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#### Current Positions

Managing Director, ARINA  
Founding Principal of WHP Architects/ARINA  
Managing Director of ARINA Consultants Pte Ltd  
(Singapore)  
Adjunct Senior Lecturer, UNSW Faculty of Built  
Environment (Architecture Program)  
President, Assn for the Committee for North Sydney

#### Professional Registration

Registered Architect, NSW 5147  
Registered Architect Victoria 5897  
Registered Architect Tasmania CC6438

#### Membership of Professional Associations

Member of AIA  
Member of the Architectural Association, London  
Member of SAHANZ

#### Key Educational Qualifications

MSc in Architecture, Bartlett School of Architecture  
and Planning, University College, London  
B Arch 5 Year, Honours (First Class), The University  
of Adelaide.

Geoff Hanmer is a Managing Director of ARINA, the trading name of WHP Architects Pty Ltd and of ARINA's Singapore entity, ARINA Consultants Pte Ltd. Established in 1987, ARINA clients include 35 of the 39 Universities in Australia, including the universities of Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Queensland, Monash, UNSW, UWA and ANU (all of the Go8).

Other ARINA clients include the National University of Singapore, Fairfax, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Orange, NAB, Virgin, Airservices Australia, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, the NSW Government, Taronga Zoo, North Sydney Council, the City of Sydney, and many local authorities in the Sydney region.

Geoff was the Design Manager for the AUD \$300M UNSW Asia Campus in Singapore, the Master Planner for the \$1B La Trobe University campus in Melbourne and was the Principal-in-charge of the new business school for the University of Tasmania at its Sandy Bay campus. Other projects for which Geoff has been directly responsible include the design of the 1986 NIDA building at UNSW, fitout of

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the AFTRS complex at Macquarie University (for which he also wrote the brief) the master plan for the development of the ABC-TV Gore Hill site in Sydney and Project Director for the redevelopment of ABC-TV sites in Melbourne and Hobart. He was recently the key consultant on the AUD \$1.2B CBD relocation of the University of Tasmania to the Hobart CBD. He has just completed work on the planning for the Curtin University Super Science project with a value of AUD \$335M and is now working with the University of Queensland on the planning for a new \$350M Science Hub.

Building designs include the Welwyn Centre for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children at North Rocks, the West Pennant Hills Multi-Purpose Centre for Baulkham Hills Shire Council, the Toowoomb Bay Community Centre for Wyong Shire Council, and the North Sydney Community Centre for North Sydney Municipal Council.

Geoff graduated from the five-year degree at the University of Adelaide in 1981 with a First Class Honours degree in Architecture. He was awarded the ACI Boral Prize for his architectural thesis and the Wormald Prize for his work in building science. During his time at University, he was prominent in student affairs, being a member of the University Education Committee and editor of the student newspaper 'On Dit'.

Following his relocation to Sydney in 1982, Geoff became NSW Contributing Editor to 'Architecture Australia', and was responsible for numerous articles, including interviews with world-renowned architectural figures such as Ralph Erskine, Kenneth Frampton and Reyner Banham. Key projects at this stage of his career included the design of the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) at Kensington, NSW, and the Reserve Bank Training

College at Kirribilli, NSW. Geoff also coordinated the preparation of Parliamentary Public Works Committee Evidence for numerous major public buildings, including the Sydney GPO restoration, AFTRS and NIDA. He later made submissions to the PWC on a number of projects highlighting the role that over-complication and over-specification plays in compromising project budget integrity and delivery schedules.

In 1985, he was awarded the Kenneth and Hazel Milne Traveling Scholarship by the Department of Architecture at the University of Adelaide and chose to attend the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning in London where he obtained an MSc in Architecture under Mark Swenarton and Adrian Forty. His research thesis examined the architectural and constructional significance of interwar housing in Britain. Following his study in London, Geoff worked for Cecil Denny Highton in London as a 'trouble-shooter' on multi-storey office projects.

On his return to Australia in 1987, Geoff was appointed Project Director for the rationalisation and refurbishment of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's television sites in Victoria, a role he performed until the founding of WHP Architects, the entity that ultimately became ARINA. During that time, he gave the opening lecture in the Edmonton Society for Urban and Architectural Studies 1990 Winter Lecture Series at the Museum of Alberta, Canada. The lecture was titled 'Australian Architecture and the Influence of Colonialism'.

In 1992, Geoff was appointed an adjunct lecturer in Facility Evaluation for the Faculty of Design Architecture and Building at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). He researched and lectured in this subject until 1998. This was the only University course on systematic briefing in Australia

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at that time. From 1996 to 2003 he was also a tutor in Architectural Practice to final-year Architecture students at UTS. From 2002, Geoff was a senior adjunct lecturer at UNSW, lecturing in both Architectural Construction and Professional Practice. He has now been appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Adelaide. Unusually for an adjunct, he was the coordinator of the UNSW BE UG Structures and Construction course, which has two units and 18 staff.

