



Community collaboration

2015 was the second year of Archicamp, a weekend retreat where design students gather to conceive projects that could feasibly be built in communities. The brainchild of architecture student Jiri Loew, the focus of the 2015 camp was on helping the flood-ravaged town of Dungog in the Upper Hunter where the students, together with representatives from the community and local groups, identified three realistic infrastructure projects that would benefit the town and community. Students designed the three projects up to development application stage, the goal being to give the community good quality designs at no cost with a view to the local council then funding the projects to make them a reality.

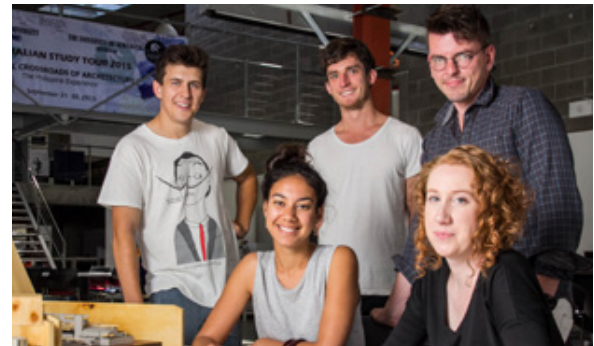


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Sacha Parkinson

Architecture graduate Sacha Parkinson won the 2014 Architects Medallion for the impressive portfolio of projects she completed during her Masters degree including residential highrise, masterplanning, and her final year project - a Natural History Illustration School and Museum located on Ash Island, Hexham. The Architects Medallion, an annual award, is the highest accolade for an architecture graduate in NSW, and is recognition of the outstanding effort and results Sacha obtained throughout her university studies. Sacha's achievements were rewarded not only with the Architects Medallion but the Dean's Medal in Architecture and the University Medal in Architecture. Upon completing her degree, Sacha obtained a position in one of Newcastle's leading architectural firms.

