

## Design:Made:Trade, Melbourne

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY SIMON ANCHER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR (FURNITURE DESIGN)



Design:Made:Trade is a showcase of the best of Australia's small manufacturers, product designers, and designer makers to an audience of manufacturers, retail and export buyers and the public. Exhibitors in the design disciplines of Product Design, Graphic Design, Textiles, Lighting, Furniture, Fashion and Accessories, and Hand Made Objects who possess originality, commercial potential and innovation are invited to take part.

Last year myself and two students, Matthew Prince and Guy Paramore, exhibited the SCW prototype (Stool, Crate, Wood), a collaborative project between Simon Ancher Design and Bruce Nye. This year after considerable advances in production methods and streamlining of processes, the SCW was officially launched as a limited run production piece.

SCW is a hand-made plywood seating shell that melts over the top of a milk crate. Adding comfort and style to a universal seating solution, dressed up or dressed down, SCW is a simple design that effectively combines a new, environmentally sustainable plywood shell with a ubiquitous item: the milk crate.

Again, the feedback from the general public and design professionals has been very positive with a number of large orders being placed and great media coverage on websites and magazine reviews. Keep an eye out for the next issue of Green magazine, Design Quarterly, Inside and In-design.

[www.stateofdesign.com.au/gallery/opening-night](http://www.stateofdesign.com.au/gallery/opening-night)

[www.milkcratedigest.com/2009/08/](http://www.milkcratedigest.com/2009/08/)

[www.designboom.com/weblog/cat/26/view/7124/simon-ancher-design.html](http://www.designboom.com/weblog/cat/26/view/7124/simon-ancher-design.html)



## Ceridwen Owen went on Parental Leave

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY CERIDWEN OWEN, LECTURER

I've been asked to write a little about my time 'off' on maternity leave. Well, I can't say it has been much of a holiday, but it has been an amazing, life changing experience. My twins, Euan and Caitlin, came into the world on 4th July 2008, both weighing in at a healthy (for twins) 2.5kg. The first few weeks were a bit of a blur. I seem to remember walking the streets of my neighborhood for hours on end trying to get them to sleep, but that seems like a distant hazy memory now. We spent most of the year in Melbourne, but had an extended three-month 'holiday' to the UK at the end of the year to visit family and friends. We travelled the country from the highlands of Scotland to the New Forest in the south of England and the beautiful Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. We even managed a trip to Barcelona to check out some of Gaudi's amazing work—Euan and Caitlin are of course being indoctrinated into the delights of architecture from an early age! The trip was great, but I can tell you that dealing with travel fatigue, jet lag and two six-month-old babies who have their nights and days the wrong way round is no fun at all!

In June this year, we packed up our house in Melbourne and moved to our new pad in Newstead. I've come back to work full time while my husband takes over with daddy daycare (at least until he can find some work flying helicopters down here). It's good to be back at work again. I have to say that after looking after twins 24/7 work feels like a bit of a holiday! Nicole also asked whether I would do it again, and the answer is definitely 'no'. But, am I glad I did it in the first place? Absolutely!





## Staff Profile: Jennifer Loy – Program Director (Interior Design)

### What units do you teach at the School of Architecture & Design?

Interior Design, Design Studio, Design Communication and Furniture Design.

### What do you love about architecture and design?

I have worked as a designer since graduating in 1985 and I love that every design brief is different, and I have no idea at the start what it is going to look like at the end. It is always a challenge and always exciting.

### What inspires you in your work and your teaching?

Working with students and colleagues with very different interests and ideas, on new projects and in new directions.

### Where did you go to University?

Nottingham Trent University in the UK.

### What is your favourite architecturally designed building and what do you like about it?

I am a fan of Gehry's work, and I love the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Avenida Abandoibarra, Bilbao, Spain. I love that he pushes the boundaries of accepted form whilst also working with the occupants of a building

to enhance their experiences—as he did with the Vitra International Headquarters in the suburb of Basel, Switzerland, where he created a village work environment.

### What is your favourite day of the week to be at the School?

Currently Wednesday, because I am working with Ian on a Learning by Making project in the first year design studio and it is great fun.

### Who is your idol?

It changes, but at the moment it is probably Tom Dixon, the furniture designer, because I love his quirky approach to sustainability issues and how he gets the rest of us to think about it all so differently.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I get teased by other lecturers because I like crafts—I have a glass kiln, so I like fusing and slumping glass, I like to make sculptural furniture and art pieces in wood, and I use glass and ceramic in large mosaics. I also love anything to do with textiles and paint.