A member of the Society of Architectural Historians of Australia and New Zealand (SAHANZ), Geoff has contributed a series of papers dealing with the historical development of the Australian Building Industry 1890 to 1939.

Geoff is a regular speaker at professional forums on facilities in higher education and is currently writing a book on the relevance of the university campus to urban development in conjunction with his colleagues in ARINA.

Geoff is the joint author of 'The Quality Guide to Medium Density Housing', over 50,000 copies of two editions of this book have been distributed throughout the building industry in NSW by the NSW Building and Construction Council. This followed an intensive research project into building defects using the BSC database which is the only one of its type in Australia. Construction quality, building regulations and construction history form the core of Geoff's research interests and output.



*Hope Theatre, University of Wollongong; design and delivery Geoff Hanmer: Image ARINA*

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#### Personal Details

Full Name	Geoffrey Nicholas Hanmer
Nationality	Australian/British
Born	Manchester, UK
Migrated	1963, to Adelaide, Australia
Resident	Sydney, Adelaide and Perth
Date of Birth	10 December 1957
Marital Status	Married to Jo Mausolf since 1988
High School	Matriculated from Christies Beach High School, Christies Beach SA
Referees	Professor of Practice Glenn Murcutt AO (Pritzker Laureate) 76A Raglan Street Mosman NSW 2088 T: +61 2 9969 7797 F: +61 2 9969 7797 Emeritus Professor Mark Wainwright AM (ex Vice-chancellor, UNSW) <a href="mailto:mark.wainwright@unsw.edu.au">mark.wainwright@unsw.edu.au</a> +61 414 385 002 Emeritus Professor Tony Moon (ex Dean of Science UTS) <a href="mailto:tony.Moon@uts.edu.au">tony.Moon@uts.edu.au</a> +61 419 261 879



*Image Above: University of Tasmania - Tasmanian School of Business and Economics (TSBE), Briefing, Design and Delivery, Superintendent Services*

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### Architectural Positions

Now	Managing Director, ARINA
2005-now	Managing Director, ARINA and ARINA Consultants Pte Ltd
1996-now	Managing Director; WHP Architects, formerly Windass Hanmer Partnership
1988-1996	Founding Partner; Windass Hanmer Partnership
1987-1988	Contract Architect and Project Director, ABC-TV
1986	Architect; Cecil, Denny, Highton and Partners, London.
1985-1986	Full-time student; Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, London.
1982-1985	Architect; Bank and Special Projects Division, Dept. of Housing and Construction. (Appointed by Richard Johnson)

### Educational Positions

2020-now	Adjunct Professor in Architecture, the University of Adelaide.
2010- now	Senior Adjunct Lecturer; Design and Construction, Architecture Program University of NSW
2002- 2006	Senior Adjunct Lecturer; Design and Construction, Architecture Program University of NSW
	Senior Adjunct Lecturer; Professional Practice 1 and 2, Architecture Program University of NSW
1996-2002	Tutor; Professional Practice 3, Architecture Program University of Technology Sydney
1992-1998	Adjunct Lecturer, Facility Evaluation, Land Economics Program University of Technology Sydney.
1993-1994	Lecturer, Accredited Quality Assessor Course for Medium Density Housing, TAFE NSW in association with the Building and Construction Council of NSW.

### Key Media Appointments and Appearances

1982-1984	NSW Contributing Editor Architecture Australia
1980	Editor 'On-Dit' Adelaide University Student Newspaper
1976-1978	Editor 'Studio' The University of Adelaide Department of Architecture Magazine
1975-1976	Panel Member 'Four and Against' ABC-TV National Program

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### Key Honorary Positions

- 1998-2000 Vice-President  
International Dragon Association of NSW
- 1992-1996 President and Campaign Director  
Bennelong FEC, Australian Labor Party (resigned from the ALP in 1996)
- 1994-1998 Building Officer  
Hunters Hill Sailing Club
- 1976-1981 Member; Education Committee, University of Adelaide  
President, The University of Adelaide Non-Collegiate Housing Tenants Association  
Chair, The University of Adelaide Students Association PAC Committee  
Member, The University of Adelaide Students Association Executive

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### Brief Description of Current and Selected Education Projects

Geoff Hanmer has worked for University clients in Australia, SE Asia and the UK for nearly 40 years. His clients include 35 of the 39 Universities in Australia.

Geoff has briefed and/or design managed a substantial number of large-scale university projects, including the award-winning John Niland Scientia Building for UNSW, the AUD \$125M consolidation of the UTS Science Faculty to the UTS City Campus, the AUD \$45M UNSW Faculty of Law Building, the AUD \$38M School of Dance, Drama Music and Film at UNSW, the AUD \$18M School of Contemporary Arts (Building P) for Deakin University, the new AUD \$300M campus for UNSW in Singapore and the AUD \$125M Tyree Energy Technologies Building for UNSW.

