



## Swanbury Penglase

**#85** A new year is underway,  
and so too is the  
documentation phase  
of our soon to be  
Vertex Apartments!

Site  
Notes



Vertex Apartment imagery by  
Treehouse and Peet

### The vertex of apartment living

When invited by Peet to design the new apartment development taking pride-of-place on MAB Circuit in Tonsley Village, we were only too keen.

Whilst the site offered many opportunities for inspiration it also threw up some rather difficult challenges. Our initial site context study revealed level differences of over 2 metres along the site's interface with MAB Circuit.

To reconcile these levels, our landscape team developed a series of landscaped terraces which are cleverly designed to eliminate the need for balustrades and guard-railing whilst providing ground floor courtyards and living spaces with solar access. The landscape design also proposes the integration of vertical gardens using trellis wires and screens with climbing plants to provide privacy to ground floor

courtyards and provide greening of pedestrian pathways. Overall the integration of the landscaping complements the existing planting along MAB Circuit providing a high level of amenity at the ground floor interface and front door to the apartments.

Through our planning studies for the site we were able to realise an additional 12 apartments over the same footprint of other apartment projects at Tonsley. Through the efficiency of the site planning, we were also able to provide car parking spaces for each apartment plus additional parking spaces for visitors.

The design of the streetscape interface along MAB Circuit was carefully considered. Rather than designing a series of interconnected apartment buildings, our response was to provide separation between the apartment buildings to break down the mass. This allowed visual connectivity whilst prioritising pedestrian movement through the site for improved connections to the Tonsley Innovation District.

Giving the illusion of a row of townhouses, the design is inspired by the form of the sawtooth roof of the Main Assembly Building (MAB) opposite. In turn, its form inspired the name - Vertex Apartments!





Woodstock Winery Garden



Lana and Paul - Christmas party lunch



## Staff Notes

**Name:** Fraser Murison

**Position:** Graduate of Architecture

**Current projects:** Several projects for Defence, Woodcroft College - New Primary School

**Design idols:** John Wardle, Richard Leplastrier

**Pencil vs computer (your preference):** Computer - but I wish I could say pencil

**Best thing about living in Adelaide:**

Too many good things to list, but one would be the fact that we are literally surrounded by great wine regions.

**Fantasy (or next) holiday destination:** Japan/Scotland/or the United States.

**First favourite song as a kid:**

Tenacious D - Tribute (greatest and best song in the world)

**Fav eatery:** Malacca Corner - Adelaide Central Markets

**Most treasured possession:**

Tragic, but it's my cat Lucy/Lulu

**Growing up you thought you would be:**

From about 8-12 years old I thought I would be a Commando or in the SAS haha!

**Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment:**

Both are PRM moments - either Gabe's power tool montage, or Heloise's Steve impersonation... I haven't decided yet.

## Office News

Welcome to a new year! The Swanbury Penglase office rounded out 2021 on a high, with an action packed Annual Christmas Party.

Slightly different to the usual format, staff were first treated to a tour of the Aldinga Payinthe College, including some presentations from Andrew Phillips and Landscape Architect Lana Greer, about how some of the project's feature elements (particularly landscape and outdoor sculptures) came about.

Later in the afternoon for lunch, it was great to be able to relax, mingle and even engage in a game or two of bocce, in the beautiful outdoor garden at Woodstock Winery.

The annual Golden Swanny Award ceremony took an unexpected turn, with Director Andrew Klenke nominated for his brief dabble in espionage. While on a site visit at Lot Fourteen, he was spotted in a large overcoat with binoculars and promptly reported to and removed by security. This however could not be topped by the winner Simon Carter, who accidentally stumbled across an amorous encounter whilst attempting to conduct a measure up in the depths of a building at the University of Adelaide.

Sitenotes would also like to welcome Architect and Landscape Architect Fiona Doman, who recently joined our team last year. She has already made some great contributions to our office projects.



Rhea at Mount Townsend, NSW



Bangka Day Memorial Service - Catafalque Party

## Bangka Day Memorial Service

The Bangka Day Memorial Service was held at the redeveloped Women's Memorial Playing Fields in St Mary's to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Bangka Island Massacre.

This service pays respect to all women who have served in wars and humanitarian operations, with a focus on the tragic fates of WWII nurses.

We are proud to have designed and redeveloped the war memorial which is at the heart of this project.

This significant event was attended by families of the WWII nurses, as well as the Governor General, The Governor, Premier, Leader of the Opposition and various other members of Parliament.

We are looking forward to the official opening of the memorial, alongside the new clubrooms, changerooms and upgraded playing fields in the coming months.