

# Record project wins plaudits

## Bruce Harris Project Management

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MEETING exacting timelines in COVID-19-plagued year of 2020 meant Bruce Harris Project Management completed the \$2.5 million Maitland Lutheran School upper primary project in a record 15 weeks and three days.

The project's principal architect Jonathan Mau said he was greatly impressed by the overall presentation and quality of the project.

School principal David Field and business manager Merri Ferguson both confirmed after the first week of teaching operations they, along with the rest of the staff, were absolutely thrilled with the final outcome.

Attracting particular praise was the controlled noise transmission within the building as well as the beautiful learning common, an exciting teaching space.

The common is surrounded by beautiful, handcrafted, birch pine natural walls that tower five metres, terminating at the three-sided highlight windows that provide a beautiful ambience to this area.

Two huge operable walls allow two adjoining classrooms to be converted into one, another exciting provision enabling two classes to be taught at the same time.

The accolades attracted by the project were topped off with the praise received for the music and media room.

This is a must-see element when visiting the school, as the modern, scintillating roof lines and fascia exquisitely complement the mini orb eaves.

Those who have visited the school since the project's completion have adored this modern yet timeless complex.

The exposed aggregate concrete laid around the entire development catches the eye.

The same can be said about the natural blade-spotted gum fence abutting Glen Street. This provides students and teachers with another alternative outdoor teaching facility and is a

special, visually thrilling feature of this complex.

The entire project enjoys filtered air supply via the latest Daikin air conditioning high-performance plant, with each classroom having an individual air-conditioned zone.

Maitland Lutheran School has installed a total rainwater collection system for re-use, to which the new complex is now connected.

Finally, the school required an automatic, standalone fire hydrant suppression system requiring two huge storage tanks and pumphouse to be commissioned before the handover of the new complex.

This was done with a citation from the authorities which states: "The school has now at its disposal 24/7, the latest dual fire pump system in the state".

The system provides dual fire hydrant coverage of the entire school and the church.

Furthermore, the citation expresses delight with the test results of the system.

Project manager extraordinaire of the project Bruce Harris has been asked many times why the school required this huge fire-management investment?

His answer is the SA Water potable water supply is classified non-conforming with the building code of Australia and Australian Standards 2941. In layman terms, the SA Water pipeline can't supply the static pressure required together with the flow rates for the CFA.

Mr Harris expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone associated with this record-breaking project.

He gave a special mention to all the school staff, students the specialist subcontractors and suppliers, the mums and dads, and the statutory authorities who all contributed to make this venture a success.

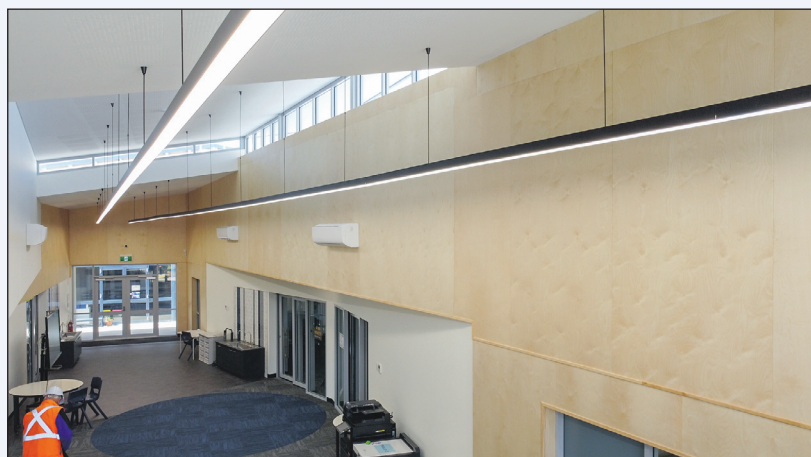
"COVID-19 added a further administrative level to our project as procedural requirements were enforced for the entire construction period," Mr Harris said.

Mr Harris also acknowledged the outstanding contribution by his project assistant Sarah Sheppard and his wife Judy, assistant project manager.

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**■ IMPRESSIVE FACILITY...** Bruce Harris Project Management completed the immaculate \$2.5 million Maitland Lutheran School upper primary upgrade in record time.



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### Meritorious Achievement Award to the most decorated Senior Project Manager

Bruce Harris is an extraordinarily high achiever whose life as a project manager is littered with records and awards.

It would literally take a book of many pages to list everything he has achieved but here are some, only some, of the highlights of his working life.

Home Beautiful Magazine awarded Bruce both dining room and bathroom of the year while the 38 weeks it took him to construct 60 apartments at Mawson Lakes won him Project Manager of the Year. The restaurant and wine tasting facilities Bruce built in the Barossa are legendary and include what is now

called Calabria Family Wines. Extensive works were carried out for Rouge Hommes, Southcorps Wines (Wynns Coonawarra Winery), Penfolds Wines and Wolf Blass Wines.

When school grants were awarded a few years back, Bruce won the Prime Minister's award for being the first among 240 applicants, of which only 14 were accepted in the first round, to complete his project in a record 80 days. That was a challenge well met and included a gymnasium, storage, learning and toilet facilities as well as a stage designed to hold 250 people.

The Gawler Green Shopping Centre took 39 weeks and 4 days to complete and is still a record for any Coles development and, still in Gawler, there was the Hungry Jack's store that was completed in just 6 weeks and 3 days to beat the old HJ record by more than 3 weeks. It is also a world record for the Hungry Jack's franchise.

More recently, Bruce took a mere 40 weeks to complete 48 apartments in Findon replete with its undercover carpark and, of course, the Maitland Lutheran Upper Primary School refurbishment that cost \$2.6 million and was completed in 15 weeks and

3 days.

While buildings are mostly what BHPM is famous for, there have been numerous projects that have relied on his encyclopaedic knowledge of the mysterious arts of construction, such as the time he delivered a natural water purification system for the Nuriootpa Golf Course that, according to the specifications, had to be good enough for frogs to live and breed in them. Bruce also undertook the design and construct challenge of a very modern ablutions block for the Beachport Caravan Park that included cooking facilities and was disability friendly.

When Bruce was tagged to do this project he was told the park already had 1500 bookings for the upcoming holiday season and the project needed to be finished to accommodate holidaymakers. It won Bruce a tourism award for excellence and the park's occupancy rate soared by 40% in 3 short months.

Rescue operations are also within Bruce's gambit. Such as the time he "rescued" a builder in trouble to complete a regional Medical and Residential Centre 6 weeks ahead of schedule and Bruce walked away with another Government award.

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