Geoff has been a substantial contributor to master plans for many universities, including UTas, UNSW, UTS, the University of Sydney, Curtin, Murdoch, ANU and the University of Canberra. He has been responsible for the preparation of master plans for the La Trobe Melbourne and Bendigo campuses and for the development of precinct master plans for many universities and schools. Geoff has extensive connections with both academics, and education facilities managers throughout Australia and Asia.

Geoff first became involved in architecture for higher education facilities during his Honours design thesis at the University of Adelaide which involved the design of a campus for an Open University of Australia. The design was the winner of the ACI Boral Prize.

Shortly after graduating, Geoff wrote the brief and designed the new building for the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) at UNSW and was a key member of the documentation team. During this time, he also worked on the brief for the Australian Film Television and Radio School at Macquarie University, finishing his involvement on the project by providing design, documentation and site administration for the most highly technical aspects of the building, including the cinema, studios and post-production suites.

Significant university projects carried out in his own right include the TSBE School at UTas Sandy Bay campus, the Hope Theatre for the University of Wollongong, the 1,000 seat Clancy Auditorium complex at UNSW, the 1,000 seat Mathews Theatre complex at UNSW, UNSW Dance Studios, the University of Sydney Multi purpose teaching laboratories for Pharmacy (CREO), the design and documentation for the temporary campus of UNSW Asia at Tanglin in Singapore and a large variety of other university buildings. He also carried out significant work as a library planner over the last 20 years, including the planning for the multiple-award winning City of Perth library in conjunction with Kerry Hill Architects.

Geoff's recent work has focused on the strategic planning of university campuses, HE project definition, option development, master planning and the provision of strategic advice to the senior management of universities.

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### Brief Description of Selected Recent Projects

- 2014-2018 University of Tasmania.  
Development of the AUD \$1.2B CBD relocation program including the Hobart STEM Precinct.
- 2016-2018 University of Wollongong.  
Development of a Research Facility Strategy.
- 2016-2018 Monash University BLTB. \$107M  
Project Definition Plan, Brief and Laboratory Design for the new Biomedical Learning and Teaching Building (BLTB). This is the largest building of its type in the world.
- 2016-2018 Curtin University.  
Development of the \$335M Science Program.
- 2015-2017 Curtin University.  
Master plan for the Bentley [main] Campus.
- 2012-2014 Sydney University.  
Space Management Strategy for the entire university.
- 2012-2014 Flinders University.  
Space Management Strategy for the Sturt Campus.
- 2014-2016 Murdoch University.  
Business Case Analysis for the Forward Capital Plan and SAMP.
- 2015-2016 City of Perth Library.  
Project definition, brief and specialist design for competition winning scheme in association with Kerry Hill Architects. ALIA Award
- 2015 RMIT Research Space Calculator.  
Development and implementation of a tool to transparently and effectively allocate space to researchers.
- 2011 RMIT Bundoora Campus Space Master Plan  
Master Planning of Research and Teaching Facilities  
Value of Work to be Masterplanned: \$45.5M.
- 2011 Macquarie University Teaching and Learning Master Plan  
Master Planning for future Teaching and Learning Facilities  
Value of Work to be Masterplanned: \$550 M.
- 2008-2009 Hope Theatre Refurbishment, University of Wollongong  
Value of Project: \$3.5M.
- 2009-2010 Science Benchmarking, LTU LIMS Project  
Space Benchmarking against four other Science Faculties around Australia.
- 2007-2010 La Trobe University Master Plan  
Implementation of a masterplan for La Trobe University developed by ARINA.  
Bundoora and Bendigo Campuses  
Value of Project: \$250M. (Stage 1)

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- 2007-2009 The University of Sydney Business School  
Development of a brief and masterplan for the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Sydney.  
Value of Project: \$225M. (Stage 1)
- 2008-2009 NUS Laboratory Audit and Masterplan  
Development of a comprehensive Masterplan for the redevelopment of 100,000 sq m GFA of laboratory space at NUS, including a new Wet Science Building.  
Value of Project: SGD \$130M. (Wet Science Building)
- 2009-2010 UNSW ETB  
Briefing, Consultant Selection and Design Management and Project Review.  
Value of Project: \$125M.
- 2003-2006 North Sydney Community Centre  
Design and Documentation of a new community club, community centre, landscaping and civil works in a parkland setting.  
Value of Contract: \$6.6M.
- 2004-2008 UNSW Asia  
Project Definition, Brief, Masterplanning Consultant, Design and Project Management  
Value of Project: SGD \$200M. (Stage 1)  
Total Value of Masterplanned Works SGD \$550M



*Image above: UTas Inveresk Campus, Spatial Planning and Development Scenario Modelling (10 Years), Masterplan Concept Design, Architectural Vision and Visualisation, City Deal Assistance*

