



Swanbury Penglase

#76 The year is winding down (or winding up?) and with the silly season upon us we want to share a holiday-appropriate project that has us looking forward to fun in the summer sun during our annual office shut down. Happy holidays!



Master Plan

Discovering Recreation...

The sun was prevailing over retreating clouds when we first visited Discovery Parks in Braybrook (Melbourne), Victoria on a mild winter's day in 2017. Appealing to a broad range of patrons ranging from holiday makers, travellers and regional workers, Discovery Parks Melbourne has an extraordinarily high occupancy rate.

We were immediately reminded of the site's history as a defence facility with several of the original red brick buildings still standing - now repurposed as the Reception and Recreation facilities. But the predominant building form on site is the accommodation cabins which have grown organically since its transformation as a holiday and caravan park just over two decades ago.

Our brief for a master plan was as broad as the patron base, encompassing comprehensive renewal and upgrade including a new reception and administration facility, motel style accommodation units, cafe, a replacement pool, an outdoor cinema, play space features and nature play areas as well as rationalizing site access and parking.

The project is an exciting opportunity to transform the visitor experience and complete the transition from its historical beginnings. One of the key initiatives of the master plan is reshaping site contours for topographic interest, improved surveillance and creation of an integrated amphitheatre / cinema.

There were numerous challenges arising from the diversity of visitors, such as providing for the regular high check-in volumes of patrons arriving from the trans-Tasman ferry, and the need to accommodate worker's construction vehicles as well as the usual cars and caravans.

We assembled a large team of professionals including engineers, planners, arborists and environmental consultants to contribute their input. Over two years and numerous consultation meetings we have developed with our client a vision for renewal that has everyone excited.

We're now looking forward to seeing some of those construction vehicles hard at work rather than idly stationed on site!



Nature Play



Terraced Landscape



Outdoor Cafe

Sites Notes

Office News

This quarter there was exciting news for our newly registered Architect Ted Bouchier who hit the books and successfully completed the most recent round of architectural practice exams in October. The hard work certainly paid off and we congratulate him on this milestone moment in his professional life in architecture.

Landscape Architect Cecilia Tang has re-joined us after her maternity leave and we're glad to have her back as not only possibly the best dressed in the office but a truly valued part of our increasingly industrious and expanding landscape architecture team. It wasn't the same here without her!

The awards keep coming for the UniSA Cancer Research Institute building which was recognised at both the 2019 Design Institute of Australia Awards and the 2019 National Architecture Awards in recent weeks.

Senior Interior Designer Jasmine Brooksby and Director Elizabeth Swanbury were pleased to attend the annual DIA awards night on 2 November where the project received the SA/NT Design Institute of Australia Silver Award and the Premier's Award.

The celebrations continued in Brisbane at the National Architecture Awards on 7 November with representation from Directors Wayne Grivell and Andrew Phillips where the project picked up an Award for Interior Architecture and a Commendation for Sustainable Architecture. A big first in Swanbury Penglase's history to receive national award recognition!

Both were great outcomes for the combined project team including the University of South Australia, our partner BVN Architecture and Hansen Yuncken and the broader consultant team whose high quality and consistency of approach to detailing in this large scale building is especially noteworthy. Many thanks to all for their involvement in a highly collaborative project outcome.

In other project news Associate Dion Byas attended the opening on 14 November of recently completed Learning Hub projects at St Teresa's & Our Lady Help of Christians campuses, at Samaritan College Whyalla.

Dion recently returned from his travels in Singapore and Vietnam where he spent three weeks in October exploring the region with his family. The stark contrast between the ultra-developed Singapore nation and the booming street life of Vietnam was a highlight.

Not to be missed is Jasmine's effort at the 2019 Corporate Cup, claiming Fastest Female Runner in the 4.5km division. We always knew she was a frontrunner and now she has the plaque to prove it!



2019 Design Institute of Australia Awards



2019 National Architecture Awards



UniSA CRI Building



Dion in Vietnam



Dion Byas, Terry Costello (Samaritan College) and Paul Waning (Pascale Constructions)



Jasmine winning Fastest Female Runner in 4.5km

That's it for 2019 and you'll hear more from us in the new year! Our doors open again on 6 January and until then, we wish you a happy and restful holiday season.

Staff Notes



Name: Marty Frost

Position in firm: Architect

Current projects: St Peter's Girls' Junior School Upgrades & Discovery Parks

What inspires you? A freshly cut lawn

Design idol: Kennedy Nolan

Fav building: Amber Fort in Jaipur

Design you wish you could take credit for: The wheel

Pencil vs computer? I couldn't tell you if I own a pencil

Fav eatery: Vino's Indian Dhaba

Most treasured possession: My '99 Mitsubishi Lancer

Best thing about living in Adelaide: The giant Scotsman at Scotty's Motel

First favourite song as a kid: Mr Clicketty Cane

Motto in life: "Don't forget to move your car every 2 hours"

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Norway

Superpower (if you could have one): The ability to tell time without looking at a clock

Growing up you thought you would be...? A city planner

Memorable SPA (by this I mean Swanbury Penglase) moment:

Working on the St Peter's Girls' Science & Art project from beginning to its opening