



#80 What a year! As 2020 draws to a close we can hopefully breathe a little easier as we look forward to what 2021 will bring. And to send us off for the year we wanted to talk about some health projects that are of particular importance given this year. If there was ever a time to start taking care of yourself, it's now. We hope you enjoy the read and look forward to talking to you all in the new year.

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Healthy Living

Medical facilities are a particularly satisfying aspect of our work. As well as involving very specific technical requirements they offer fascinating insights into the lives of the medical and allied professionals who serve us so well.

Operating theatres are a good example. As well as meeting stringent clinical and functional requirements the focus on these spaces is also to provide long views to the outside to provide relief for the team during operations. One of our recent projects is a major upgrade to the Insight Private Hospital in Albany where the theatres are particularly well provided for in this regard.

A particularly exciting project that is currently at the planning approval stage is the New Town Medical Centre in Hobart. The brief has evolved over three years through quite a number of iterations: testing the capacity of the site and planning constraints, responding to the requirements of a wide range of stakeholders, and evolving along with development of the business case.

A key feature of the design is use of large open floor plates to allow

complementary medical services to work in unison with one another on single levels and take advantage of common services and facilities.

The site was particularly challenging. Not only was there a height difference of over 10m across the site, it also contained deep uncontrolled contaminated fill! Our engineers had their hands full working up a detailed remediation strategy based on a comprehensive underground survey.

One of the key design objectives was to devise a building that is distinctive in its own right as well as addressing a transition between residential buildings on the north and mixed use buildings on the south. The solution is a composition of clean contemporary forms expressed using a range of materials reflecting the different characters of adjoining precincts.



New Town Medical Centre



Insight Private Hospital



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Sites Notes



Staff Notes

Name: Nick Bartholomaeus

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: Adelaide Secondary School of English, Croydon, St Francis of Assisi College, Renmark

What inspires you?: Mitchell Johnson's 7/40 vs England, Adelaide 2013/14 Ashes Series

Design idols: Glen Murcutt, John Wardle

Fav Building: Learning and Teaching Building (LTB) – John Wardle, Simpson-Lee House – Glen Murcutt

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Computer

Fav eatery: Whistle & Flute

Most treasured possession: USB coffee warmer

Best thing about living in Adelaide: 30 minutes to the beach, 30 minutes to the bush

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Japan

First favourite song as a kid: Theme song from The Hooley Dooleys (TV Series) - 1999

Currently listening to: Gang of Youths, The National, Holy Holy, Sam Fender, Oasis

Life motto: Better to have, and not need, than need, and not have

Superpower (if you could have one): Teleportation

Growing up you thought you would be: a farmer

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: Faceplanting on the kiddie trampoline at the 2019 office BBQ

Office News

The emergence of spring has seen quite a bit of energetic activity from some of us.

Notably, kudos to the energetic and creative team that have been heading out to Golding Wines to help them reconstruct the Nido, a delightful cocoon style structure that was badly damaged in last summer's bushfires (great work Jaz, Vlad, Cam, Emma, Heloise, Justin, Emma, Sam, Aaron, Rhea, Katie, Lana, Margi, Flick, Ella, Mia and Jade).

Respect also to Rhea Barnett whose rock-climbing exploits at Moonarie in the Flinders Ranges included scaling a 50m high vertical rockface with her dad and brother. Evidently the epic views of Wilpena Pound from the top were the cherry on top of an immense (rock) cake!

Speaking of climbs, it was warmer climes that lured Margi Bartolo and Lana Greer. They took advantage of the Queensland border being open in September and took a ten day relaxing vacation to the far north, making sure to fly safely with the new airline standards and boarding passes! It's a new world. While we were still rugged up here, their focus was around nice dinners and pool lounging, although they did take the time to go to Pt Douglas and ride the SkyRail.

Not to be outdone, Matthew Raven took his family on a camping excursion across the top of Eyre Peninsula to Fowlers Bay and then back down the west coast to Coffin Bay & Lincoln National Parks.

We are always interested in productivity, so we are delighted to report that we have no less than three new babies on the way! – congratulations Cecilia, Lauren and Angus's partner Gabrielle!

Congratulations to Bailey Sturuss who has completed his masters degree and joined our permanent full time staff.

At the other end of the spectrum, congratulations to Peter Morris who clocked up over 20 years of service at SP on November 20th. Third member to achieve that milestone this year!

And finally congratulations to Taylor Angel and Nathan McEwen who successfully achieved registration as architects. As anyone who has done the same will attest, it's a long demanding process and something to take pride in.

So that brings us to the end of a truly remarkable year! We wish our readers all the best for the festive season and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Our office will be closed from 11am Wednesday 23rd of December and reopening on Monday 11th of January.



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