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General Biography

For more than three decades Brisbane architect, artist and designer Paul Fairweather has applied his high level of creativity and strategic perspective to achieve outstanding and enduring architecture, art, design and business outcomes.

He was the Managing Director of Fairweather Proberts Architects for 18 years until June 2009. During this time Paul was a key driver in creating a culture that supported a commercially successfully design-led practice. In June 2009 he sold his share in Fairweather Proberts Architects and now balances his time between a small architectural studio, writing, painting, and keynote speaking.

Paul's focus is around innovation, ideas generation, problem solving, strategy and the empowerment of creative thinking, and once described by a colleague as equal parts Zen and Espresso!

He is a great collaborator and communicator, and provides a rare wisdom and connection between the creative and practical elements of running a successful business. Paul is results-focused and has a strategic mind that offers insightful and decisive direction for anyone working at the intersection of creativity and business.

Paul has been responsible for numerous chair designs, including the iconic Mr. Curly Top. He is a high-profile artist who regularly exhibits around Brisbane and in 2001 was an Archibald Prize finalist.

From 2010 and 2017 Paul co-hosted TEDxBrisbane, at the State Library of Queensland and The Brisbane Powerhouse. The conferences brought together the most creative and critical thinkers Brisbane and Queensland had to offer, and through the TED network offered the opportunity to spread their ideas to a world stage.

Paul is an accomplished public speaker and combines his natural wit and his visual sensibilities to deliver entertaining, education and inspiring keynote addresses.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Architecture,
Queensland University
of Technology

Registration

Registered Architect
in Queensland &
New South Wales

Architect

Fairweather Architecture

Creative Director, Brisbane

2010 - Present

Fairweather Proberts Architects (now Bureau Proberts) evolved from humble beginnings in 1990, before transforming into one of the most successful architectural practices in Queensland, Australia.

Fairweather Proberts Architects

Managing Director, Brisbane,
1991 - 2009

(Paul Fairweather Architects,
Brisbane, 1991- 1996)

It embraced the intrinsically challenging conditions of the Queensland subtropics to design and deliver innovative buildings for living, working and learning.

By combining creativity with solid commercial processes, the practice became a very successful business with a vibrant design and creative culture.

The work of the practice was consistently recognised for design excellence by the Australian Institute of Architects and other peak industry bodies.

As Managing Director of Fairweather Proberts Architects, Paul was a key driver of the ongoing development of the firm as a successful company with a growing national reputation for design excellence, innovative interiors, and providing clever architectural solutions to complex commercial issues.

Paul was committed to extensively investigating a project's requirements and devising solutions that were strategic, sustainable and above the expectations of both the client and end users.

In 2006 Paul was Awards Jury Director for the RAIA Queensland Awards.

His breadth of experience included working in small local and large national practices, as well as government and educational institutions.

Paul was also involved in property development and building, giving him first hand insight into the complexities of construction, risk management and contractual concerns.

Curriculum Vitae

2009 – Present

Creative Director

FAIRWEATHER
ARCHITECTS, Brisbane

1991 -2009

Managing Director

FAIRWEATHER PROBERTS
ARCHITECTS, Brisbane

1991- 1996

Managing Director

PAUL FAIRWEATHER
ARCHITECTS, Brisbane

1990 - 1991

**Design Architect
and Brisbane Manager**

DENIS BROWN
PARTNERS, Brisbane.
Design Architect working
from the Brisbane office on
a variety of school and
industrial projects.

1988 - 1990

**Associate and Design
Architect**

MICHAEL DYSART
Design Director for the
Twin Waters Resort at
Maroochydore as well as
Project Architect for the
Central Complex, and
Designer for the Twin
Waters Golf Club House.

1987 - 1988

Graduate Architect

DARYL JACKSON ROBIN
DYKE, Gold Coast
Project Architect for Arts/
Law Building (\$6.5M) and
Maths Computer Building
(\$7M) at Bond University.

