



Swanbury Penglase

#92 In our last issue for this year, we are excited to share the recently completed School for Allied Health, at the University of Adelaide.

School for Allied Health

The fields of education and health are a major focus for our practice. Recently we celebrated completion of a project that encompasses both; a new School for Allied Health at The University of Adelaide.

The project is the third and final stage of a development we started at the end of 2020.

The project site is distributed over four buildings across the North Terrace campus and encompasses a range of clinical teaching spaces as well as administration support spaces for the Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy programs. A notable feature of the project is a Simulation Hospital space, set up as group of twelve treatment bays to familiarise students with working in a ward environment.

Each discipline has materials and colours associated to them, all intended to compliment each other and build a design language and identity for Allied Health as a whole.

A key feature of the project was the development of site-specific graphics. The University engaged two Aboriginal artists through Ochre Dawn (an Aboriginal owned and operated branding and marketing company) to create and install two pieces; Soli and Holistic Health by Anna Dowling, and Wirltu Yarlū - White-bellied Sea Eagle by Allan Summer.

The artists then worked with the design team's signage and wayfinding designer, Studio Pinata, to embed the pieces in the interiors, the artworks extrapolated and printed at large scale, across walls and glazing.

The project is a great example of how carefully selected finishes combined with striking graphics can seamlessly blend to evoke active and dynamic learning spaces.

Healthcare at Swanbury Penglase

Our expert healthcare team specialise in the design and implementation of innovative, sustainable, and patient-centric healthcare facilities across Australia. We have successfully completed numerous projects, ranging from radiology, dialysis & donor centre clinics to private hospitals, undertaking Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic, Endoscopy, and Plastics (amongst others). We understand the unique challenges and regulations associated with healthcare projects, ensuring compliance with relevant standards and guidelines, both nationally and within each jurisdiction.

We also understand the complexities of undertaking construction works in live operating healthcare environments and the unique design and construction challenges this brings.

Recently completed projects include Insight Private Hospital, Canberra Private Hospital, Vermont Private Hospital, Manningham Private Hospital & Orange Private Hospital.

Current projects include the New Mt Barker Hospital, Tasman Medical Centre, Repat Medical Centre, Pacific Private Hospital & Ballarat Private Hospital.



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Site notes



Emma & Aaron



Nick Grbin

Office News

As we wind down for another year, it's a great opportunity to share some fantastic staff achievements. Congratulations to Nick Grbin, who was recently appointed as an Associate Director of Swanbury Penglase. We are sure he will bring great contributions to the leadership team!

We are also proud to announce a number of staff promotions, including the elevation of Peter Morris and Nathan Purdie to Senior Associates, Lana Greer and Margi Bartolo to Senior Landscape Architects and Ted Bouchier and Lauren Jeans to Senior Architects.

Emma Dohrmann and Aaron Fox recently passed the Architecture Practice Examination to become Registered Architects. Well done on this fantastic milestone in your careers, we can't wait to see what you achieve in the future.

Welcome to our new staff members; Architect Will Jones, and Graduate of Landscape Architecture Spencer Caon.

We were delighted to hear that Graduate of Architecture Bailey proposed to his partner Bridget during their trip to Cairns. Senior Designer James and his wife Caroline welcomed baby Archibald Wyville Thomson on the 3rd of November, weighing in at 3.14kg. We wish the new family all the best in the months to come.

We are glad to have Cecilia and Bec back with us in the office, having recently returned from maternity leave. Also missed was Jason, who embarked on a 5 month, self-sufficient hiking, back-packing and camping adventure along the Pacific Crest Trail, which starts at the Mexican border and finishes at Canada. Key sights of his trip were Frank Gehry's Disney Opera House, as well as the Christ Cathedral campus, which includes the Crystal Cathedral by Philip Johnson and John Burgee, as well as the Cultural Center by Richard Meier.

Following the success of the inaugural Swanbury Penglase Open Golf Championship in 2022, a new course was selected for what promised to be a bigger and better competition. On Sunday 22nd October, twenty staff members met at Echunga Golf Course for the 4-ball Ambrose golf competition. Five teams worked together to navigate the course in the hopes of posting a competitive score. The course was well known to some, especially Matt Raven, whose name features on the Honor boards (former club champion).

While everyone walked away feeling like a winner, local knowledge proved to be the difference, with Matt's team (Matt's Masters) taking home the chocolates (wine). Congratulations to Matt, Peter Morris, Gabe Lever-Brine and Dion Byas; your names will be forever etched on the coveted trophy! Special mentions to Jamie Becker for her first ever round of golf and to management for donating the winner's prizes. We look forward to next year and the third instalment of what is quickly becoming a highlight of the SP social calendar.

This year, our Christmas Party will take place at Vigna Bottin Winery. Before enjoying lunch and some beverages, we will be visiting Immanuel College for a site tour.

We would like to wish our clients, consultants and staff a wonderful and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you again next year!



Bailey & Bridget



SP Open Championship



Jason's hiking trip



Matt's Masters

Staff Notes



Name: Steph Copson

Position: Architect

Current projects: Annesley Junior School Stage 2 & 3 Masterplan Works, Southern Cross Care Pearl RAC Extension & St Yves Trinity College

Design idols: Tadao Ando

Design you wished you could take credit for: Barcelona Pavilion, The Therme Vals

Pencil vs computer (your preference): 0.2 Copic pens, they make the sketch look 100 x better

Best thing about living in

Adelaide: The wineries, beaches and all the secluded Airbnb getaways

Fav eatery: Singapore House, Ruby Red Flamingo, Osteria Oggi and Orso, all equally delicious

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Sri Lanka

First favourite song as a kid: Bear in the Big Blue house theme song

Currently listening to: Shameless podcast

Growing up you thought you would be:

A vet, I changed my mind immediately when I realised the job description wasn't just to cuddle animals all day

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment:

Gabe's companywide emails