

Swanbury Penglase

#78 This quarter we are featuring a sporty school pavilion and some cute faces from our time spent working from home. We hope you enjoy our regular update of office news and keep safe (and warm) through the winter months - happy reading!



Walford Sports Pavilion concept render



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Pavilions are a favourite project type for architects – typically stand-alone buildings in park settings, they are often an opportunity for simplicity and purity.

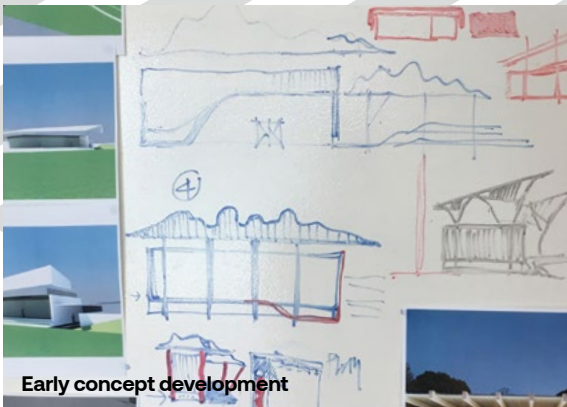
In the case of a new pavilion for Walford School there was an additional buzz to the brief in that the site was their sports fields on Cross Road, so as well as providing shelter and function facilities, the building was an opportunity for the school to improve their presence on the busy road.

Swanbury Penglase first became involved in the project in 2017 and started the process by inviting staff to propose ideas. Out of the flurry of sketches that resulted, two themes were selected for presentation to the school in September 2017.

Sports functionality was unsurprisingly a key driver of building placement – the existing clubhouse divided the playing fields into two separate zones and it was decided at the outset to place the new pavilion off to the side of the allotment to dramatically improve versatility and accommodate a 200m running track.

It was September 2019 by the time construction started and the project progressed smoothly over summer to completion in April 2020, with one minor drama. The project included new athletics facilities and one evening after construction workers had left the site, one enthusiastic young athlete was so impressed with the new long jump pit that they couldn't resist trying it out. The next morning, the construction team found a lovely set of footprints in the rubber run up surface which had not fully set at the time of the tryout!

Surely with such passion in abundance at the school, the pavilion will witness some great exploits over the years to come!



Early concept development



Walford Sports Pavilion progress



SP WFH featuring Associate Architect Paul Rawinski



Max James Naumann Smith



From the SP archives - Ketu on her first day



SP WFH featuring Associate Architect Peter Morris & good girl 'Charli'



SP WFH featuring Architect Lauren Jeans & good boy 'Blue'

Office News

It's business not quite as usual and while the video call burnout may be real we nevertheless are finding ways to stay connected as a team as we have learned to adapt to the changing conditions of the industry and everyday life, prioritising community and wellbeing while working from home.

Life certainly has changed since the time before social distancing became part of our collective vocabulary, but we have continued to work creatively and collaboratively to deliver our services to our clients despite unusual circumstances. These days we have reconfigured our operation for the health and safety of our team, relying on all the available communication tools and technologies to connect and share in our work remotely.

From our weekly videoconference office meetings, to our 'Where are you working today?' email chains (including an abundance of adorable pet photos), to a surprise care package of local SA produce delivered to each of us from our directors, we are navigating the

challenges of the changing world with resilience and optimism and looking forward with anticipation to the time when we will be working together again soon at the office. Not a moment too soon for those of us missing the monthly tradition of Cake Day (none more so maybe than Senior Interior Designer Jasmine Brooksby on her recent 30th birthday), not to mention the Friday night drinks and the many coffees and pub lunches on Gilbert Street!

Our noteworthy milestones and special events in the office continue to be celebrated remotely during these isolated times. Welcome to our new co-workers Architect Lauren Jeans as well as Interior Design Graduate Beatriz Chamsay who joins us from Melbourne.

Landscape Architect Frank Smith and his wife Kate have a recent addition of their own with the arrival in late January of their son Max James Naumann Smith at 28 weeks, now well at home after 8 weeks at the Women's & Children's Hospital. He is too much like his big brother Oscar (born at 29 weeks) and on track to be as healthy.

A massive milestone was achieved by Ketu Komaris from our Admin team, who we wish to thank for her impressive 20 years of service since starting at Swanbury Penglase. A lot has changed since then (including the fashion, Ketu admits), and we're grateful for all of her contributions to the team.

Congratulations are also deserving to the graduate cohort of our architecture team Emma Dohrmann, Fraser Murison, Heloise Schioldann and Sam Rosenzweig who would recently have celebrated the merciful conclusion of their studies at their graduation ceremony. We acknowledge your achievement at this juncture in your professional life!

Until next time, take care and stay safe!

Staff Notes



Name: Marguerite (Margi, Margo, Margot, Mog)

Position: Graduate of Architecture and Landscape Architect

Current projects: Woodcroft ELC, Woodcroft Street, Pimpala ELC, NMHS

What inspires you? Mischief

Design you wished you could take credit for: The Airstream (Wally Byam)

Fav building: Norman Fisher House

Design idol: Currently enjoying Godeleine De Rosamel sculptures and Katharina Grosse art (particularly loved "Palacio De Bolsa")

Pencil vs computer (your

preference): Felt tip pen

Fav eatery: Harvest at Mylor

Best thing about living in Adelaide: The vast and varied landscape

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: The Grampians

Currently Listening to: "Just the Two of Us" by Grover Washington Jr, two audio books and many murder podcasts

Most treasured possession: The item I have owned the longest is my childhood teddy bear who I unfortunately named "Chucky" ... But perhaps most treasured possession is my

brooch my friends bought me from NYC on my 30th birthday.

Superpower (if you could have one): Telepathy

Motto in life: Family Motto "winning is everything - pride comes later"

Memorable SPA (by this I mean Swanbury Penglase) moment: Steve - insert any interaction from any team member, ever. Anyone keen for a Marlboro?

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