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- 2004-2005 Equant Corporation (Orange), Gurgaon, New Delhi India  
New call centre and technical facility for 1,150 staff.  
Value of Project: USD \$25M.
- 2004-2005 Brijlaxmi Foundation, Kolkata, India  
New Deemed University for 2,500 students.  
Value of Project: USD \$35M.
- 2001-2004 Toowoon Bay Surf and Community Club  
Design and Documentation of a new surf club, community centre, landscaping and civil works on the beach at Toowoon Bay (opposite Kim's)  
Value of Contract: \$2.6M.
- 2002-2004 CREO Facility for the University of Sydney, Stages 1 and 2  
New laboratory building, video conference centre, classrooms, office fitout, landscaping and civil works  
Value of Contract: \$7.5M.
- 2002-2004 Welwyn Centre for the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children  
New facility for children and parents with a hearing disability, plus office space for the Homestart and Remote Homestart services.  
Value of Contract: \$5.5M.
- 2001-2004 Blue Haven Multi Purpose Community Centre  
Multi purpose community Centre at Blue Haven for Wyong Shire Council  
Value of Contract: \$4.8M.
- 2001-2004 Five Dock RSL and Community Club Mixed Use Development  
Retail, commercial and residential development on Great North Road Five Dock for the Five Dock RSL and Community Club  
Value of Contract: \$8.2M.

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### Brief Description of Selected Performing Arts Projects

Geoff Hanmer has had a long-term involvement in the Performing Arts and has a passion for the creation of venues for a range of performers, principally classical music and theatre.

His interest and appreciation for the craft of television production was sparked when he was selected to appear in the long-running national ABC-TV interview series 'Four and Against' in 1975.

He is an expert on broadcasting facilities for TV and Radio, and has substantial experience in the design of studios and ancillary facilities for news and current affairs, light entertainment and drama, plus multi-role studios.

Geoff Hanmer remains well connected with the broadcasting and performing arts community across Australia.

Performing arts and broadcasting projects in which he has played a key role include:

- ABC Television Studio Masterplans and Redevelopment in Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart 1985-93 (Project and Design Director)
- The National Institute of Dramatic Art ((NIDA) 1984 (Concept Design and Documentation)
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School at Macquarie University 1985-87 (Brief and Delivery)
- Sydney Symphony Orchestra Administration and Rehearsal Facility 1992 (Design, Documentation and Delivery)
- Concept Master Plan for the redevelopment of Government House Sydney as a Performance Venue 1993
- Master Plan for Imperia Television Studios, Alice Springs 1989
- UNSW Clancy Auditorium and Conference Centre 1993-95 (Design, Documentation and Delivery)
- UNSW School of Music, Film, Dance and Drama 1996 (Brief and Design Management)
- Faculty of Health Sciences Conference Centre at Sydney University 1994 (Design, Documentation and Delivery)
- Macquarie University School of Contemporary Music 1997 (Project Definition)
- Deakin University School of Contemporary Arts 2002 (Briefing, Design, Documentation and Delivery of specialist Theatrical elements)
- Sydney University Union Wentworth Conference Centre 2002-03 (Design, Documentation and Delivery)



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### Brief Description of Selected University Science Projects

Geoff Hanmer has worked for University clients in Australia, SE Asia and the UK for a period of over 30 years. His clients include 31 of the 39 Universities in Australia.

Geoff's involvement in complex laboratory design dates back to work with the UNSW School of Chemistry in the early 1990's. He went on to be the Project Director for the consolidation of the UTS Faculty of Science on their Broadway campus, which involved all aspects of contemporary university science. Highlights of this project included combining wet lab facilities for the teaching UG practical science and the development of modular multi-purpose research lab spaces, which were designed to provide support for research across a number of wet science disciplines. Special purpose laboratory environments included the expansion and redevelopment of the Micro Structural Analysis Unit (MAU) which co-located large scale characterization instruments including those working towards atomic scale plus new facilities for nanotechnology, primarily to facilitate experimentation with fullerene sheets.

More recently, Geoff has worked on a number of cutting edge research facilities, including the project definition, briefing and design management of the Solar Industrial Research Facility (SIRF) and Tyree Energy Technologies Building (ETB) at UNSW. These buildings provide facilities for PV fabrication and research, plus a pilot line for the production of PV cells at industrial scale. Directly prior to these projects, Geoff had worked with UNSW Asia on the Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS) and on the SERIS facility that was eventually constructed in the Engineering Faculty of the National University of Singapore. All of these projects involved special environments for the manufacture of semi-conductors with nano-scale resist masks, and required clean rooms and clean environments of varying degrees of sophistication. Similarly, all these projects involved the supply of highly toxic chemicals to tools, many involving leak detected dual skin pipework and special alarm and evacuation systems. Post-treatment of exhausts included oxidation by gas, electrical and laser methods plus wet scrubbing and associated building alarm systems.

