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Sudden death of Robin Boyd

MR ROBIN BOYD, the Melbourne architect, died in the Royal Melbourne Hospital last night after a four-week illness. He was 52.

He is thought to have died from a virus he caught during a trip to Britain where he judged an international competition for the new Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

His widow, Mrs Patricia Boyd, said yesterday at her home in South Yarra, Melbourne: "I am very distressed. We are all shocked. It was sudden."

Mr Boyd designed the Australian displays at the Montreal Expo in 1967 and Osaka Expo last year. He was renowned for his book, The Australian Ugliness, one of the first to draw attention to the despoiling and pollution of the environment.

He was a member of the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority, and he wrote regularly on architecture for The Sunday Australian.