

Aged Care



Stanton Dahl Architects



Architecture in the Service of People

Some buildings exist purely to make a bold, artistic statement to the world. Or as monuments to the architects who designed them.

At Stanton Dahl, we practice ethical architecture that serves peoples' lives. Mentally, physically and spiritually.

This is not a feel-good add-on. It guides everything we do, from the moment you talk to us about your project; from refining the brief, analysing the site and developing designs through to overseeing construction.

We've been doing it for thirty-five years now, designing and documenting thousands of buildings for the benefit of the community, with a particular focus on aged care, education, churches, social and affordable housing.

Our unusual ownership structure reinforces a collective approach to our work, aligning our passion, diligence and respect for everyone's opinion. Because we're committed to creating your vision, not ours.

socially responsible future



Design for good

Our story is not just about the buildings we've designed. It's about the positive impact they've had on communities.

We are driven by our social conscience, our desire to improve lives, so we are drawn towards projects that give us the opportunity to make a difference.

We believe a building should be more than a place to live, work, or learn in. It should be a place that has a positive effect on how we feel, think and interact with others. A place that makes a difference to the lives of its users.

Our first commission in 1984 was for an independent school in Regents Park, Sydney. This led to other projects in the education sector, followed by aged care, social and affordable housing, and churches.

Today, most of our projects are still community-focused, with 80% of our clients in this area being repeat clients. And we're also proud of our commercial work, particularly in the automotive sector.

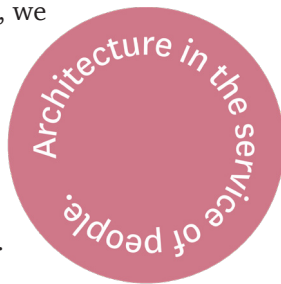


Building a socially responsible future

Architecture has an important role to play in the development of sustainably vibrant communities.

To that end, we're committed to the stewardship of resources in every project. Whenever we can, we use renewable materials, recycled content, rainwater re-use systems and renewable energy systems.

These priorities merely reflect the ethical position we believe all architecture should take. To serve people. Now and in the future.

