



Swanbury Penglase

#94 This quarter we are showcasing the recently completed landscape and play spaces at Woodcroft College Junior School. We hope you enjoy this issue and are keeping warm!



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Woodcroft College New Junior School Landscape

The outdoor play space at the new Junior School was inspired by the estuary “where the tide meets the stream”; a perfect metaphor to reflect the journey experienced by students as they move through Reception, Junior and Middle schooling.

The new Junior School building works together with the previously completed ELC to create a protected space for Junior School students. As they grow and develop more autonomy, students venture further out through the protected space to the school oval and beyond.

The outdoor areas continue the cohesive narrative flowing throughout the new three-storey Junior School building, exploring the story of the Onkaparinga River and its connecting waterways.

The landscape includes two new play areas, divided by a ‘serpentine’ timber fence. The sand-pit “water hole” acts as one shared play experience that spans the two areas, allowing for the children in the ELC and Junior School to interact, maintaining relationships and facilitating transition from the ELC to the Junior School.

The Junior School playspace boasts two new covered outdoor learning areas, six new breakout spaces, an amphitheatre, three large new climbing play items that offer something different to the ‘run of the mill’ playground and a new timber nature-play inspired climbing net and play fort.

In all, the aspiration is to provide open, transparent, and collaborative learning environments with strong links to the external environment, both physically and conceptually.





Fraser & Sam



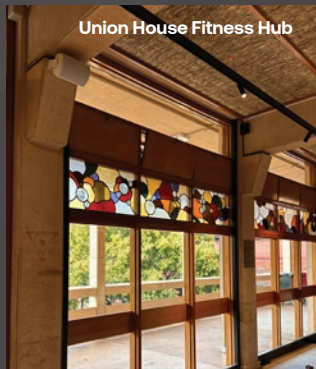
Union House Site Tour



SP Mini Golf night



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Union House Fitness Hub

Office News

This quarter we've had no shortage of great social activities to get involved in, all while continuing to see fantastic achievements across various office projects.

Recently the office put on a couple of 'Special Friday night drinks' events. One such occasion was the inaugural Mario Kart tournament. The office meeting rooms were transformed into gaming stations for staff to put their virtual racing skills to the test. It was a thrilling night, with entrants trying their best to avoid elimination, but this year, Bailey, Jamie, Cameron and Daniel were the triumphant winners. We also saw the return of the Mini Golf evening at the Holey Moley Golf Club, Adelaide. Attendees looked the part, sporting polo shirts, vests and chequered caps. It was an entertaining competition that provided lots of laughter.

On Wednesday the 24th of April, the SP team were lucky enough to participate in a guided site tour of the current refurbishment project underway at Union House, at the University of Adelaide. Director and Heritage Architect Andrew Klenke opened the tour by offering some history of the iconic building and a general insight into the project which aims to bring activity back to Union House through base build services upgrades and integration for comfort and amenity. The project is being carried out in stages and at the time of the tour; Package 3, Stage 5 was almost complete, with Package 4 underway. It was wonderful to see how original elements are being celebrated within the refurbished spaces, such as the stained glass panels which are featured in the new Fitness Hub.

Back in May, a few of our staff members including Directors Andrew Phillips and Justin Carter, Associate Director Nick Grbin, Project Director Kon Michael and Senior Associate Zoe Avon attended the 2024 LEA Conference 'AMPLIFY: Inclusion, Learning, Place'. Taking place over four days at CENTREPIECE Melbourne Park, it focused on inclusive learning and included eye opening site tours of various schools and colleges. Overall, it informed our approach to designing equitable and culturally sensitive learning spaces.

Congratulations to Architect Will Jones and his partner Rachel, who welcomed baby Vera into the world on Monday the 6th of May. We hope the new family has been settling in well!

SiteNotes is proud to announce that a short time ago, Sam Rosenzweig and Fraser Murison successfully completed the Architecture Practice Examination. We commend you on all your efforts to reach this point and wish you all the best for this exciting chapter of your careers.



Staff Notes

Name: Nick Pearson

Position: Senior Associate

Current projects: Hindley Street East Streetscape Upgrade, New Mt. Barker Hospital, Novo Westlakes Development, Pedare Senior School, Woodcroft College Green Heart

What inspires you? My wife having the courage to go back to University and start a new career while juggling life with two tween boys

Design idols: James Corner, Kongjian Yu, Martha Schwartz, Christine Ten Eyck and Piet Oudolf

Design you wished you could take credit for: The Highline in New York, which epitomises the endeavours of landscape architects in modern cities through the creation of new public space by repurposing of old infrastructure, delivering biodiversity, connected communities and public amenity and activation.

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Proximity to the Hills and Wine Regions and ability to escape the City all within a short drive

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: Fantasy at this stage is a golf & whisky tour of Scotland

First favourite song as a kid: Sesame Street theme song (not a lot of choice growing up with no radio and 1 TV Channel)

Currently listening to: A podcast "Warriors in their Own Words - First Person War Stories"

Growing up you thought you would be: More like hoped, but a Professional Surfer

Superpower (if you could have one): Breathing underwater

Life motto: Always be 5 minutes early (this is ingrained from my time in the Army).

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: With limited time, it has to be the 35th Birthday Lunch.

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