1985 - 1987

Student Architect

JOHN DIMITRIOU
ARCHITECTS, Brisbane
Design, documentation and
supervision of a wide range
of residential, commercial,
hotel and industrial projects.

1983 - 1985

**Contracts Administrator
and Supervisor**

JOHN GRAUF BUILDERS
Contracts Administrator for
various architectural houses,
small commercial and
school buildings.

1981 - 1983

Student Architect

QLD STATE WORKS
DEPARTMENT, Brisbane
Project Coordinator for
design and documentation
of various buildings for the
Department of Aboriginal
& Islander Development.

1981 - 1981

Student Architect

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY,
Brisbane. Documentation
of Commonwealth Games
Administration Building
(\$1.5M) for the Building
and Grounds Division,
Architects Office.

1979 – 1981

Student Architect

Awards & Competitions

Competitions

2005 First prize National Police Memorial Design Competition

2001 Archibald Prize Finalist

1994 First prize QDHLG&P Small Lot Housing Competition *

Architectural Awards

SW1 Townhouse, Southbank, Brisbane *

2011 AIA Residential Architecture State Commendation & Regional Commendation

2011 Planning Institute of Australia Award for Urban Design

Townsville North Railway Yards, 'Central'

2010 AIA Urban Design State Commendation

Mulwith, Loreto College

2010 AIA Public Architecture State Commendation
2009 ASI Steel Awards QLD Special Mention

Nourish Organic

2009 RAI A Regional Commendation
2009 IDA Retail Design Commendation

O'Neill Building Nudgee College

2009 RAI A Regional Commendation

Badge - Brisbane office

2009 RAI A Regional Commendation

One Bright Point *

2008 RAI A Regional Commendation

National Police Memorial

2008 DIA Gold Award for Built Environment
2007 RAI A ACT Urban Design Award & Art and

Architecture Award
2005 First prize National Police Memorial Design Competition

Three Bistro *

2008 DIA Silver Award for Hospitality Design

BCM Partnership

2008 IDA Corporate Colour Commendation

Saville Southbank

2007 RAI A Residential Architecture Award - Multiple Housing & RAI A Regional

Saville Southbank Artwork 'Slowness of Light'

2007 RAI A Art and Architecture Prize

The Bay House

2007 RAI A Residential Architecture - Houses Commendation
2007 RAI A Regional Commendation

Tugun Residence

2007 RAI A Residential Architecture - Houses Commendation
2007 RAI A Regional Commendation & House of the Year

Awards & Competitions

Janda Furniture

2007 RAI A Regional
Commendation
2007 IDA Corporate Interior
Design Short List
2007 Gold Coast Urban
Design Award Telstra Small
Business Awards *
2004 and 2005 Queensland
Finalists

Kelvin Grove Urban Village Lot 6 *

2007 Planning Institute
Australia Overall Winner
2007 Housing Award for
Excellence

St Stephen's School *

2006 Design Share Merit

Catalina *

2005 UDIA National Award
for Excellence in Medium
Density Housing Category
2004 RAI A Residential
Buildings - Multi Residential
Award High Commendation
2004 RAI A The Courier-Mail
People's Choice Award
2004 RAI A Regional
Commendation
2004 UDIA National Award
for Excellence in Medium
Density Housing Category

Dig-It Landscapes *

2004 RAI A Regional
Commendation
2004 RAI A Interior
Architecture Award High
Commendation

Fortitude Village *

1999 RAI A Regional
Commendation
1999 RAI A Multiple Housing
Award

Residence*

1995 RAI A Regional
Commendation
1995 RAI A Peoples
Choice Award

Telstra Business Awards*

2005 Queensland Finalist
2004 Queensland Finalist

*denotes Paul Fairweather
Project Director/Designer

Speaking & Memberships

Memberships and Positions

Griffith Architecture,
Advisory Board

Registered Creative Launch
Pad Mentor since 2008

Member, Design Institute
of Australia

QAG, Foundation Member

Nominee Chair TEC

Former Memberships and Positions

Artisan Founding Patron
(FPA)

