



Swanbury Penglase

#91 The Port Pirie Railway Historic Precinct is set for an injection of new life, with conservation and modification works currently underway!

The new colour scheme for the prominent Railway Station tower, Ellen Street, Port Pirie

Site notes



New paint scheme for the former Customs House
Photo: Sam Pentelow/Stoneideas



Port Pirie Railway Station, c.1930 (State Library SA B 22810)

Port Pirie Historic Railway Precinct

Port Pirie Railway Station, once described as a “bilious combination” of red, blue, green and yellow when it first opened in 1902, will become a key attraction along the Silver to Sea Way Heritage Trail.

With the help of Swanbury Penglase’s heritage team and delivery by Stoneideas, the intricate pressed metal facade of the former railway station is being meticulously restored to its original condition - but thankfully not to its original gaudy colour scheme which was painted over only a few months after its completion. It is not only its unusual construction that made this building unique, but also its orientation to Port Pirie’s main street which also once served as the route of the railway line to Broken Hill. Meanwhile, the adjoining petite former custom’s house, original gateway to the Port, is being repainted and stonework repaired.

The project is not just about conservation. It also involves the rehabilitation of the surrounding area, creating a welcoming space for locals and tourists to enjoy and celebrate the lively industrial landscape of South Australia’s second busiest port. Activating Port Pirie Railway Station and Customs House will create a dynamic and engaging experience for people to connect with the place’s past through a variety of events and immersive exhibitions.

The revival of the area is just one piece of a larger initiative - the Silver to Sea Way Heritage Trail. This is being developed by the National Trust of South Australia, bringing together a creative team to design and deliver the project. This trail extends from Broken Hill to Port Pirie, tracing the historical routes of trade and transportation that were vital to the development of the region. Along the trail, visitors can immerse themselves in the rich history and diverse stories of the area, with the restored former railway station and customs house serving as a principle gateway for this journey.

SPA at the ICOMOS General Assembly

ICOMOS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites is a professional association that works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places around the world. Every four years the Council holds a general assembly for an international audience to come together and discuss the practice and future of conservation around the globe. For the first time in its history the general assembly took place in Australia, specifically in the heart of Sydney.

Swanbury Penglase had a good showing at this event, with several of our Heritage team members in attendance. An information booth introducing the World Heritage Bid for the Cornish Mining Sites at Burra and Moonta included our Conservation Management plans and maps for both sites. It was fantastic to see our work being presented to an international audience, especially the Conservation Management plans that are so often under appreciated for the effort that they require to produce.



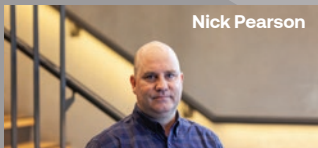
Burra, Burra Copper Mine bell



SP maps & Conservation Management Plans



Steph and Nick B



Nick Pearson



Christmas in July



Nick B at the Acropolis



Cam in Venice



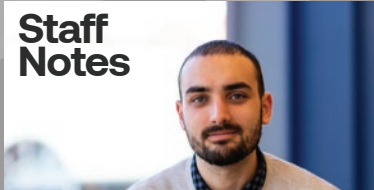
Lauren & Harris



Lincoln Memorial



Staff Notes



Name: Daniel Butcher

Position: Graduate of Architecture

Current projects: Yarrabee House, National Wine Centre, Gladstone Gaol, Hindmarsh Bandstand

What inspires you? Discovering obscure history facts

Design idols: Stephen Schrapel

Design you wished you could take credit for: The Sagrada Familia

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Pencil

Most treasured possession: Sanity (only just)

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Being able to enjoy the hills, parklands and beaches all in close proximity

Fav eatery: Pave Cafe

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Island hopping the Greek islands

Office News

We are thrilled to welcome Nick Pearson to the Swanbury Penglase team to lead our Landscape Architecture discipline. An experienced Landscape Architect, Nick has led project teams on a wide variety of complex public domain projects all across Australia. We warmly welcome Nick to the team and look forward to the opportunities ahead!

Congratulations to Stephanie Copson and Nick Bartholomaeus, who reached significant milestones in their careers; recently passing the Architecture Practice Examination to become Registered Architects.

In this year's AIA SA Architecture Awards, we were recognised for our Aldinga Payinthe College Campus project with the COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture, as well as a Commendation for Urban Design. Tarrkarri at St Andrew's School was also awarded a Commendation for Educational Architecture.

We also received an incredible five awards in the 2023 AILA SA Landscape Architecture Awards. The Aldinga Payinthe College Campus was awarded the People's Choice Award, Water for Life Commendation and the Award for Health and Education. Blackfriars Priory School Jubilee Walkway took out the Landscape Architecture Award for Health and Education and finally the Dover Street Reserve won the Landscape Architecture Award for Infrastructure.

Our Interior Architecture team were also thrilled to be shortlisted in both the national DIA Designers Australia Awards and the national IDEA Interior Design Excellence Awards for the UniSA Enterprise Hub project. Well done to all on your fantastic efforts!

The Christmas in July day finally came back to the office after a hiatus of a few years. There was a great range of ugly sweaters on display, which were later shown off at the bowling and laser skirmish night at Zone bowling, Cross Road. After an entertaining evening, energy stores were replenished with a pizza dinner at One Sneaky Cheetah.

Congratulations to Architect Lauren and her husband Fergus, who welcomed baby Harris Jeans into the world on the 29th of July.

Many of our staff members were eager to travel this year. Europe proved to be a popular summer destination however there were some other interesting places too, including Colombia and the United States! Andrew Klenke was lucky enough to be admitted inside the Senate Gallery in Washington, D.C.

This year, we had one of the biggest levels of participation in our office AFL tipping contest, with family members also invited to join in. Despite some upset wins this season, Paul R, Dion and Paul C took the top 3 spots respectively.

First favourite song as a kid: Promised Land, Elvis Presley

Currently listening to: Dream Slow, MILKBLOOD

Life motto: Smile, things could be worse...

Superpower (if you could have one): Hindsight

Growing up you thought you would be: A historian, an artist or an architect

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment:

Surveying the Adelaide Parklands and finding many new and interesting places (to nap).

