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Tasman Medical Centre

Some of the most satisfying achievements in life are those that involve the most challenges.

Some of our readers may remember one of the projects mentioned in the final issue of 2020; the Tasman Medical Centre in Hobart. At that time the project had been granted Development Approval after a long and arduous process of reconciling client objectives with regulatory constraints.

We are delighted to say that construction is about to commence and will provide dramatically improved facilities for our client, Nexus Hospitals. The new facilities will see their operating theatres increase from 3 to 7 and will include overnight stay wards which will allow them to offer more complex procedures.

The surgical facilities will be supported by a wide range of allied health services including radiology, pathology, pharmacy and GP practice as well as shared meeting facilities and a café.

A distinctive feature of the project is the re-use of a sculpture by renowned Hobart artist Stephen Walker which will occupy pride of place in the new foyer.

Often challenges bring unexpected rewards; an innovative solution was found for disposal of contaminated soil from the site where it is being used in remediation of an old landfill site. The soil is being used as deep fill to restore site levels prior to being capped with clean fill. Not only is this cost effective for the landfill remediation, it also avoids consuming capacity at active waste disposal sites.

Another unexpected reward came to Matt, our project lead who has been able to spend more time with his Sydney relatives thanks to flight delays resulting in missed connecting flights!



R U OK ? Day morning tea



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Fraser and Nicole



LEA Conference Tour at NIHS



Push-Up Challenge team



Riverbanks College B-12, recently showcased at the LEA Conference Tour. Image by Sam Noonan Photographer



Staff Notes

Name: Aaron Fox

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: Ballarat Private Hospital, Repat Private Hospital, James Street Apartments, Orange Hospital Sleep Clinic & Corymbia Day Hospital

What inspires you? The 2004 AFL Grand Final

Design idols: Tadao Ando & Frank Lloyd Wright

Design you wish you could take credit for: One Central Park, Sydney

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Trick question; iPad with an Apple pencil

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Lake Louise in Banff, Canada

First favourite song as a kid: The Bob the Builder theme song

Currently listening to: Bunker by Bearclaw Camp

Fav eatery: Levant and Loveon Cafe

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Anything you need is 15 minutes away!

Most treasured possession: My precious Subaru Outback

Growing up you thought you would be: Architect or striker for Manchester United (I was a bit ambitious in my abilities)

Life motto: Ahh she'll be right

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: The chaos at the 2021 Christmas Party.

Office News

Seeing blossoming trees and feeling some warmer air is a welcome change from the cooler winter months. This quarter has had some great opportunities for gathering together as an office.

On Thursday September 8, we held a morning tea and fundraiser for R U OK ? Day. Staff donned yellow and bright clothes, feasting on cupcakes and various treats. Gold coin donations were collected for UniSA's Mental Health Research fund. A total of \$500 was raised, with approximately \$215 given by staff, matched by a contribution from management. The morning tea was a chance to take a step back from our busy work days and check in with and support one another. Different to last year, it was held in conjunction with the launch of Swanbury Penglase's Employee Assistance Program. We are proud to share that this program will provide staff with access to a professional counselling service, to assist in coping with day-to-day pressures. Dr. Denise Keenan from COGNITION attended on the day to introduce the initiative.

The month of August is a veritable 'Directors' Birthday Club', notably including Director Andrew Phillips' 60th. The kitchen was bedecked with colourful balloons and exclusive images from Andrew's Swanbury Penglase career so far. Staff could enjoy a range of cakes while they perused the pop-up gallery.

This year, we have three teams entered into the Corporate Cup. They all currently sit on the Fastest Times leaderboard with The Swans & Penguins in 6th, Yellow tRACERs in 8th and the Revit Runners in 12th. Well done to Jasmine who is in 8th spot for the fastest female, Paul in 8th spot for the fastest male and Dion in 19th spot. Complementing Swanbury Penglase's impressive running performance, Nick B, Fraser, Steph, Gabe, Jamie, Paul, Cam, Aaron and Bailey decided to put their strength to the test to support better mental health, by entering The Push-Up Challenge in June. Combined, they raised an incredible amount of \$3,204 for Lifeline and completed 18,627 push-ups.

There have been quite a few exciting announcements within the office recently. Congratulations to Graduate of Architecture Fraser, who became engaged to his partner, Nicole! Six of our staff have been elevated in their office roles and we are thrilled to introduce the following promotions: Marty Frost as Senior Architect, Rebecca Hewett as Senior Interior Designer, Sarah Oliver and Jasmine Brooksby as Associates, and Jenny Newman and Stephen Schrapel as Senior Associates. Well done all on your fantastic achievement!

We would like to recognise the extraordinary contribution to the community, by Graduate of Architecture, Cam. He has been awarded Surf Lifesaving's highest honour; The National Rescue Medal, with team-mates Ella and Bonnie. Their efforts were able to save the lives of two swimmers at Waitpinga Beach. They will attend a state government ceremony later this year to receive their medals.

You may recall from our last issue that seven of our recently completed education projects were part of the Learning Environment Australasia Conference tours. What we didn't share though, was that 6 of our staff also attended the conference, partaking in masterclasses, workshops and knowledge sharing centred on the theme of Building Learning Ecosystems.

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