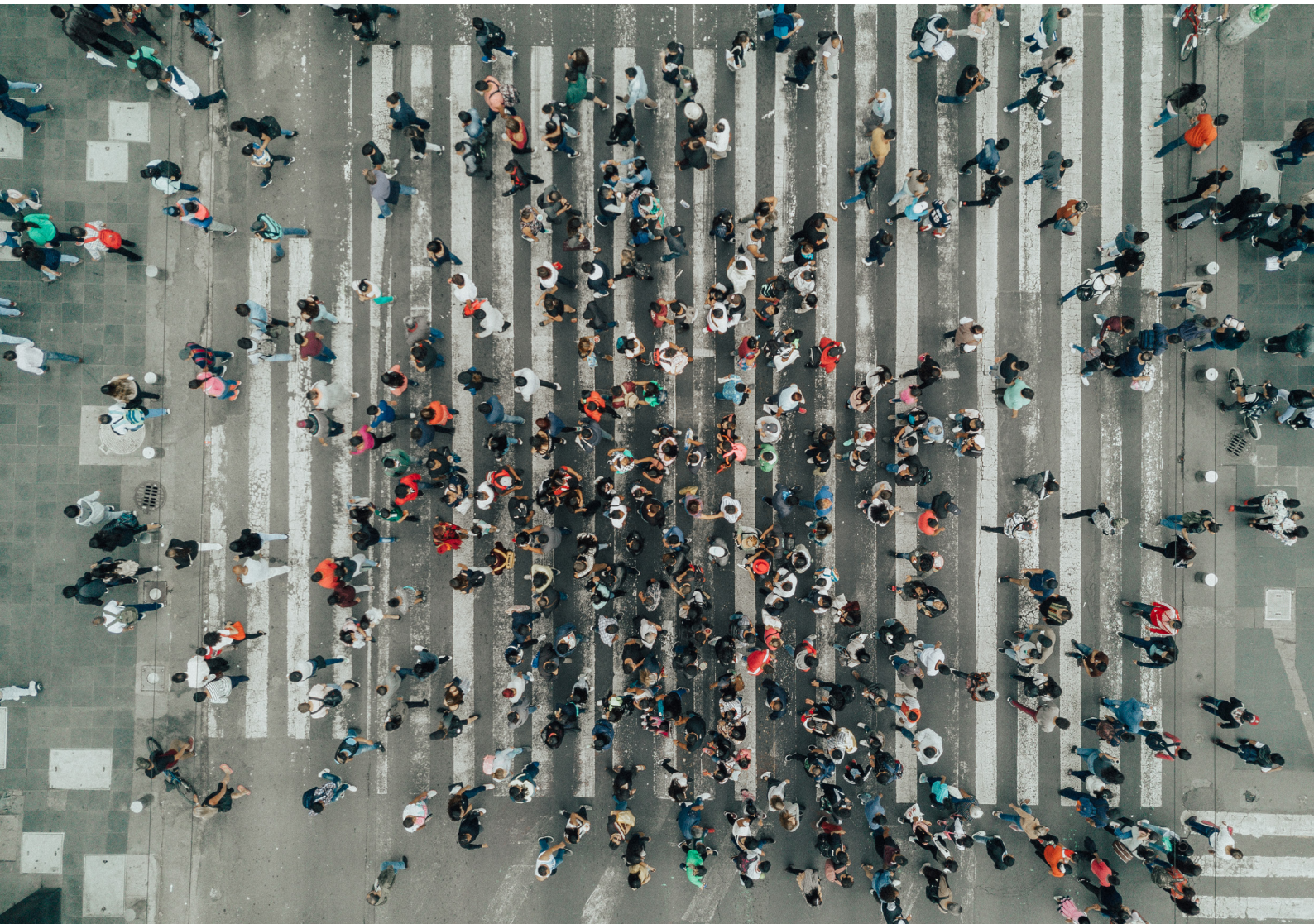


change lives for the better

A collective conscience

Unlike most other architectural firms, Stanton Dahl is effectively owned by its staff. It's a participative structure that provides a tangible reinforcement of our collectivism and ensures that the entire team is aligned to our mission: to change lives for the better.

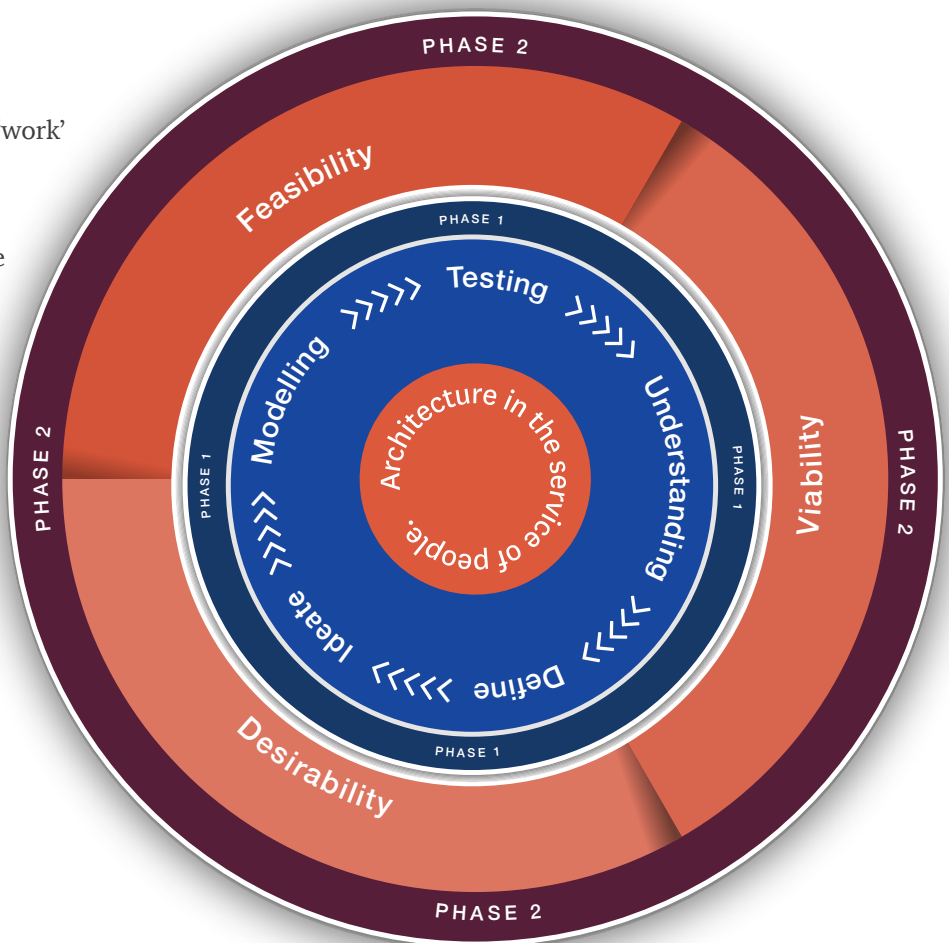
This passion for projects that make a difference sees everyone at Stanton Dahl committed to spending 1% of their time on pro bono work, which equates to three or such projects every year.



