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Issue 66 and we are starting to see more of the cold winter weather approaching! For this issue we are focusing on some of our University projects, ranging from small to large scale! Also featured are our regular staff profile and some office news, happy reading...











ECMS Uplift Project

Universities are always trying to improve the student experience, partly in competition for enrolments, and partly to stay abreast of changing study patterns.

At one end of North Terrace you will see major infrastructure rising out of the once underdeveloped Park Lands: the new University of Adelaide Medical School and the University of SA Health Innovation Building. At the other end, the struggle for open space results in occasional new buildings, but more often in infill, rejuvenation and adaptation of existing fabric.

One example of this is the recent Uplift Project within the ECMS Faculty at the University of Adelaide. Although a miniscule budget in comparison to these other developments, this project aims to add value to underutilised spaces and improve accessibility to some substantial Engineering infrastructure. A burgeoning student population has put pressure on available 'breakout' space; in fact the concept did not really exist when many older buildings were designed: you went into a lecture then left the building! Nowadays all spaces are considered multipurpose and students are encouraged to stay longer and connect. The Hub concept epitomises this philosophy on a large scale, but faculties are also trying to keep their personnel local and to do so, are looking at mini-hubs which also offer comfort and amenity.

Several of the ECMS Uplift 'interventions' provide flexible study and recreation spaces, while others highlight entry points, upgrade accessibility or encourage use of stairwells in lieu of the default lift. Furniture type also plays a part in facilitating group activity; for example the size, shape and mobility of tables. All areas are provisioned with laptop charging points as devices are now integral in how study is conducted.

The before and after photos illustrate how we have enhanced some of the 'public' spaces to add value to the student experience.





Name: Joshua Budarick

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: Christian Brothers College Wakefield Street Building, UniSA Health Innovation Building, Gilbert Street Office & Townhouses.

Who/what inspires you? Innovation and new technologies, anything that can help push the boundaries of conventional design or design methodologies.

Design you wish you could take credit for: The ROLI Seaboard

Favourite Building: Edgeland Residence by Bercy Chen Studio. I stumbled on this gem when doing research back in 2012 and it immediately made my list of favourite buildings.

Pencil vs Computer: Computer of course! What's a Pencil?

Favourite Eatery: Midori Sushi. Best Katsu Curry I've ever had.

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Being close to friends and family (and of course the beach and Adelaide Hills!)

Favourite song as a kid: Peter Combe's Newspaper Mama! I think I almost drove my family insane with that one.

Motto in life: Hmm... two come to mind,

"You have two hands; one to help yourself, one to help others" and

"Make It Work"

Superpower (if you could have one):

Teleportation or Self-Duplication, it would be really useful to have more than one of me.

Growing up you thought you would be? Composer or something related to Maths/Science.

Memorable SPA (by this I mean Swanbury Penglase) moment: Winning office sweeps for the Melbourne cup and, of course, The Golden Swanny Awards.

UniSA Health Innovation Building Update...

Work is progressing well on the University of South Australia's Health Innovation Building. With the façade now almost complete, work is well underway on the interior fitout and the realisation of the external areas including the stair link to the Morphett Street Bridge and the combined 'Urban Park' on North Terrace. The combined consultancy team is working closely with Hansen Yuncken to deliver occupation by early 2018 on schedule.



UniSA Health

Office News

It's been a productive few months here at SPA with winter settling in and all staff working hard.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to three new staff members. Heath Edwards comes aboard as a Project Director for Urban Design and Landscape Architecture and is joined by Graduate of Architecture & Landscape Architect Marguerite Bartolo. See the news section of our website for more information on Heath and the UDLA team. We also welcome Sarah Oliver who joins our interiors team. Sarah has seven years experience and bolsters the team's commercial, education and healthcare knowledge.

The Queen Adelaide Room at the Adelaide Town Hall is our latest project to receive the timelapse video treatment. A stunning refurbishment, you can view the video here or by visiting the news section of our website. It's well worth a look to see how much work goes into a project like this.