Geoff is experienced in the integration of facilities for nanoscience including scanning probe microscopy, supercomputers for quantum mechanical computer simulation, soft X-ray lithography and chemical vapour deposition using various tools. This experience has been built up through work with UNSW, UTS, ANU and NUS. Geoff designed and delivered the Australian Future Fibre Research and Innovation Centre (AFFRIC) Deakin University. The centerpiece facility is a Carbon Fibre (CF) pilot line and associated research laboratories, the first time in the world this type of sophisticated facility has been constructed for a at a university.

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### Key Architectural Projects

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contract value given at time of construction in AUD, unless stated otherwise

- 2003-2006 North Sydney Community Centre  
Design and Documentation of a new community club, community centre, landscaping and civil works in a parkland setting.  
Value of Contract: \$6.6M.
- 2004-2006 ANU Laboratory Audit and Masterplan  
Development of a comprehensive Masterplan for the redevelopment of 50,000 sq m GFA of laboratory space at ANU.  
Value of Project: \$130M. (Stage 1)
- 2004-2005 Brijlaxmi Foundation, Kolkata India  
New 5 storey University College of Management, Media and Commerce.  
Value of Project: USD \$35M. (Stage 1)
- 2004-2007 UNSW Asia  
Brief, Design and Project Management  
Value of Project: S\$177M. (Stage 1)
- 2004-2005 Equant Corporation, Gurgaon, New Delhi India  
New call centre and technical facility for 1,150 staff.  
Value of Project: USD \$25M.
- 2003-2004 UNSW Faculty of Law Building  
Brief, Design and Project Management  
Value of Project: \$55.5M. (in construction)
- 2001-2004 Toowoon Bay Surf and Community Club  
Design and Documentation of a new surf club, community centre, landscaping and civil works on the beach at Toowoon Bay (opposite Kim's)  
Value of Contract: \$2.6M.
- 2002-2004 CREO Facility for the University of Sydney, Stages 1 and 2  
New laboratory building, video conference centre, classrooms, office fitout, landscaping and civil works  
Value of Contract: \$9.5M.
- 2002-2004 Welwyn Centre for the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children  
New facility for children and parents with a hearing disability, plus office space for the Homestart and Remote Homestart services.  
Value of Contract: \$5.5M.
- 2001-2003 Equant Victoria Headquarters  
Office fitout for Equant Corporation  
Value of Contract: \$0.5M.

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- 2001-2003 Rouse Hill Community Centre  
Multi purpose community Centre at Blue Haven for Baulkham Hills Shire Council  
Value of Contract: \$2.4M.
- 2001-2004 Southern Lakes Multi Purpose Community Centre  
Multi purpose community Centre at Blue Haven for Wyong Shire Council (in construction)  
Value of Contract: \$1.4M.
- 2001-2004 Blue Haven Multi Purpose Community Centre  
Multi purpose community Centre at Blue Haven for Wyong Shire Council  
Value of Contract: \$4.8M.
- 2001-2004 Five Dock RSL and Community Club Mixed Use Development  
Retail, commercial and residential development on Great North Road Five Dock  
Value of Contract: \$8.2M.
- 2001-2003 UTS Science Consolidation  
Briefing and masterplan for the consolidation of the UTS Science Faculty on the UTS Broadway Campus.  
Value of project: \$125M.
- 2001-2002 UTS Education Consolidation  
Briefing and masterplan for the consolidation of the UTS Education Faculty on the UTS Haymarkets Campus.  
Value of project: \$1.5M
- 2001-2003 Orange (Hutchison Telecoms) G3 Facility Rollout  
Planning and strategic property advice to Hutchison 3G Australia  
Value of project: \$1.1 billion
- 2001-2003 Ross St Occasional Childcare Centre.  
40 place occasional care facility for Manly Council  
Contract Value: \$1.6M
- 2000-2003 Bella Vista Multi Purpose Community Centre.  
60 place long day children's centre and Community Centre for Baulkham Hills Shire Council  
Contract Value: \$2.1M
- 2001-2002 Equant Corporate Headquarters.  
600 staff Asia Pacific Headquarters at Lord St Botany for Equant Corporation  
Contract Value: \$3.1M
- 2001-2002 Global One Web Hosting Centre, North Ryde.  
1.2 Hectare secure telecommunications facility for Equant Corporation  
Contract Value: \$28.1M

