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Profile

The positive impact that the built environment can have on our physical and mental well-being was my driving factor to study architecture, which I started at University of NSW in 1994 and completed at the University of Technology, Sydney in 2000. My focus and interest is to look beyond the building to the broader settlement and place, to respond to changing conditions, aspirations, whilst addressing health of environments, cultures, economies, communities and people. At a simple level, I am interested in the human everyday experience, and how to ensure comfort for all.

I have worked with and for highly experienced and skilled people in organisations both in Sydney, and in London and Manchester, UK. They have all shaped the way I approach built environment problem solving. With an urban design focus, working in interdisciplinary practices and organisations has helped me focus on an integrated approach, and the bringing together specialists such as landscape architecture, heritage, sustainability and engagement to help reach a shared vision from the outset.

I have developed a broad skill set over the years, from government policy and advisory, through to strategic design and delivery of new or renewed neighbourhoods, campuses, research of housing typologies and genuine mixed uses. I gravitate towards early project stages, to help the client define what they are trying to achieve, and have expertise in managing projects with complex requirements and multiple stakeholder groups. I am interested in testing alternative typologies which may result in more resilient and functional outcomes. More recently I have worked in the infrastructure sector - transport, public space and blue/green infrastructure, which form the foundation for good urban systems. I developed community and stakeholder engagement skills with UK design consultancies who lead in this space. And recently I have worked with Indigenous cultural advisors and custodians in Australia and New Zealand to ensure respectful responses.

I worked for Government Architect NSW for over 5 years, and this has given me a grounded experience in design advocacy. I was the lead author for Urban Design for Regional NSW, an urban design guide, along with Design Advice notes, and have provided extensive design advice to Transport for NSW, Department of Planning and Environment, Land and Housing Corporation (Homes NSW).

Architectural education is important to me, and I have been a casual academic at the University of NSW in the Faculty of Built Environment since 2016, working in the Design Studios across all years, from First Year Students through to Masters.

Key Experience

Jane Threlfall Design - November 2023 - current

- Consultancy in research, strategy, design

Assistant Director Urban Design, GHD Design – June 2022 - November 2023

- Let's Get Wellington Moving Detailed Business Case Transformational Programme for LGWM Partnership between Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Waka Kotahi Transport NZ-UD Assist. Lead/Mana Whenua Co-design 2023
- Macquarie Park Precinct Bus Interchange - Urban Design Lead and Designing with Country lead with GHD Indigenous Engagement team for Transport for NSW 2022-2023
- South West Rocks Structure Plan for Kempsey Shire Council 2022-2023 - UD lead
- Cobar CBD Revitalisation Plan for Cobar Shire Council 2022-2023 - UD lead
- Echo Point Feasibility Study for Blue Mountains City Council - 2023 - UD lead

Principal Urban Design, Government Architect NSW – March 2017 - June 2022

- LAHC Centre for Design - Lead Design advisor, 2019-2021
- Design and Place SEPP for Department of Planning and Environment - Urban Design Guide (draft) - urban design contributor (with DPE UD Branch) 2021
- Greenfield Housing Code: review (with DPE UD Branch) 2021
- Urban Design for Regional NSW: A guide for Healthy Built Environments - lead author, 2018-2020
- Kiama Harbour Urban Renewal Framework for Transport for NSW, 2020
- Central Station Precinct Renewal Framework for Transport for NSW, 2019
- Circular Quay Renewal Framework for Transport for NSW, 2019

Senior Urban Designer, Department of Planning & Environment – July 2016 - March 2017

- Low Rise Diversity Code and Low Rise Design Guide - Urban design advisor, 2016
- Greenfield Housing Code - Urban design advisor, 2016-2017

Senior Urban Designer, SJB – March 2015 - June 2016

- Franklyn Street Housing Feasibility Study for LAHC - lead urban design, 2016
- Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Corridor - Fine Grain Study for Urban Growth - Urban Design lead (in collaboration with Cox as lead urban designers) 2016
- Civic Heart Feasibility Study for Waverley Council - Urban Design lead, 2016
- Huskisson Foreshore Feasibility Study for Shoalhaven City Council - Urban Design lead and community engagement, 2015

Associate Urban Design, GM Urban Design – May 2014- May 2015

- Independent urban design advice on major applications for Burwood Council, 2015

Associate Urban Design, City Plan Urban Design - December 2012 - February 2014

- Development Control Plan for Port Moresby and Lae, Papua New Guinea - Urban Designer, and on site stakeholder engagement, 2014

Design Leader, HTA Architects – August 2009 - October 2012

A London based design consultancy specialising in the housing and regeneration sectors.

- Chobham Village Master Plan, London, a London 2012 Olympic Legacy Competition - Urban Design lead, 2012
- Ladderswood Estate Master Plan - Urban Design lead & Community Engagement, 2010

Project Architect, Arca Architects – November 2006- August 2008

A small Manchester based design led practice in the North-West of England.

- Victoria Baths, Manchester Refurbishment and Feasibility - project architect 2007.
- West End Morecambe Housing Market Renewal Initiative - urban strategy, concept to construction for 90 homes for Lancashire City Council - urban design lead, 2009.

Graduate Architect, John Thompson and Partners – February 2001 - November 2006

A London based international placemaking practice of architects and masterplanners.

- Watercolour new neighbourhood, Redhill, Surrey - concept to detailed masterplan, including house type development, community engagement, 2003-2006
- Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport - masterplan developed through a Collaborative Placemaking process for former Navy Victualling yard.
- Married Soldiers Quarters, Royal Clarence Yard - adaption of listed building and new build providing affordable housing for St George Housing 2003- 2006
- The Upper Calder Valley, Yorkshire Strategic Vision and Master plan for Yorkshire Forward - urban designer, community engagement , 2003-2004

Graduate Architect, Hill Thalys Architecture + Urban Projects – Feb 1999 - December 2000

- Urban Courtyard House, Surry Hills Sydney, concept design to detailed design - lead designer for owner builder, 1999-2000

Architecture Student, Bowden Design Associates – Feb 1996 - Feb 1999

- Mausoleum of the Resurrection, Rookwood Cemetery, production of winning competition entry drawings, concept and detailed drawings, 1996 -1997

Panels + Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sydney Build, ICC, Sydney, 2024, <i>Healthy and Liveable Cities</i> - Healthy City Design International Congress, Royal College of Physicians, London, 2018 <i>The role of Design Policy to Create Healthy Built Environments</i> - Healthy Built Environment Summer School, USNW, Sydney, 2017 - 2020 <i>Guest Lecturer for Dr Susan Thompson</i>
Teaching	Casual design tutor School of Built Environment, University of NSW - 2016 - current
Education	<p>Bachelor of Arts (Architecture), University of Technology, Sydney, 1997</p> <p>Bachelor of Architecture (Hons), University of Technology, Sydney, 2000</p>
Registration	Architect UK registration - UK Architects Registration Board number 073775E
Skills	<p>Design leadership; Project leadership, delivery through all stages - feasibility, strategic framework, urban design framework, concept and detailed master plan</p> <p>Community and stakeholder engagement, Designing with Country engagement</p> <p>Strong Drawing and writing skills</p>