






# Swanbury Penglase

**#97** Welcome to 2025! In this issue, we are excited to share our expansion and refurbishment works at the Pacific Private Hospital in Southport, Queensland.

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Site notes

## Pacific Private Hospital

Location: Southport QLD

Over the last decade Swanbury Penglase has designed and delivered numerous projects in partnership with Nexus Hospitals. We are proud to continue this ongoing relationship with the recent expansion of the Pacific Private Hospital on the Gold Coast.

This project involved expansion of the Hospital to occupy an additional floor within the building, along with a partial refurbishment of the existing Hospital tenancy on the floor below. The new facility included two state-of-the-art orthopaedic operating theatres, associated perioperative support areas (pre-op and post op recovery), along with eight new ward rooms, a new Hospital entry and administrative and staff facilities. Refurbishment of the existing Hospital includes expanded

pre-op bays, new staff facilities, additional storage and improved recovery and discharge areas.

Construction took place over the course of 10 months, including major works over the Christmas Closure, which allowed the contractors full access to the Hospital.

Swanbury Penglase undertook Contract Administration of the project, which included regular travel to the Gold Coast for site visits. With the sun coming up very early in Queensland, this even allowed the team members to go out for morning runs. Some post-run selfies even made their way into the project's site photos folder, which earned them a Golden Swanny nomination!







Stephen presenting at the Modernism Symposium



Australian Minerals Foundation, Glenside, from the Constructional Review, Nov. 1973.



Theo Duffield



Longford Academy training workshop



Emma and Aaron in Cambodia



Christmas Party at Union House



## Staff Notes



**Name:** Will Jones

**Position:** Architect

**Current projects:** St. Francis Xavier School, James St. Apartments, Campbelltown, UniSA Aboriginal Knowledges Centre, Aldinga Beach Primary School and the Gold Coast HWY Development.

**What inspires you?** Biophilic design, travel and unexpected detail

**Design/Artistic Idols:** Lyonel Feininger, Charles & Ray Eames, Santiago Calatrava

**Design you wished you could take credit for:** Malcolm Sayer's E-Type Jaguar

**Fav Restaurant:** Il Pirata (Amalfi Coast, Praiano)

**Pencil vs computer (your preference):** Pencil

**Best thing about living in Adelaide:** Accessibility to nature and a relatively low-key lifestyle.

**Growing up you thought you would be:** A car designer

**Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment:** Seeing the construction/completion of projects (James St & Union House) and participating in the annual Swanbury Penglase Golf Tournament

**Superpower (if you could have one):** Telekinesis

**First favourite song as a kid:** 'Jump Around' by House of Pain

**Fantasy (or next) holiday destination:** 6-month holiday island hopping in Europe and exploring Japan

## Office News

Celebrating a successful year, our annual Christmas Party was held at Union House at the University of Adelaide. In a nod to the era of Union House, staff dressed in a fantastic array of 70s colours and groovy prints with the second ever winner of Jenny's Black Cardi Award for outstanding fashion at the Christmas Party awarded to Architect Ted Bourchier. Although there were a number of commendable nominations for the coveted Golden Swanny award, the trophy was presented to joint winners Graduate of Architecture Daniel Butcher and Architect Paul Rawinski for a memorable email mishap.

Our heritage team has been kept very busy presenting at conferences and undertaking training. In February the 2025 Symposium 'Modernism and the Everyday: A South Australian Perspective', was held at the Architecture Museum at UniSA. It explored the South Australian experience of modern architecture and design to enhance existing historical narratives. Dr Stephen Schrapel discussed the role of Italian migrants in shaping Adelaide modernism while Architect Sam Rosenzweig spoke about the role of reactivation and redevelopment as strategies for conserving the South Australia's modernist buildings, referencing our recent Union House redevelopment.

Earlier, in October 2024, Dr Stephen Schrapel and Director Andrew Klenke prepared papers and presentations for the Australian Engineering Heritage Conference (AEHC). The conference focused on the role of engineering in heritage conservation and the importance of bringing together different professions.

Stephen, in partnership with Dr Amit Srivastava, presented a paper titled *Italian Migrants and the South Australian Precast Industry*, examining the rise of prominent South Australian concrete companies founded by Italian immigrants, and their importance nationally. Andrew's paper, *Discovery and Celebration – the past and new life of 9 Light Square, Adelaide*, explored the challenges and opportunities of adaptive reuse, framed through the lens of discovery within the context of the UniSA Enterprise Hub.

And finally in late February, Sam also spent a week training in Tasmania at the Longford Academy broadening his knowledge of traditional materials and how best to conserve them.

Congratulations to Associate Interior Designer Jasmine Brooksby and her husband Steve, on the arrival of their baby boy Theodore Duffield on the 12th of December. We wish the new family all the best at this exciting time.

Recently, Architects Emma Dohrmann and Aaron Fox travelled to Cambodia, adventuring through Siem Reap, Koh Rong Sanloem and Phnom Penh.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome the following new staff members: Architect Joshua Paech, Interior Designers Debbie Wood and Amy Pedler, Graduates of Architecture Jubin Ashtiani, Charlotte Folland, Harrison Chow and Zoe Woods, and Graduate of Landscape Architecture Matthew Foreman.



Union Building Group at the University of Adelaide, Dickson and Platten Architects, 1967-75, Dickson Collection, S272, Architecture Museum, University of South Australia

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