



73 The year has got off to a bracing start for us with the refurbishment of Union House as a RCC venue in time for the Fringe. Our front page article captures a little of the excitement. Hot on the heels of that we are making preparations for the big move to our new office in about 6 weeks.

More about that in the next issue!



Cloisters



Union House

The State of the Union (House)

To some of us during our Uni years, Union House was a strange and perhaps lonely building on campus. Sandwiched between an ever-increasing range of new purpose-built buildings, it seemed that time was going to be called once and for all for this once-great red-brick and concrete testament to South Australian modernism.

A new lease of life dawned for the building with the decision to locate the Royal Croquet Club on the campus for the 2019 Fringe. We were pleased to be engaged initially in August 2018 to renew the landscaping around the Union Building, and developed a concept that reflected the strong linear elements of the heritage building while introducing carefully detailed contemporary elements and patterns.

The project steadily evolved to include a fully refurbished Mayo Refectory as the new UniBar, complete with stage seating and tables. A soft palette of matte greens and blackened steel effortlessly complements the heritage listed red-brick walls, natural concrete and timber.

Emboldened by progress achieved on site by Sarah Constructions, the project team extended the scope further to include an Exercise Studio refurbishment including a brand-new sprung timber floor, mirrored walls and ballet barre, intensifying activity both on and off site to a fever pitch that seemed unsurvivable.

Survive it we did and on opening night, shaded by the green leaves of the cloister trees and looking through the terracotta roofed cloisters, there was not a hint of the break-neck timeframe within which the project was conceived and executed.

Strangely, as is sometimes the case with heritage projects, it is testament to the quality of design that people who had used this building for years were not quite sure of what had changed but knew Union House was a place they wanted to be.



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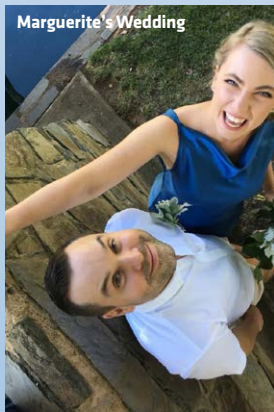


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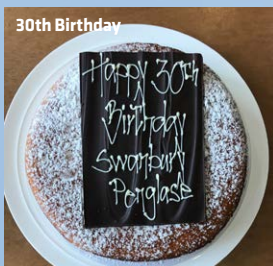
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Lana's Marathon, NZ



Marguerite's Wedding



30th Birthday



Angela in the Bay Sheffield



2018 Christmas Party



Cameron in Bernal, Mexico



Matt James enduring the 3 Peaks

Office News

Where did those Christmas holidays go? It seems like ages have passed since we hit the ground running in early January! Our 2018 wrap-up party commenced at Nola on Vardon Avenue before the 'stayers' moved on to a late night down Rundle Street. Andrew Phillips took charge of the BBQ the following morning to provide a greasy brunch for those who were working post-party.

Another significant birthday was celebrated on the 6th February: Swanbury Penglase turned 30 years old [insert party popper noise here]. From humble beginnings on South Terrace many of you have followed our growth over the years so stay tuned for some big changes as we move into the new premises in May.

Congratulations to Landscape Architect Marguerite who married Matthew on 15th February at Rymill Park Island. From all reports it was a splendid occasion, complete with perfect weather, and we wish them both a happy married life together.

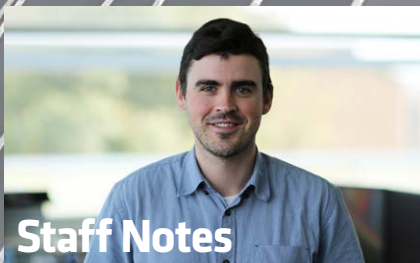
On Friday 22nd February we visited the Fringe for a social outing, starting at the newly renovated RCC bar and restaurant in the Adelaide University Union House for a drink and some dinner. Afterwards, for those with thespian tendencies a bit of Sh*t-Faced Shakespeare topped the evening off.

Two of our intrepid travellers completed notable expeditions recently. Architecture Graduate Cameron Keene spent 5 weeks exploring Mexico and Cuba, a trip which struck the perfect balance of Tacos and Tequila, Cigars and Salsa. Cameron visited some of America's greatest architecture, including UNESCO listed houses by Luis Barragán and a recently completed gallery by David Chipperfield. He eventually returned with a surplus of inspiration and a deficit of annual leave.

Meanwhile Lana set off to New Zealand to participate in New Plymouth's Mountain to Surf Marathon. Presented as a "downhill" event, descending from the border of the beautiful Mount Taranaki and finishing at the coastline in Waitara, it was a breezy 42.2km downhill glide, if you ignore the 100m of ascent peppered in for fun. We were pleased to hear that she successfully finished the event ahead of five people, gaining a medal and crossing one more item off the bucket list.

Continuing on the sporting theme, Interior Designer Matt James took on the epic Peaks Challenge in Falls Creek, cycling a total distance of 235km including 4,650 vertical metres of climbing, completed under the required 13 hour time limit. The Victorian weather turned a bit crazy towards the end but he concludes that it was a great (brutal) experience overall.

And we can't close off this bulletin without special mention of Angela's achievement over the summer break: she was the only woman to compete in the over 35's 120m final for the Bay Sheffield, leaving all of us in awe.



Staff Notes

Name: Simon Carter

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: Union House UniBar & Ground Floor Precinct, Grand Lodge of Freemasons, University of Adelaide heritage asset CMPs (Waite and North Terrace)

What inspires you? The history of a building and the people who designed, built, lived and worked in it.

Design you wished you could take credit for: 'Unique forms of continuity in space' sculpture by Italian Futurist Umberto Boccioni

Pencil vs computer (your preference): AutoCAD with a range of in B&W line weights (best of both worlds)

Fav eatery: Fancy Burger

Most treasured possession: I'm not sure if this counts as a possession - my 2 year old corgi named Quade

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Country feeling, capital city amenities

First favourite song as a kid: 'Another Day in Paradise' by Phil Collins Influenced by the limited collection of tape cassettes my parents owned

Currently Listening to: Eclectic range of 80s hits

Motto in life: Don't Panic

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: I finally managed my dream grand historical tour through the UK, Italy, Greece and France in July 2018 so I'd love to tick off some natural wonders now - Yosemite for Giant Sequoia, Hawaii for volcanoes & diving, then Norway for the Aurora Borealis.

Superpower (if you could have one): Breathing underwater

Growing up you thought you would be? Architect or Astronomer... or Captain Nemo.

Memorable SPA (by this I mean Swanbury Penglase) moment: Watching everyone being served jumbo sized Calzones on our Burra field trip after we all thought Italian would be good for a light dinner.

STAFF NOTES

