

Peter St Clair RAI A
St Clair Architecture



Project role: Design Director

Qualifications

- 2008 Master of the Built Environment, University of New South Wales
- 1988 Bachelor of Architecture, University of Canberra
- 1985 Bachelor of Applied Science, Environmental Design, University of Canberra

Peter has worked as a design director and principal for architecture and urban design studios in Australia, the USA and China. His approach to design leadership is both explorative and strategic, working closely with design teams to explore ideas that lead to design excellence and with clients to identify the best planning approval pathways. These ideas are often centred around creating a sense of place and a contextual language, maximising human well-being and optimising a building's environmental and commercial performance through site and floor planning and façade design. He specialises in all forms of multi-unit residential architecture, design excellence advisory services to government and frequently collaborates with other architectural studios. Peter has a particular interest in the role of outdoor spaces in architecture, including courtyards, laneways and galleries and their capacity to connect people, moderate climate and contribute to the physical and cultural landscape of cities.

Professional associations

- Member Level 1 Australian Institute of Architects 61484
- Registered Architect in NSW 7325
- Past Registered Architect in ACT 762
- Australian Architects Declare signatory

Selected awards

- Winner Best Affordable Housing Development, Landcom/PCA 2022
- Winner Presidents Award, UDIA 2021
- Winner Excellence in Affordable Housing Development, UDIA 2021
- Winner Six Leaf EnviroDevelopment, UDIA 2020
- Winner Flinders St Design Competition 2018
- Winner Harold Park Design Competition 2017
- Multi-unit housing commendation, RAI A 2009
- Winner Award for Residential Architecture, UDIA 2009
- Winner Islands Design Excellence Competition, Stockland 2007
- Canberra Medallion, RAI A 1995

Expertise

- Architecture & urban design
- Precinct masterplanning
- BTR/Multi-unit residential
- Affordable Housing
- Student Housing
- Residential aged care & seniors living
- Hospitals & health campus design
- Commercial office buildings & business campus design
- Sustainable design and climate responsive design
- NSW Apartment Design Guide
- Research and academic journals
- Design Competition Leadership
- Design Review/Design Excellence Panels
- Architecture award juries
- Design competition juries
- Mentoring
- Community & business group consultation & presentations

Selected research publications

- The Climate of Tall Buildings - An Investigation of the Use of Building Height in Bio-climatic Design (Architectural Science Review 2012)
- Climate Responsive Design - The University of the Sunshine Coast Chancellery Building, Journal of Green Building (Summer 2009 edition)
- Guideline for Hot and Arid Climates, Drivers for Sustainable Design and Urban Design Strategies (BEDP Environment Design Guide No.29)
- Guideline for Climate Responsive Design in Hot and Arid Climates, Building Design Strategies (BEDP Envir Design Guide No. 30)
- Guidelines for Climate Responsive Design in cold climates with particular reference to Beijing China, Building and Landscape Design Strategies (draft for BEDP Environment Design Guide 2011)
- A Design Excellence Competition Methodology for Architectural Practices
- Navigating Design Review Panels

Career

- 2023 Jury Member, RAI A ACT Chapter Awards
- 2023 – now Panel Member, Ryde Council Urban Design Review Panel
- 2023 – now Panel Member, Canterbury Bankstown Design Excellence Panel
- 2020 – now Panel Member, North Sydney Design Excellence Panel
- 2020 – now Panel Member, NSW State Design Review Panel
- 2019 – now Chairperson, Lane Cove Design Excellence Panel
- 2020 – 2023 Design Principal, Nettleton Tribe
- 2018 – now Panel Member, National Capital Design Review Panel
- 2020 Mentor, National Association for Women in Construction
- 2013 – now Design Director, St Clair Architecture
- 2015 – 2018 Design Director, Scott Carver
- 2013 – 2014 NSW & ACT Design Director, GHD Woodhead
- 2011 – 2012 Design Director, Gensler San Francisco
- 2002 – 2010 Director, Architectus
- 1997 – 2000 Senior Associate, Woods Bagot
- 1991 – 1994 Design Architect, Daryl Jackson Alastair Swain Architects, Daryl Jackson Robin Dyke Architects
- 1990 – 1991 Design Architect, Mitchell Giurgola and Thorpe
- 1989 – 1990 Graduate, Frank O Gehry and Associates

Selected experience

Masterplanning

- Ericsson Masterplan, Plano Texas
- John Gorton Precinct, Parliamentary Triangle, Canberra
- Leppington Masterplan, Sydney
- Central to Eveleigh Urban Design Tender, Sydney
- Norwest Business Park Masterplan, Baulkham Hills Sydney
- South-east Sydney Masterplan, Little Bay Sydney
- Mater Hospitals Rockhampton, Mackay, Bundaberg
- Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick Sydney

