

Swanbury Penglase

Sitenotes



100 issues

The very first Sitenotes is lost in the mists of time. Known then simply as the Swanbury Penglase Newsletter, the earliest issue we have on record is number 3, published in April 1998. It coincided with our 10th anniversary and covered amongst other things; doubling the number of projects won the previous year, progress on computerisation and preparations for the millenium bug. We had sixteen staff that year. Today we have about 70.

The publishing interval was somewhat random and informal in those early days, amounting to about 3 issues per year.

Staff Notes is a favourite little corner of the newsletter, offering just glimpses into the rich mix of people that make up our culture. The first one was in issue 11, 2003 and the subject was none other than Justin who famously had an official staff photo taken before he had even sat a job interview!

Another popular feature is the Office News section, documenting various team members' exploits and achievements over the years and in this edition, you will find a compilation of statistics demonstrating just what a hive of activity our team is.

Originally black and white photocopies, the newsletter made the jump to colour in 2002 and adopted the title Site Notes in 2003. The title was to remain two separate words until a major format refresh for issue 29, 2008 when we turned it sideways, dispensed with the space, pushed it over the edge, and adopted full bleed printing. Heady days!

The following issue, number 30, featured our new office in Gilbert St that was certified as the first 5-star ABGR building in South Australia.

2010 was the company's 21st year of operation and Sitenotes featured in depth Staff Notes on the four directors at the time. We now have six directors of whom Andrew Phillips is the only one of those four remaining.

The original founders of the company, Eric Swanbury and Stephen Penglase retired in 2024 and Sitenotes dedicated an issue each for them to share reflections on their time in the profession.

From its random and modest beginnings, Sitenotes has for a long time been an integral part of our engagement with clients and the wider community. The whole team takes great pleasure in celebrating this 100th issue and looks forward to bringing you many more.

Office News

Sitenotes is delighted to announce several new appointments within the office. Congratulations to Paul Rawinski who was appointed as an Associate Director, Marguerite Bartolo, Lana Greer, Marty Frost and Ted Bouchier, who were each promoted to Associates, and Nathan McEwen, Nick Bartholomaeus and Steph Copson, who were elevated to Senior Architects.

Swanbury Penglase is pleased to share that Senior Architects James Maude and Samuel Jeyaseelan, as well as Architect Ivana Rajcic have recently joined our team. We would also like to celebrate quite a few of our staff members who recently met some significant career milestones! Congratulations to Senior Associate Peter Morris and Ketu Komaris from Admin, who have reached an incredible 25 years of service. Congratulations also to our IT Manager, Ben Swanbury, and Associate Director, Nick Grbin, who have each clocked 15 years of service, as well as Senior Associate (Heritage) Stephen Schrapel, Associate Marty Frost, and Associate Jasmine Brooksby, who have all reached 10 years with our firm.

Congratulations to Associate Ted Bouchier and his wife Stefania, who recently welcomed their baby boy, Alessano. We hope that they have been settling in well and enjoying this special time!

Taking advantage of the lovely spring weather in late October, Graduate of Architecture Bailey got married to Bridget, at Lake Breeze Wines in Langhorne Creek. We wish them both a happy married life together.

In November, the 2025 Swanbury Penglase Open Golf Championship was held at Flagstaff Hill Golf Course with 20 of our staff members attending. The competition was fierce, but ultimately Director Matt Raven, Architect Joshua Paech and Graduate of Architecture Jake McCabe took out the win.

Staff were treated to a site visit to see how the New Sports and Performing Arts Centre at St Peter's Girls is progressing. The tour was led by Project Architect Ted Bouchier. It is certainly taking shape and we can't wait to see it upon completion.

Meanwhile, Director Andrew Klenke jetted off to New Zealand, with top destinations including Mount Taranaki, the New Zealand Parliament Buildings and the Hobbiton Movie Set.

Sitenotes stats..

We've taken some stats from our last 100 issues. Here are the results:

Births: 56

Engagements: 24

Weddings: 37

Overseas Holidays: 68

Staff Profiles: 79

Retirements: 3

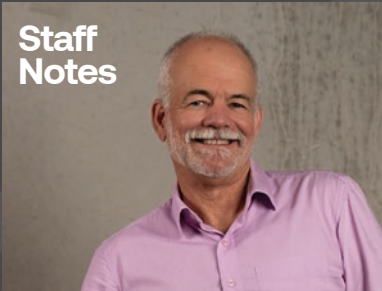
Registrations: 22

A sample of countries visited:

Austria, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, China, Cuba, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Vietnam

Pencil vs computer?

Category	Percentage
Pencil	39.5%
Computer	39.5%
Digital Pencil	15.8%
Both	5.3%



Name: Andrew Phillips

Position: Director

Current projects: Currently I have about 35 projects going at different levels of involvement, however some of the larger ones include St Peters Girls Gymnasium and Performing Arts Building, St Columba College New Senior School, Trinity College Senior School Extension, Gawler Campus, Trinity College New Middle School, Roseworthy Campus, New Northern Suburbs High School, St Andrews ELC extension, St Francis of Assisi College, Renmark, Adelaide Workers Homes Apartments and the UniSA Aboriginal Knowledges Centre

What inspires you? Nature

Design Idols: Not necessarily idols, but I admire the work of Glenn Murcutt, Peter Stutchbury, Alvar Aalto and Frank Lloyd Wright

Design you wished you could take credit for: Whilst I admire many buildings and urban spaces around the world, I respect the architects and designers who created them.

Pencil vs computer (your preference): Pencil

Fav eatery: Little Rickshaw, Aldinga (amazing contemporary Vietnamese)

Most treasured possession: My son's watch

Best thing about living in Adelaide: Everything being accessible within 30 minutes, great lifestyle

Fantasy (or next) holiday destination: South America in 2027

First favourite song as a kid: Don't have a favourite song, but enjoyed listening to Bachman Turner Overdrive, Queen and Kiss.

Currently listening to: ABC podcast Away (Aboriginal Arts and Culture stories)

Life motto: Live Well

Superpower (if you could have one): Being in more than one place at the same time

Growing up you thought you would be: Architect/Pharmacist

Memorable SP (Swanbury Penglase) moment: The whole of office weekend away on the Gold Coast which included some creative car pooling