Queensland Art Gallery
Society, Vice-President 1992

Royal Australian Institute
of Architects, Fellow

Australian Institute of
Company Directors, Fellow

HEAT, Advisory Board 2008

2011

TEDxBrisbane 2011, Co-host and co-curator

TEDxBrisbaneLive 2011, Co-host

TED2011, Attendee

Queensland Arts Council, Creative spotlight

2010

DIA Fresh Ground, "Design LED Thinking"

TED2010 Long Beach, "Drawing Inspiration"

Pecha Kucha, Brisbane Powerhouse

TED Brisbane 2010, Co-host and co-curator

TEDxBrisbaneChange, Co-host

2009

TED2009, Attendee

2008

DIA Bubble & Speak Breakfast Series, "Me & TED"

UDIA Qld Conference 3 Ds of Development,

"Yellow is the New Green"

Map Magazine, Cafe Series

TED2008, Attendee

2006

Gold Coast Energywise Conference,

"Sustainable Development in Hospitality"

RAIA Awards, Jury Director

2005

RAIA Regional Conference, On Edge Off Centre,
"Water Storeys"

RAIA Awards Queensland, Deputy Director

2004

River Symposium Conference,

"Streamlining - Living on the Water's Edge"

Artist & Designer

Artist Biography

1959 Born Townsville

Selected Group Painting And Furniture Exhibitions

- 1990** Giraffe Sculpture, Arbor Day Event, Brisbane
- 1991** Architects Art, Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Brisbane
Australian Landscape Artists, Gallery of Australian Landscapes, Warana Festival, Brisbane
Grape Tower, Queensland Wine Society Exhibition, Brisbane
- 1992** Architects Art, Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Brisbane
- 1993** Hide, Lower Level, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
- 1994** Architects Art, Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Brisbane
Chello, De De Ce Design Centre, Brisbane
- 1995** Internal Exposure, Metro Arts, Brisbane
Cooroy Contemporary Furniture Exhibition, Cooroy Queensland Style, Contemporary Art & Design Gallery, Brisbane
- 1996** Inaugural Christmas Show, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
- 1999** Hills and Things, Father and Son Show, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
Tattersall's Club Art Prize Exhibition, Waterfront Place, Brisbane
- 2001** Archibald Prize finalist, Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Hide II, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
Retail Therapy, Fairweather Proberts Architects in association with Yenda Carson, Modcons, Brisbane
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Artist & Designer

- 2002** Twenty First Century Chairs, Brisbane City Gallery
Cooroy Contemporary Furniture Exhibition, Cooroy
- 2004** Arch and Infinite Installation with Yenda Carson
Doggett Street Christmas Show, Brisbane
- 2005** Hide III, Doggett Street Studio, Brisbane
Neo Gallery Christmas Show, Brisbane
Doggett Street Studio Christmas Show, Brisbane
- 2006** Spark exhibition- RoadSKILL, Street & Garden, with
Yenda Carson
- 2007** Domino Effect, Street and Garden, Brisbane
Neo Gallery Christmas Show, Brisbane
- 2008** Branch out Exhibition- Lemon Tree Project with FPA
- 2009** Branch out Exhibition – The Point of Christmas
with McVeigh's
- 2010** 1/eighth International Contemporary Furniture Fair,
New York
Matilda, London Design Festival, London
- 2011** 1/eighth Saturday Indesign, Sydney, Australia

Solo Exhibitions

- 1996** Fat Men Dancing Among the Vineyards, Grand Orbit
Artspace, Brisbane
 - 1997** Food, Foothills & A Few Fat Fellas, Jan Murphy Gallery,
Brisbane
 - 1998** Lemons & Limes & Other Pears, Jan Murphy Gallery,
Brisbane
 - 1999** Boots and All, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
 - 2003** Breakfast Art, Doggett Street Studio, Brisbane
 - 2004** Raising the Bar, Neo Gallery, Brisbane Lighter on my Feet,
Doggett Street, Brisbane
 - 2006** About Sleep, Neo Gallery, Brisbane
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