### Do you prefer summer or winter?

I always used to prefer winter—living in the UK I liked snow days and hot cocoa, but having lived in Queensland for 8 years, I am finding I miss the heat.

### If you had unlimited money and could choose one holiday destination anywhere in the world, where would you go?

At the moment I would like to go back to Italy. I have been buying maps and books on the language. I want to go and see the murals and mosaics in Pompeii and Herculaneum.



## Year Coordinators



### 1st Year Coordinator

#### Name and position

Ian Clayton, Deputy Head of School and Lecturer in Architecture and Design

#### What units do you teach?

DC 2, DS 1 and Learning by Making elective.

#### What can students contact you about?

Anything.

#### When is the best time to contact you?

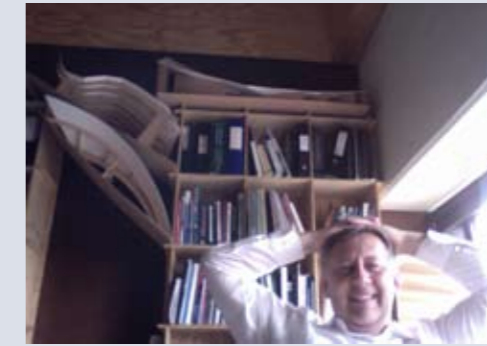
Via Nicole or Jasmine as they usually know where I am! (No we don't, he needs a tracking device!)

#### What is the easiest way to contact you?

Face to face.

#### What is your favourite saying?

'Show us your architectural bling!'  
'There's not enough decoratzzil!'  
'It's far too hardly normal—subvert the dominant paradigm!'



### 2nd Year Coordinator

#### Name and position:

Justin Beal, Lecturer

#### What units do you teach?

I coordinate BTD 2, DS 4 and tutor in BTD 4.

#### What can students contact you about?

Anything to do with the units BTD 2 and DS 4. Also any 2nd year coordination issues.

#### When is the best time to contact you?

By email anytime, on MyLO anytime, by phone or in person on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday mornings.

#### What is the easiest way to contact you?

By email: justin.beall@utas.edu.au or MyLO.

#### What is your favourite saying?

'S\*#t, is that on today?!'



### 3rd Year Coordinator

#### Name and position:

Geoff Clark, Senior Lecturer

#### What units do you teach?

DS 6, DS 4, and Dissertation 2 (this semester)

#### What can students contact you about?

Anything they like really... Practice experience is possibly the greatest asset to the students though.

#### When is the best time to contact you?

Any time.

#### What is the easiest way to contact you?

By email: geoff.clark@utas.edu.au.

#### What is your favourite saying?

'You can always make better use of your...'

## ArchiBall

ARTICLE BY LAURA ARNOLD, DARCHSIDE TEAM MEMBER

As many of you are aware, the Semester One ArchiBall was held at the Launceston Bowls Club. With a turn out of almost 200 people it was a successful inaugural ball for DarchSide. Thanks to many creative minds the array of costumes can only be described as stunning, with the top prize for best dress going to Stuart Telha for his fantastic Captain Jack Sparrow attire.



But the fun is not over for the year yet. There is still the Semester Two ball, which promises to be bigger and better than the last. At this stage hopes are for it to be held on Wednesday, September 16th, which is Week 9, and it will have the theme of 'Bollywood'.

We hope that everyone will continue to support DarchSide events so that everyone can have as much fun as last time.

Hope to see you all there!



### 4th Year Coordinator

#### Name and position:

Dr Ceridwen Owen, Lecturer

#### What units do you teach?

4th year design studio (DS 7, DS 8), 5th year design studio (Diss 2), 3rd year building technology (BTD 5) and ESD electives.

#### What can students contact you about?

Issues relating to fourth year coordination, information on sustainable design.

#### When is the best time to contact you?

Generally on Tuesdays and Fridays.

#### What is the easiest way to contact you?

By email: ceridwen.owen@utas.edu.au.

#### What is your favourite saying?

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.... A good lesson learned by my countryman Robert the Bruce back in the early 14th century. After being defeated six times by the English he lost heart and took shelter in a cave where he saw a spider attempting to weave a web. On the seventh time, the spider finally managed to cast her thread across the cave, inspiring Robert the Bruce to go out and fight again ... this time he beat the English invaders and was ultimately crowned the rightful King of Scotland.