How we create spaces that change lives

Our process is built around the twin objectives of designing buildings that ‘work’ for our clients and the building users.

We have two distinct phases which are outlined here.



Process Phase 1

Understanding

We start by developing a thorough understanding of the people who will inhabit the building, always staying focused on their needs and requirements, whether they're managers, owners, occupants or users.

Defining

Then we identify the precise problem that we need to solve with our design, whilst aligning all our stakeholders around it, helping them understand their needs, assets and opportunities.

Ideation

During the next stage, we generate as many potential design solutions as possible, ideally in collaboration with the people we are serving. We do this through workshops and brainstorming sessions.

Modelling

Potential solutions are vetted and likely solutions are explored using 3D modelling approaches and space planning techniques, built in partnership with the key stakeholders and end-users.

Testing

We evaluate the preferred solution and test its ability to create positive and long-lasting impact for the end users.

Process Phase 2

Now that we have a proposed design solution, we test and refine it using three filters.

1. What are the desires of our end users?
Does our solution satisfy these desires?
2. What is technically and organisationally feasible? Can the solution be achieved?
3. What is financially viable? Can we afford the proposed solution?

As we work through these two phases, we ensure that the key objectives of a project are clearly communicated to our team and ultimately inscribed into the DNA of the buildings we design.

We also dovetail Quality Assurance and Environmental procedures to ensure compliance with legislative and regulatory frameworks.

Throughout our design process and in whatever context we find ourselves, our purpose remains clear. Our architecture is in service of people.



Aged Care Experience



Designing aged care facilities that help seniors continue to live happy, healthy and productive lives is a gratifying task.

Our goal is to always create a safe, warm, welcoming environment, a place of community richness and vitality, that also fulfils the specific requirements of our client's model of care.

For each project, we work closely with professional care providers to ensure we develop a clear picture of the needs of staff and residents. With our deep applied experience we then deliver highly effective solutions.

Having delivered over 100 projects to date, few can match our experience in this area and we're pleased to have recently invested further in our Aged Care team.





BAPTISTCARE

OBJECTIVES

To provide a village-feel community that allows residents to enjoy the right balance of care and independence, depending on their needs.

DESCRIPTION

The contemporary facility at Griffith comprises 160 rooms catering to the specific needs of low-care, high-care and dementia residents. All rooms have easy access to dynamic shared spaces including sun rooms, glazed internal winter gardens, as well as accessible landscaped gardens. The large facility was designed around an internal street that provides additional resident amenities including a café, movie theatre, saloon, day spa and physiotherapy centre.

The building employs simple and effective environmentally sustainable design principles to reduce operating costs over the life of the building, including high thermal mass, water harvesting, operable sunshade devices, natural sun and daylighting, passive heating and a night purging system.



TYPE OF PROJECT:

Residential Aged Care facility

LOCATION:

Griffith, ACT

STATUS:

Completed

BUDGET APPROX:

\$35m



ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES

OBJECTIVES

Empowering residents with the choice and flexibility to celebrate ageing.

DESCRIPTION

This stage of development provided 36 new ILU's (Independent Living Units), comprising of 2 and 3 bedroom townhouses and villas.

All townhouses and villas in this development are adaptable and accessible to enable the choice for residents to 'age in place'.