Residential

- Balmain House, Sydney
- Mosman House, Sydney
- Wahroonga House, Sydney

Multi Residential

- Waruda St, Kirribilli Sydney
- Design Excellence Competition, Gosford
- Coles Caringbah site, Sydney
- 66 Pacific Highway, St Leonards Sydney
- Rodborough Avenue, Crows Nest Sydney
- UNSW Unilodge Student Housing, Kensington Sydney
- Balmain Leagues Club redevelopment, Rozelle Sydney
- Oran Park, Camden Sydney
- The Rathbone, Darlinghurst Sydney
- Harbord Diggers Design Competition, Freshwater Sydney
- Alexander, Barangaroo, Sydney
- Defence Single Leap 2 tender, 18 bases NSW/QLD/VIC/NT/ACT
- Islands, South Coogee Fremantle
- 3-5 St. Kilda Road Melbourne
- Epping Park, Lane Cove Sydney
- Latitude, Hornsby Sydney
- Yaohui International City, Beijing China
- Golf Sea View, Shenzhen China
- Hutong Courtyard Housing, Beijing China

Affordable Housing & BTR

- Northern Rivers BTR Landcom Reference Designs/Feasibility Studies, Tweed Heads
- South Coast BTR Landcom Reference Designs/Feasibility Studies, Nowra
- Havelock House Community Housing, Giralang Canberra
- Citywest, Waterloo Sydney
- Citywest, Rockdale Sydney
- Citywest Ironbark, Harold Park Sydney
- Macarthur Gardens, Campbelltown Sydney

Residential Aged Care & Seniors Living

- LDK Yeerongpilly, Brisbane
- LDK Greenway Views, Canberra
- Opal, Marsden Park Sydney
- Opal, Edmondson Park Sydney
- Opal, Narraweena Sydney
- Hardies, Blacktown Sydney
- Hardies, Seven Hills Sydney
- San Antonio de Padova, Lane Cove Sydney
- IRT Seniors Village, Uladulla
- Integrated Care Village, Wollongong

Commercial/retail

- 3-5 Help St, Chatswood, Sydney
- Lane Cove Market Square, Sydney
- Australian Taxation Offices, Penrith Sydney
- 52 Martin Place fitout (Dep Premier Cabinet, NSW Treasury, NSW Ministers), Sydney
- Ericsson North America Headquarters, Plano Texas
- Alpha N Norwest Business Park, Sydney
- Global Telecommunications Centre, Sydney
- Cyber Park, Shenzhen China
- Hangzhou Retail Centre, Hangzhou China
- Macquarie Bank Bond Street, Sydney
- Goodman Fielder Headquarters, Macquarie University Sydney
- Siemens Headquarters, Macquarie University Sydney
- Australian Security Services Organisation, Canberra
- Chiat Day Advertising Offices, Santa Monica USA

Education

- Georges River Grammar School, Canterbury Sydney
- St Vincents College Link building, Potts Point Sydney
- St Vincents College Multi-purpose hall/library/pool, Potts Point Sydney
- Macquarie University Chiropractic, Speech Pathology & MEG Centre, Macquarie Sydney
- Crawford School of Economics and Government Competition, Canberra
- University of Canberra Boiler House Lecture Theatre, Bruce Canberra
- ANU Sports Union, Acton Canberra
- China Welfare Institute Kindergarten, Shanghai China
- University of Canberra Water Resources, Canberra

Health

- Moree Hospital, Moree
- Capital Region Cancer Centre, Woden, Canberra
- Hornsby Hospital Stage 1, Sydney
- Bellingen District Hospital, Bellingen
- Concord Repatriation Hospital, Sydney
- Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick Sydney
- Prince of Wales Ambulatory Care Clinic, Randwick Sydney
- Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick Sydney
- Prince of Wales Acute Care Services Hospital, Randwick Sydney
- Mater Hospitals Rockhampton, Mackay, Bundaberg

Civic

- Maanshan Cultural Precinct, Shanghai China
- Holroyd Council Chambers and Public Library, Merrylands Sydney
- Tuggeranong Aquatic Centre, Canberra

Infrastructure

- Veolia Waste Recovery, Woodlawn
- ANU End of Trip & Parking Masterplan, Canberra
- New M5 Main Works Tender, Sydney
- Railway TAP Infrastructure Tender, NSW
- Victorian Desalination Plant PPP Tender Bid, Melbourne