### 5th Year Coordinator

#### Name and position

Dr Stephen Loo, Associate Professor of Architectural Design, Program Director (Architecture)

#### What units do you teach?

DS 7 (Coordinator), Diss 1 (Coordinator), Design Research (Co-Coordinator), HTD 6 (Coordinator), Diss 2 (Co-Coordinator), Diss 2 (Honours) (Co-Coordinator).

#### What can students contact you about?

Unit specific problems for units under my coordination.

Also, general issues concerning academic progress in the Architecture program, issues in relation to staff and tutors, and issues related to the profession and professional experience.

#### When is the best time to contact you?

Any time by email, first thing in the mornings, Mondays and Tuesdays.

#### What is the easiest way to contact you?

By email: stephen.loo@utas.edu.au.

#### What is your favourite saying?

Confucius says, do not take anything that is said for granted.





## Staff Profile: Geoff Clark – Senior Lecturer

### What units do you teach at the School of Architecture & Design?

Design Studio – 2nd year, 3rd year and 5th year.

### What do you love about architecture and design?

Solving problems. A huge array of problems are presented to architects on a daily basis. The intellectual and graphic process of solving these problems is extraordinarily rewarding, whether in the office, or in the design studio.

### What inspires you in your work and your teaching?

The intellectual processes that enable problem solving are fascinating and the analysis of these processes helps the likes of me to impart this experience and understanding to students. It is wonderful to give people tools that will enable them not only to solve design problems, but love doing so.

### Where did you go to University?

University of Sydney.

### What is your favourite architecturally designed building and what do you like about it?

That's a tricky one. I may have to claim a position of anti-architecture. More often than not buildings are designed with greater reverence to the edifice than to the effect that the building has on the places and people around it – the people who are not necessarily 'clients'. Urban Design—the design of the spaces between the buildings—provides an insight into how the buildings must be in order to pay appropriate attention to the between spaces, the edges. In the light of this position I would have to say that Lloyds of London strikes a good balance between edifice and 'street'.

### What is your favourite day of the week to be at the School?

That is a tricky question, they all have their 'ups'. I think perhaps the day that I am tutoring in DS 4, Wednesday, because I get an opportunity to interact with students who are relatively new to the school and I get to do so without worrying about lectures and the administration of the day.

### Who is your idol?

Dare I say it... Lance Armstrong.  
A tough, tough mind.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

Play with Nelly, my dog, preferably at the beach, ride my mountain bikes, go windsurfing, go surfing, go skydiving, but I also love sitting quietly and either reading, or solving design problems. A good Sunday morning activity.

### Do you prefer summer or winter?

I like the fact that there are seasons. Living in the tropics removes the enjoyment of the changes of season and the difference from one to the next. I like them both but I definitely DO more in the summer.

### If you had unlimited money and could choose one holiday destination anywhere in the world, where would you go?

One destination? What's the point? The great thing about places is DIFFERENCE. If you don't get to go to different places you miss this completely. Okay, okay... I would go to Hawaii for a sailboarding holiday.



## Student Message Board

**DJ NINO BROWN THE BLAZIN' AFTERPARTY, 2 CD LAUNCH** and prizes to be won!

**SATURDAY 12 September**  
at THE SALOON BAR,  
Charles Street, Launceston

**\$15 ENTRY** or **\$10 with VIP PASS**

If you love hip-hop, R&B, urban, top 40 (and later on we are switching to some dance) then the Saloon Bar is the place to be!

**Start time: Saturday September 12, 10.00pm**  
**Finish time: Sunday September 13, 4.00am**

For more details please contact the Saloon Bar on: 63317355 or visit [www.saloon.com.au](http://www.saloon.com.au)

## Quotes

*"Architecture is a visual art, and the buildings speak for themselves."* **Julia Morgan**

*"Every man's work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself."* **Samuel Butler**

*"Architecture begins when you place two bricks carefully together."* **Mies van der Rohe**

## From the editor...

We hope you enjoyed the first issue of our School Newsletter!

For our next issue we would like a lot more student input. So, if you have anything you would like to contribute please let Nicole know via email ([nicole.dobber@utas.edu.au](mailto:nicole.dobber@utas.edu.au)) and we will try to include it in the next issue.

We want this newsletter to be relevant and interesting for our students so we welcome your feedback, suggestions and input.

**Thanks!**