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- 2001-2002 UUNet Node ACT.  
Secure telecommunications facility for UUNet Corporation  
Contract Value: \$1.1M
- 2001-2002 Amcom Node Perth.  
Secure telecommunications facility for Amcom Corporation  
Contract Value: \$1.1M
- 2000-2002 Deakin School of Contemporary Arts.  
Brief and design management for Deakin University  
Burwood Campus, Melbourne  
Value of project: \$12.5M
- 2000-2002 Kanwal Community Centre.  
Multi purpose community centre for Wyong Shire Council  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 2000-2001 Darling Island Competition.  
Brief and limited Architectural Competition for Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- 2000-2001 Mathews Lecture Theatres Refurbishment.  
1,000 seats in 4 theatres for UNSW  
Contract Value: \$1.3M
- 2000-2001 Summer Hill Community Centre.  
Multi purpose community centre for Ashfield Council  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1999-2000 The Scientia.  
Brief and design competition for the University of NSW  
Value of project: \$32M.
- 1998-2000 Watanobbi Community Centre. Community Centre for Wyong Shire Council  
Contract Value: \$0.9M.
- 1998-2000 Henley Childcare Centre.  
40 place kindergarten for Hunters Hill Council  
Contract Value: \$0.9M.
- 1998-2000 UNSW School of Music and Drama.  
Dance Studios for UNSW  
Contract Value: \$1.4M.
- 1997-1998 Faculty of Health Sciences.  
Conference and multi purpose facility, Lidcombe NSW for the University of Sydney  
Contract Value: \$1.1M

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- 1996-2001 West Pennant Hills Community Centre.  
Multi Purpose Community Centre for Baulkham Hills Shire Council.  
Contract Value: \$2.5M.
- 1998-2000 UNSW School of Music and Drama.  
Brief and Design Management for UNSW  
Value of Project; \$12.5M
- 1997-1999 Frank Saywell Childrens Centre.  
60 place long day childcare centre for the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust  
Contract Value: \$3.4M.
- 1996 Pymont Site B.  
Competition Brief for the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- 1996-1998 St Johns and Prarieewood Community Centres.  
Community Centres for Fairfield Council  
Contract Value: \$0.9M.
- 1993-1994 Strategic Facilities Plan.  
Leichhardt Council Administrative and Library Functions for Leichhardt Council
- 1992-1994 Faculty of Health Sciences.  
Ngalia Childcare Centre, Lidcombe NSW for the University of Sydney  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1992-1994 Horticultural Research and Development Corporation.  
Corporate headquarters, Pymble for HRDC  
Contract Value: \$1.2M (Stages 1 and 2)
- 1992-1993 Australian Maritime Safety Authority.  
Corporate headquarters, Belconnen ACT for HRDC  
Contract Value: \$2.1M (Stages 1, 2 and 3)
- 1992-1994 New Laboratories.  
North Ryde Campus Macquarie University for Macquarie University  
Contract Value: \$1.4M
- 1992-1994 SSO Administration and Rehearsal Facility  
William St East Sydney for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1993-1995 Refurbishment of the Sir John Clancy Auditorium and the Arcade Room.  
Kensington Campus of the UNSW for UNSW  
Contract Value: \$3.1M
- 1992-1994 Tiggers Place and the Honey-pot Children's Centres.  
Botany Road Kensington for UNSW  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1992-1994 Tree Tops Childcare Centre.  
MLC Building North Sydney for Lend Lease Corporation  
Contract Value: \$1.4M
- 1992-1994 Fire Control Centre Alterations and Additions  
Sydney Airport KSA for Air services Australia

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Contract Value: \$0.9M

- 1992-1994 Dee Why Central Library.  
Refurbishment of Library for Warringah Shire Council  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1992-1994 Ryde Occasional Care Facility.  
Ryde Primary School for the School P and C  
Contract Value: \$0.5M
- 1992-1994 Wakehurst Combined Sports Clubs Facility.  
Lionel Watts Park Frenchs Forest for Warringah Shire Council  
Contract Value: \$1.2M
- 1992-1996 James Ruse Long Day Childcare Centre  
New 40 place corporate childcare centre for Penrith Council and the ATO.  
Project proceeded to documentation, but abandoned due to change of policy by the Howard Government.
- 1992-1996 Penrith Multi User Long Day Childcare Centre  
New 40 place corporate childcare centre for Parramatta Council.  
Project proceeded to documentation, but abandoned due to change of policy by the Howard Government.
- 1992-1993 Fairfax Foundation  
40 Place long day care centre for the Fairfax Foundation.  
Contract Value: \$1.2M  
(first work-based childcare centre in NSW)
- 1990-1994 Building and Construction Council of NSW  
Development and production of a code of quality management practice for medium density housing in NSW (in conjunction with the BSC).
- 1990 ABC-TV relocation Hobart. Master Plan for the relocation of Television facilities to the Radio building. Value of works; \$1.75M.
- 1990 Leichhardt Family Day Care Centre.  
Design and documentation of a family day care resource centre for Leichhardt Council.  
Estimated value of works; \$270,000.
- 1990 Fairfax Foundation  
Feasibility Study on the development of a workbased childcare and recreation centre for the Fairfax Foundation.
- 1990 Milson Road Cremorne Point  
Development of a maintenance and remedial works program for a block of 12 units valued at over \$20 M which is was experiencing water penetration problems and deterioration of the fabric.
- 1989-1990 ABC-TV Site Development Project Director, Ripponlea Victoria. Development of an Action Plan for the redevelopment and rationalization of ABC-TV facilities in Victoria, and management of various aspects of the subsequent property rationalisation. Value of project: \$26M.
- 1989-1990 Three Industrial Units, Blacktown NSW  
Preparation of advice on development prospects for industrial site, DA and BA documentation

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for construction of three strata title units in tilt slab construction. Value of Works \$1.8M.

