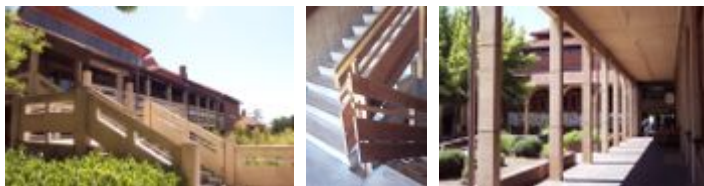




Union House



Union House, completed 1968-75, is a well resolved contemporary building which sits seamlessly within the historically significant 19th-century red brick 'neo-Georgian' hill village of Adelaide University. The building respects the surrounding historic context, while still expressing the contemporary and regional architectural values of architects Dickson and Platten.

Union House stands as an architecturally significant example of the work of notable Adelaide architects Robert Dickson and Newell Platten, who both pioneered the development of a regional language in architecture in the 1960-70s period in Adelaide. Textured face red brick, expressed off-form concrete framing, steeply pitched tiled roofs, exposed timber detailing and robust fittings were key parts of their architectural vocabulary. It was an architecture of honesty and integrity which explored the integration of materials, detailing, proportion and meaning, creating spaces for people to feel comfortable within and enjoy.

The building stands as an exemplar of the 'Adelaide Regional' style of the period, setting the benchmark for regional architecture in Adelaide through the following decade.

DETAILS:

Location

University of Adelaide, Adelaide

Architect

Dickson & Platten

Date

1975

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