never really recovered from the virus.

Mr. Boyd was admitted to Royal Melbourne Hospital a week ago and died on Friday, aged 52.

There will be a private family funeral service this morning.

A tribute by his profession, clients and friends will be held at 3 p.m. this afternoon at Robert Russell House in St. Kilda Road.

Speakers will include senior officers of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects for which Mr. Boyd was president of the Victorian chapter,

Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife Patricia, a son, Penleigh, aged 23, and two daughters, Mandy and Susan.

Mr. Boyd wrote several books, the best known of which was probably "The Australian Ugliness."

He designed the Australian displays at Montreal Expo in 1967 and Osaka Expo last year.

Among the many buildings he designed were: Menzies Colledge at La Trobe University, the John Batman Motor Inn (Melbourne), Zoology building at the Australian National University, and Domain Park, Melbourne's first air-conditioned high rise flats.

The immediate past president of the Victorian chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of

Architects, Mr. Peter McIntyre, said last night there was no way of replacing Robin Boyd in the profession.

"He has left a void we will never be able to fill," he said.

Architect Sir Osborn McCutcheon said he was a friend and admirer of Robin Boyd.

"I worked with him many times.

"We were joint members of the National Capital Planning Committee.

"His wisdom and liveliness of mind made it a joy to work with him."

Professor Joseph Burke, herald professor of fine arts at Melbourne University, said the death of Robin Boyd was a tragedy for the arts in Melbourne.