

Swanbury Penglase

#84 In our last issue for this year, we present our concept for the new Repat Hospital. Happy reading!

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The new Repat Hospital

Working with old buildings brings all sorts of interesting experiences, particularly old buildings with cellars. Over the years we have ventured into some pretty spooky spaces.

One current project that promises something along those lines is the rejuvenation of the Repatriation Hospital Precinct; the site previously included a surgical facility which is currently being demolished. It is rumoured to have included several underground operating theatres, which has us all intrigued.

However, that aside, we are fortunate to be the Architectural team for Nexus Hospitals, who will provide and operate a significant Hospital development in this precinct.

Still in the design process, the project is shaping up as a five storey Hospital that will have six operating theatres and supporting recovery beds for a range of medical procedures including orthopaedics, ophthalmology, gastroenterology and general surgery.

There will also be a number of Allied Health tenancies within the building with the provision of extensive undercover carparking for patient convenience.

The new Hospital and environs will be available to both public and private patients, increasing capacity for SA Health public patients on this site, and providing private patients access to state of the art medical facilities.

Our professional services will be provided in the disciplines of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture, and along with other major Medical and Educational Projects, it will keep the office busy and productive with cutting edge projects for several years to come.

In the meantime, some of our team members are contemplating the prospect of exploring underground labyrinths once again, with tickets being prioritised for 'intrepid' staff!

Staff Notes



Name: James Thomson

Position: Senior Designer

Current projects: Various PEET apartment developments, St Yves Campus & Nexus Repat Hospital.

What inspires you? Ideally (and much more wholesomely): walking unknown streets, observing the mix of urban and natural worlds. Although realistically - Dezeen daily posts and deadlines.

Design idols: Amongst others, Santiago Calatrava and Thomas Heatherwick stand out for their seemingly effortless integration of structural engineering and industrial design respectively.

Design you wished you could take credit for: Many... although, given it's cricket season - Future Systems 'Lords Media Centre'.

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Pencil first, then computer. Rinse, repeat.

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Great mix of beach, wine, family and friends... probably in that order.

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Supposedly Byron Bay... playing by ear, as most are.

First favourite song as a kid: From all accounts - Peter Combe's 'Juicy Juicy Green Grass' and Crowded House's 'Weather With You' were on heavy rotation in the car cassette.

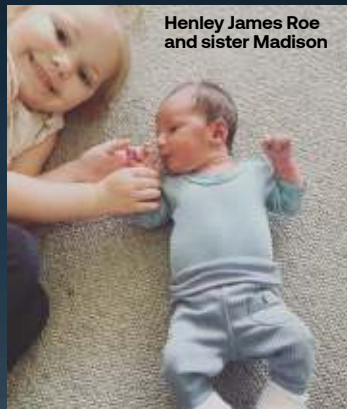
Currently listening to: Newer stuff, 'SAULT', older stuff 'Darondo'.

Life motto: Wear sunscreen - 'Baz Luhrmann'.

Superpower (if you could have one): To spell without spellcheck.

Growing up you thought you would be: ...Much healthier.

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: Obtaining a legitimate Rhino licence! Prolonging the inevitable end of the free trial!



Office News

What an unpredictable, yet great year it has been, as we have seen some incredible projects coming to life, albeit while still navigating life during COVID.

With the Christmas Party to be held at Woodstock Winery creeping up, Golden Swanny nominations are sure to be flooding into hosts Ted and Taylor's inboxes. Rumours are afoot in the office, about who may win this year's coveted prize. T & T have however remained tight-lipped.

Sitenotes is proud to welcome Senior Architect Jenny Newman and Graduate of Architecture Stephanie Copson to the SP team. Welcome back to Architect Lauren Jeans and Landscape Architect Cecilia Tang, who recently returned from maternity leave.

We are happy to share the arrival of baby Olive Kate Grbin, born on the 12th of October, weighing 8 pound 3. Architect Nick Grbin found the experience to be a little overwhelming, fainting during the early stages of labour. Tracey Roe welcomed baby Henley James Roe on the 22nd of September, he weighed in at 3.32kg. We wish her and Henley all the best while she is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Graduate of Architecture Sam Rosenzweig, who completed the amazing feat of a 700km Ultra-endurance bike race, from Adelaide to Port Augusta in July, during the Kaurna wet season. Not stopping there, he recently took a bike trip through the Clare Valley, World's End and the Murray.

Graduate of Architecture Heloise recently travelled to Hobart. Although unseasonably rainy, she still enjoyed the opportunity to get outside, camping at Fortescue Bay and visiting the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens.

To cap off the year with some good news, The solar panels on our office have been connected to our server, allowing monitoring of our solar contribution to our electrical consumption. Steve Penglase is pleased to report that "on an average sunny day during spring, summer and autumn, the electricity produced is almost identical to our electrical consumption." We would like to wish all a wonderful and safe break over the festive season and look forward to exciting things to come in 2022!



Wishes