

DIRECTOR

Fred S Batterton DipArch (Oxford) RAI A Architect



Profile

In addition to architecture for all building types, I specialise in using my architectural skills to help church leaders to make their property effective in their specific mission. I have applied these skills across heritage buildings, twentieth century property and to new building projects. I have assisted in defining specific local mission, exploring property opportunities and getting the project built.

Professional Career

In Australia, Fred has led the practice and carried out church projects, residential alterations, masterplanning, bridges, sports pavilion and university projects. Fred has organised and hosted seminars for church organisations in connection with their building needs and co-authored "Designing For Mission", a guidebook for Catholic parishes on how to review their property. His new book, *Making Property Serve Mission: Rethinking the Church's Buildings for the 21stC* was published in 2016.



As a director Fred has carried out university historic building restoration and new building

I love architecture and responding to challenges with creative design. I have a meaningful Christian faith and am passionate about making the church's buildings serve its core business in the 21st-century.

My Australian practice started in 2004 and was renamed Studio B Architects in 2011. Prior to that I was a director of Batterton Tyack Architects in the UK.

Recent work has included schools and community facilities but principally our work is designing new church complexes, adapting and extending heritage churches and everything in between. We major on supporting mission and apply clever design strategies to achieve best value. Unusually, we also understand development and we design profitable schemes to get value for church landowners.

Our buildings are sustainable, planned for welcome and hospitality, and promote relationships. We know about master planning, auditorium design, good detailing and managing building contracts. We work with committees, we listen and we present to large groups.

projects (Oxford colleges), historic church conversion to multi-use worship and conference centre (St Aldates, Oxford), hospital staff housing, many award winning retirement housing and aged care projects, affordable unit housing on many sites in sensitive locations, visitor's centre for historic castle and development planning in heritage settings.

Fred immigrated to Australia in 1999 and remained a partner in the UK practice until 2003, making regular visits to complete projects.

He established BHY Architects in Melbourne and it was renamed Studio B in 2011.

Fred studied at Oxford School of Architecture and became a principal partner with Edward Tyack in the UK in 1988, establishing Batterton Tyack Architects.

Early career project experience included aged care housing, military projects, housing and university

projects. Following this, projects included church restoration, historic mansion restorations (including Grade 1), planning and construction of new village and multi-unit housing, new buildings in conservation areas, barn conversions, heritage restorations, new single houses, public sector housing, a hotel to retail conversion and a new small private school.

Selected Australian Projects

New Baptist Church, Ocean Grove 400 seat multi-purpose worship auditorium with café-foyer and meeting rooms – Design and principal responsible



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St Alfred's Church, Blackburn North
New Anglican Church – Design &
executive responsibility including
contract administration.



St Peter's Church, Box Hill
Extension to provide new church
entrance and offices – Design &
principal responsible

Crossway Baptist Church, Victoria
Masterplanning for the future
development of a large church
complex including 2500 seat
auditorium .

RAFT Anglican Church, Rowville
New church, hall and meeting
rooms

Wesley Church, Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne
Scheme to create a link between
the heritage church and hall to form
a new foyer. Heritage approval
obtained 2008.

Kangaroo Ground Presbyterian
Church
New church hall attached to
existing heritage church building

Heritage Woolshed and cottage
adaptation proposal for Werribee
Open Range Zoo

Ballarat Central Uniting Church:
Masterplan and heritage building
alterations

New footbridges to Moreland and
Camberwell heritage railway
stations

Crossroads Uniting Church,
Werribee: masterplan including
welfare agency centre.
Property and Mission Guidelines for
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Crossway Baptist Church, new
cafe, foyer, entry - enabling works
for future extensions.

Various town house and apartment
development proposals.



Completion of new Salvation Army
complex, Chirnside Park including
250 seat auditorium, cafe, function
room and offices.

Catholic church masterplan based
on "Designing For Mission"
including 80 unit retirement
community.

Feasibility studies for new church
projects at Newport, South
Caulfield, Spottswood, Geelong,
Werribee, Ballarat, Nunawading .

Masterplanning for AFC Church
expansion, Rowville

Design for 5 new school buildings
at Flinders Christian Community
College. Completion of new senior
school Building.

Masterplanning for church facilities
at Laverton, Altona Meadows,
Syndal, Northcote, Greensborough
and Keysborough.

Design for new churches at Officer,
Chadstone and Eltham.

Masterplan for Melbourne School of
Theology expansion including new
student centre and cafe.



Integrated Mission & Development
Masterplans for churches at South
Yarra, Caulfield, Kew, Syndal and
Sydney.

Design for new visitor's centre
Maldon, Castlemaine, Vic.

New 3-auditorium church complex
in Bayswater, Vic.

Specialist Skills and Professional Development

- Historic buildings restoration
and reuse specialist: Heritage
Victoria Listed Consultant
Architect
- Appropriate development and its
maximisation in heritage
contexts.
- Church buildings reordering
conferences.
- Practice management and client
liaison.
- Health and safety
- Design for disability including for
historic buildings.
- Founder of Keystone Initiatives
(KI) Australia; to advise Christian
churches how to create and
adapt their buildings for their
contemporary mission
requirements.

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