- 1988-1990 Foster Street Childcare Facility for Leichhardt Council  
Feasibility Study construction of 35 place childcare facility.  
Value of works: \$1.2M
- 1989-1990 Birchgrove Oval Improvements for Leichhardt Council  
Feasibility study on improvements to Oval facilities including Caretakers Cottage, Grandstand, entrance arch, fencing and amenities buildings.
- 1988-1989 Rozelle Childcare Centre  
Design, documentation and contract administration of a 50 Place childcare centre. Value of works \$0.5M.
- 1988-1989 Australian Film, Television and Radio School  
Consultant Architect for building retrofit, with particular responsibilities in relation to cabling for electronic equipment. Design and documentation of on line edit facility with stereo sound mixing. Total value of works \$0.75M.
- 1987-1989 ABC Television, Sydney  
Preparation of a feasibility study and associated works for the ABC television site at Gore Hill, NSW. Responsible for the development of study methodology, design work and the preparation of strategy plans along with the preparation of estimates and Cabinet submissions. Value of works; \$85M.
- 1986 Hobson House, London; Office Fitout.  
Project Architect responsible for brief development, schematic design, recommendations and design of systems furniture installation. Value of work; \$2.0M.
- 1985 Training College; Reserve Bank of Australia  
Project Architect responsible for Feasibility Study, Brief Development and Schematic Design. Value of work; \$5.0M.
- 1984-1985 Master Plan Study; ABC Television, Sydney  
Preparation of a master plan for the physical development of the ABC-TV site at Gore Hill, NSW. Area of site: 13 Ha.
- 1985 Multi User Broadcasting Facility; (then) Department of Communications  
Preparation of a Feasibility Study on a proposal to replace the existing broadcasting tower on the Gore Hill site.
- 1984 Sydney GPO: Australia Post  
Responsible for preparation of Parliamentary Works Committee evidence for the refurbishment of the facade.
- 1982-1983 Training Facility; National Institute of Dramatic Art, Kensington NSW  
Brief development, Concept Design, Design Development and Documentation. Responsible for the production of PWC evidence and Concept design. Value of works: \$6.8M
- 1982-1983 Brief; (then) Australian Film and Television School  
Preparation of Stage 1 brief for proposed facility. Value of project: \$12.5M

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### Key Access Projects

#### Brief Description of Recent Projects and Founding Project

- 2007 Consultant to the Catholic Schools Office on access issues.
- 2004-2005 Access Audit; Edith Cowan University, Perth  
Audit of the Main Campus and external colleges.
- 2004-2005 Access Audit; the Australian National University  
Audit of the Main Campus and external colleges.
- 2004 Access Audit; the University of Newcastle  
Audit of all campuses of the University.
- 2003-2004 New College; the University of NSW  
Access Consultant to the Project Team.
- 2003-2005 NSG Building; the University of NSW  
Access Consultant to the Project Team.
- 2003 Kiaora Lands Project and Masterplan, Woollahra Council  
Access Consultant to the Project Team.
- 2003-2005 University of Sydney Barrier Removal Program 2002.  
Identification, documentation and contract administration for barrier removal.
- 2003 University of NSW Package F and Package J Works.  
Identification, documentation and contract administration for barrier removal.  
Package Contract Value: \$3.5M
- 2003 St Catherine's School Access Audit  
Identification and documentation of access issues in priority order.
- 2003 UTS Stage 1 Access Audit.  
Identification and documentation of access issues in priority order.
- 2002 UTS Disability Action Plan Review  
Examination of physical provisions in DAP and recommendations for action.
- 2002 UTS Building 10  
Access consulting to the Project Team.
- 2001-2002 Australian Catholic University Audit Mount MacKillop Campus  
Identification and documentation of access issues in priority order.
- 2000-2002 UNSW Access Audit 2000  
Identification and documentation of access issues in priority order. Development of a plan for remediation.
- 2000 The University of Sydney Access Master Plan  
Physical plan for access on the Main Campus.



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- 2000 Australian Catholic University Audit Mount Saint Mary Campus  
Identification and documentation of access issues in priority order.
- 2000 FHS Access Master Plan  
Physical plan for access on the Lidcombe Campus of the University of Sydney
- 2000 Baulkham Hills Shire Council DDA Action Plan  
DDA Action Plan for Council and Council Facilities
- 2000 Baulkham Hills Shire Council Access Audit  
Access Audit for Buildings and Open Space Facilities
- 1999 Overflow Park and Olympic Cauldron for OCA  
Access consulting to the Project Team.
- 1999 Federation Drive Development, Centennial and Moore Parks Trust  
Access consulting to the Project Team.