Designing additional units in an existing development required careful consideration of the village's existing character and a response that connects the new work with existing facilities. The design approach was to create individual homes with individual character and dedicated outdoor landscaped areas for each home while applying an architectural style that was in keeping with the original village.



TYPE OF PROJECT:

36 Independent Living Units

LOCATION:

Warrina Village, Castle Hill

STATUS:

Completed

BUDGET APPROX:

\$12m



BAPTISTCARE

OBJECTIVES

Real independent living for low-care residents.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Red Hill Development in Canberra will replace outdated housing stock on the site with a contemporary residential village.

The design responds to numerous site constraints including a maximum height of 2 storeys to maintain the suburbs residential character and large setbacks from surrounding neighbours.

The design aims to create a dynamic and supportive community within the development through the provision of a range of resident facilities. Located within the complex and with accessible links to residential units will be a swimming pool, health club and landscaped gardens. All dwellings are adaptable to accommodate ageing in place for all residents.

The design will utilise environmentally sustainable design principles, incorporating open space with northern orientation to maximise solar gain, passive heating and cooling and the implementation of water harvesting and reuse systems.

TYPE OF PROJECT:

Independent Living units and community facilities

LOCATION:

Red Hill, ACT

STATUS:

Under construction

Expected completion: Dec 2022

BUDGET APPROX:

\$45m



EVENTIDE HOMES, NSW

OBJECTIVES

To provide an active yet safe environment for our residents that feels part of the local community.

DESCRIPTION

The masterplan design of this campus was dictated by the bounding 3 roads one of which is a major arterial Henry Lawson drive.

With the surrounding building fabric being predominantly private residential, pushing the built envelope was a challenge which was overcome with multiple shadow and visual studies demonstrating little to no impact. The proposed buildings respond to the surrounding streets in an active manner promoting security and neighbourhood watch.

The proposal consists of 6 buildings with a mix of 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. The built form bound an internal open piazza for the resident use with sensory and visual cues.

The gradient issues of the site are resolved with effective landscaping, civil and architectural connections allowing the residents to make maximum use of the central piazza and connecting pathways promoting physical activity essential for the users.



TYPE OF PROJECT:

Seniors living

LOCATION:

NSW

STATUS:

DA Approval

Completion Date: TBA

BUDGET APPROX:

\$26m



ALLITY AGED CARE

OBJECTIVES

To spoil residents with a level of luxury and comfort they've never experienced before.

DESCRIPTION

Allity is currently the 4th largest private aged care provider in Australia and we are privileged to be involved in the state-wide refurbishment and upgrade of many of their recently acquired facilities in New South Wales.

All Allity homes are individually themed to international regions, and designed to mimic themes such as The Bahamas, The Riviera, Paris, and Provence to name a few.

The upgrades have involved bringing both the common areas and the resident rooms of each of the facilities, up to the standard now demanded for all aged care homes - one where the comfort levels of the residents were the prime consideration to all.

Rooms, lounges and dining areas are being upgraded to provide a serene and relaxing space with enhanced storage capabilities while maintaining the vibrant social hub atmosphere. All rooms are being developed to ensure private en-suites to each room, with a feel of luxury as a basic standard.



TYPE OF PROJECT:

Residential Aged Care facility

LOCATION:

NSW

WHEN/STATUS:

Ongoing – Varied completion dates

BUDGET APPROX:

Varied



ADVENTIST AGED CARE

OBJECTIVES

Make residents with higher care needs feel like they're at home.

DESCRIPTION

The Seventh Day Adventist's Aged Care facility at Kings Langley was one of its first residential facilities. Originally built in the mid- 1900's it has undergone multiple additions and renovations since.

The campus is equipped to provide for different levels of care ranging from dementia specific, residential aged care to independent living.

The new ILU's provide a well-balanced mix of single, two bedrooms and three-bedroom units spread across the site reminiscent of a low-density village.

All units are designed to provide a homely feel complete with a front porch and a rear patio. The generous spatial allowances facilitate 'ageing in place' allowing the client the flexibility to provide higher level of care to the ILU's in the future. Having a RACF on site allowed ageing partners to stay in close proximity depending on their required level of care.

