

## Small Project Architecture Award Citations

South Australian Chapter



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**Jury Chair:** Michael Queale

**Jurors:** Emily Chalk, John Adam

**Guest Juror:** Nicole Dent

**Category Overview:** The Small Project Architecture category typically features a broad spectrum of architecture, but all on a small scale. This year, entries ranged from a corporate foyer fit out to a series of environmentally responsive project homes. The jury has awarded two projects an Award and Commendation, which both provided clients with architecture beyond their expectations and envisioned briefs.

**Project Name:** blackline

**Practice Name:** Dimitty Andersen Architects

**Award given:** Award for Small Project Architecture

**Award Citation:** This project is a confident resolution for an apprehensive client and the age old conundrum of siting a pool in a small back yard. Through careful and crafted detailing from concept to realisation, the idea of a cubic masonry mass extrusion to form a water vessel is clearly recognisable and potent.

The Jury was impressed by the integration of the pool in the garden and how well the seemingly counterpoised ideas of mass and lightness worked together. The steel fence provides a filtering screen to create a backyard that instead of suffering the intrusion of the pool, the space feels dynamic and open.

The black 10mm steel plate fingered pool fence divides the pool from garden and explores notions of solidity and fluidity, which results in a strong but dissolved edge between the two spaces. The raised plinth echoed by the raised dining deck, creates performance-like stages in the garden, which define space and activity and help to give freedom and voice to the greened areas.

The pool plinth is setback from the side and back fences, allowing more room for a lush native grassed landscaped edge, which further softens the impact of the structural intervention in the garden space. The fine detailing extended to all components and high quality construction, express a clear and involved architect, builder and client relationship.

**Project Name:** Jeweller's Studio

**Practice Name:** Max Pritchard Architect

**Award given:** Commendation for Small Project Architecture

**Award Summary:** Jeweller's Studio builds on the architects' continuing exploration of the standalone timber tower. The structure is an imposing intervention that successfully argues its presence on a tight suburban site. The form of the studio weaves seamlessly with the existing curvilinear form of the dwelling, which was also designed by the architect over 20 years ago.

A new timber bridge links with existing timber ramps, and creates a sinuous connection between studio and residence. Despite the challenging form of the studio, design detailing was simple in resolution, allowing the studio to be built by the owner. The Jury appreciated the strong small scale intervention and the valuable contribution it has made to the streetscape.