## Founding Project

- 1984 ABC Sydney  
Access Audit for the Sydney Properties of the ABC.

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### Prizes And Awards

Note: as a matter of policy, ARINA has not submitted its buildings for AIA awards.

- 2006 Exemplar Facility for Water Sustainability  
UNSW Asia New Campus  
Changi Singapore  
Singapore Government
- 2001 Winner: Communications Building  
Global One Web Hosting Facility  
North Ryde  
MBA Construction Awards
- 1988 Premiated Scheme  
Southern CBD Competition (with John Sandeman and Terry Suey)  
RAIA NSW Chapter and NSW Department of Planning
- 1985 Milne Traveling Scholarship in Architecture  
(The University of Adelaide)  
  
George Murray Scholarship  
(The University of Adelaide)
- 1982 ACI Boral Prize (Adelaide University)  
For Architectural Thesis  
  
Wormald Prize (Adelaide University)  
For Building Science
- 1979 RAIA Travel Prize (Adelaide University)  
For Building Science

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### Publications and Lectures

(other than University Teaching)

- 2011 Conference Paper and Lecture  
The La Trobe University Master Plan  
Society for College and University Planners SCUP Conference  
Seattle, WA, USA.
- 2008 Unbuilt Work: UNSW Asia  
Architecture Australia  
March/ April 2008
- 2003 Two Books on Glenn Murcutt; A Review and Critique  
The Journal of Architecture (RIBA)  
December 2003.
- 1997 Lecture and article: 'Clients Control Costs' FMA Conference, Melbourne, 1997 (Reprinted in  
'Building Construction News' Feb 1998)
- 1997 Lecture and paper: 'Shifting Alliances: US Influences in Housing in Australia' in 'On What  
Grounds' Eds. Pickersgill, Sean 1997
- 1995 Lecture and paper: 'A Capital Affair: Changes in the Australian Building Industry During the  
Interwar Period' SAHANZ 96, Auckland
- 1996 Lecture: 'The Australian Interwar House and the rise of US Influence'  
UTS Guest Lecture to DAB Students
- 1994 Book: 'Quality Guide to Medium Density Housing' Edition 1, 1993 and Edition 2, 1995. Total  
print run: 25,000 copies.
- 1990 Lecture:  
Australian Architecture and the influence of Colonialism  
Edmonton Society for Urban and Architecture Studies, Winter Series  
Museum of Alberta  
January 17, 1990.
- 1990 Lecture;  
European Social Housing; Modernism and Taylorism  
Adelaide University 'Issues in Architecture' Series
- 1987 Publication  
The Rise of the Two-Inch Wall  
Research Thesis for Masters Degree in Architecture  
UCL Library, London
- 1983-1985 NSW Contributing Editor  
Architecture in Australia  
Numerous articles, reviews and interviews including:  
Henri Ciriani and Ralph Erskine  
Interview and Profile  
Kenneth Frampton  
Interview and Profile  
Reyner Banham  
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### Mass Media (includes)

- 2018 Article  
Beyond Economies of Scale  
'The Australian' Wednesday 14 November 2018
- 2018 Article  
How High Can You Go?  
'The Australian' Wednesday 17 July 2018
- 2018 Article  
Rise of the Monster Campus  
'The Australian' 17 April 2018
- 2013 Article  
The End of the Road for the Traditional University Library  
AFR 5 August 2013
- 2013 Article  
\$23Billion Crisis Looms for University Buildings  
AFR 3 June 2013
- 2004 Geoff Hanmer quoted in; 'Learning's Building Blocks Take On New Significance',  
8/11/2004 The Australian Financial Review Page 34 By Erica Cervini  
  
Many universities are designing buildings that encourage staff and students to hang around and interact, writes Erica Cervini.
- 1995 Geoff Hanmer quoted in; 'Belly Aches of an Architect'  
3/01/1995 The Australian Financial Review, Page 1 By Karina Barrymore  
  
Today, The Australian Financial Review Begins A Special Three-Part Series Examining Key Professions. Karina Barrymore starts, with The Architects.
- 2001 ABC National Radio  
SA Addresses Growing Brain Drain  
The World Today Archive: Monday, 2 April, 2001  
Reporter: Anne Barker
- 1988 ABC Local Radio  
Guest  
Andrew Olle Morning Show  
The Southern CBD Competition.
- 1975-1977 National ABC-TV Panel Show  
Panel Member  
'Four and Against'  
Young people interview public figures:  
14-week series  
The series included interviews with, amongst others, Bob Hawke, Richard Neville, William Wentworth, Ian Chappell and Jack Thompson.

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