All the units are well placed around a central Village green which includes piazzas, a gazebo, an aviary, vegetable gardens and a small pond with a stream. A continuous connected pathway facilitates outdoor social interaction crucial in this age group to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



TYPE OF PROJECT:

Independent Living Units

LOCATION:

Kings Langley

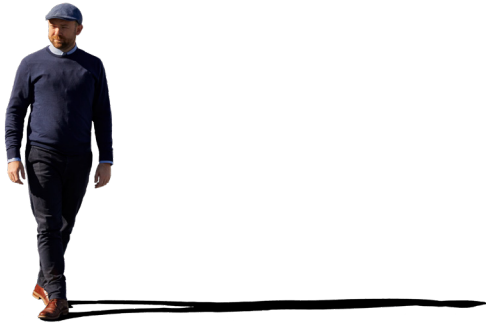
WHEN/STATUS:

Under construction.

Completion date: Feb 2020

BUDGET APPROX:

\$25m (including RACF)



An Executive Team aligned on positive outcomes

“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” – Mother Teresa

Part of the benefit of our zealous focus on our purpose is that we’ve found something incredible happens when a great team works together toward a common vision.

When everyone on the team is equally invested in the overall goal: we get more out of each day, our clients enjoy better relationships with us, our work is more efficient and – we’re confident – the outcomes are superior as a result.

We have a diverse and highly capable staff of 40+ people who are committed to creating fine buildings that are not only responsive to our clients’ needs, but the needs of those who inhabit them; needs that may – until we are able to design the appropriate environment – have gone unmet.

How does it feel to work at Stanton Dahl? It feels like somebody’s always got your back – and you’ve got many peoples’ backs. And that’s deeply motivating.



Phillip Stanton

Director



While an architect's role is to objectively analyse a client's needs using 'outside eyes', Phillip's work as a client prior to founding what became Stanton Dahl in 1984 has given him an acute perspective from both sides of the fence.

Developed over many years and honed on hundreds of buildings, his ability to develop design solutions that serve the priorities of both the client as well as the building's users is almost intuitive and continues to inspire the practice to this day.

Phillip became a Registered Architect in 1974. He joined the Property Dept of the Commonwealth Bank, rising to 2IC in the Major Projects Division where memorable milestones including securing the bank's support in the early 1980's for his plans relating to the total refurb of its property 48 Martin Place at a budget in excess of \$125m.

Over the past 35 years in private business, he has grown Stanton Dahl Architects from a single-practitioner business to the significant enterprise with over 40 staff it is today.





Shayne Evans

CEO

Combining his passion for design, obsession to serve the needs of our clients and management skills, Shayne leads the practice into its next 35 years.

As a lead architect, Shayne has extensive experience in the design, documentation and administration of projects ranging from high-end residential work to low-cost schools. Several of the projects that Shayne has worked on have won national design awards and he relishes maintaining a hands-on role in Stanton Dahl's significant design projects.

Shayne has a keen interest in using his skills to assist disadvantaged communities achieve high quality built environments without having to spend a lot of money. To that end Shayne spends some of his time providing architectural services to such communities. This provides many opportunities to identify and implement creative and low cost solutions to some very complex problems.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Architecture, University of New South Wales
- University Medal 2002
- Registered Architect (7686)
- Member of the Australian Institute of Architects
- Learning Environments Australia [LEA] - member



Mahi Lau

Sector Leader - Aged Care

Mahi has almost a decade worth of experience in Aged Care and Senior's Living Space. Additionally, she has significant experience in Aviation, Multi Residential, & Retail architecture.

Her two decade career spans across Sydney, Mumbai & New Delhi. Having worked on projects of up to \$2 Billion in value, Mahi has successfully developed expertise and management skills over most aspects of medium sized to large scale projects.

Over the years, she has realised her niche passion is to contribute to the Aged Care & Retirement living sector. Mahi has a tendency to own her work including the projects and client relationships thus developing long term professional associations with all stakeholders. This has given her a sophisticated understanding of the client project delivery.

She is constantly mindful of the impact of the designs on the individuals and their quality of life and thus believes in a holistic and integrated approach towards the built form.



Rob Allen

Deputy Sector Leader - Aged Care

Rob is the aged care & seniors living segment 2iC at Stanton Dahl Architects with 15 years of professional experience at a national and international level.

In his previous role, Rob worked for a boutique aged care developer & operator as a senior design architect and design manager, managing design, approvals, tender and construction processes on several large integrated care villages. He has also participated in the design research and development of new initiatives in aged care accommodation for innovative facilities.

Rob brings with him a passion and enthusiasm for creating architecture which is very focused on quality of space for its occupants. He is especially interested in the opportunities within design to de-institutionalise care facilities, and believes in creating naturally ventilated, light filled spaces & surroundings with natural materials through passive solar design.



Tahani Hasin Sayed

Graduate Architect

Tahani received her Bachelor and Masters degree in Architecture from the University of New South Wales. She was a staff member at her faculty and actively took part in organising events.

She had been working as a casual drafts person in small architecture firms during her student life. In those roles she enjoyed working on private luxury residences wherein she got an in-depth understanding of interiors and materials.

After graduating, Tahani joined Stanton Dahl in 2018. Within a short span of time she gained experience across multiple segments within the office. As a result, she gained insights across different project types and applicable complexities.

Tahani's friendly attitude and willingness to learn is well regarded by her colleagues.



Paul Freeman

Paul is a senior architect with over 20 years experience graduating from University of Sydney in 1992. After graduating, Paul spent several years in Hong Kong until 1998 and has worked in a number of practices throughout Sydney. Paul has extensive experience across a broad range of project types including aged care, educational, commercial, and transport projects.

With a sound knowledge of approval processes, procurement options, codes and standards, Paul brings a strong focus to design development, detailed design and documentation of projects with which he is involved.

He has a wealth of knowledge running projects from concept to completion, along with meticulous documentation and project coordination with clients and consultants. Paul strives to deliver the best outcome for his clients and projects.



Dixit Parmar

Dixit is an experienced documenter with 7 years of architectural experience. He has worked predominantly in aged care & education projects where he demonstrates a strong design focus and proficiency in documentation. His strengths lie in 3D modelling, presentation and renders with a good control over the CAD delivery aspect of projects. Dixit's recent experience includes working with the architectural team on projects worth \$55 million wherein he has shown a proficiency to handle time pressures and deliver effectively.

Dixit's versatile skills along with a very friendly personality, are an invaluable contribution to our architectural project team.



Andrew Lim

Andrew received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of New South Wales and joined Stanton Dahl in 2008.

As part of Stanton Dahl's age care segment Andrew has been involved extensively in all aspects of project delivery including green field, upgrades and conversions of aged care facilities and retirement villages

Andrew is also a key part of the CAD management and visualisation team and specialises in the 3D visualisation, information management and communication of projects to both clients and consultants.



Making their visions a reality

We're proud to have played an important role in helping to bring to life the bold visions and plans of a wide range of clients. And even more so that they not only concur with our vision, but appreciate our process. Here's what some had to say:

On each build I have noted that Stanton Dahl make a point to work with us to better clarify our vision before suggesting innovative design possibilities in the educational sphere.

Dr Jean Carter, Executive Director of Education, Seventh Day Adventist Schools

We had an unofficial opening to the playground on Tuesday for the children.... the children went wild and just absolutely love their new facilities. Thank you so much for the thought and expertise you shared with us in creating such beautiful spaces for our children. We cannot thank you enough.

Michael Tonnet, Principal for St Andrews Primary School

We have approximately \$158 million projects under construction with the majority in aged care, and these have been without doubt the most enjoyable projects, largely attributed to the quality of the documentation.

Mr S McGrath, CEO Denham Constructions

While the company are good communicators and provide great design outcomes, they are also excellent project managers. The control of the site and the builder has been effectively and efficiently handled.

Ross Whelan, Principal, Thomas Hassall Anglican College

Stanton Dahl has demonstrated, at every point, their desire to use the site to help achieve the Parish's goals in a way that was and is both respectful of limited resources but also desirous of achieving the best outcomes... they posed questions that gave us insight on the strategic planning of the school and used our answers to design the master plan to fit in with our school philosophy of learning.

Michelle Streatfeild, Principal, Wahroonga Adventist School

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