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this year marks my nineteenth year as a sole practitioner and i was recently thinking about how much i have enjoyed my time in the industry, and how fortunate i am to have had a rewarding and challenging career as a designer.....

the challenge of being an interior design consultant and a small business, is having to fulfil the many roles required to run a business (receptionist, administrator, book keeper, business manager, technical support, marketing etc), as well as being a client focused designer, project documenter, contract administrator, and keeping up to date with the latest design and technologies available. not to mention trying to achieve a bit of work/life balance.

i first started working on my own in 2000, sharing rooms with victor goldsztein event management at 4C/171 fitzroy street st.kilda, next door to RBA heritage architects. the little amount of natural light came via a light shaft several storeys high - very new york.







when not at my desk you could often find me sailing with bill casserley's crew on S80 mood indigo (geelong) jan 2002

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in january 2007 i then moved to suite 5, level 4, 118 queen st, melbourne - a wonderful art deco building with windows looking out over the plane trees. i seem to have accumulated more stuff!



time out at the beach (sandy point) feb 2010





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.....and then in may 2013 i relocated to 96 st.kilda road st.kilda, initially to the back rooms, and then in february 2017 to the lovely large room at the front. where did all those books and files come from? hopefully i'll be here now for a while......









kayaking at balcombe creek (mt.martha) april 2017

when the work load has been too much for one person, i have been blessed to have the assistance of interior designer su jamison (currently working with ECC lighting as business development manager), interior designer kate hart (currently an associate at ROTHE LOWMAN), architect ingrid mountford (currently working as careers manager for the MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION of VICTORIA) and building designer/draftsperson greg stephens (currently working with ANDRONAS conservation architecture). these wonderful people have all worked as sole practitioners at some time in their careers, and have been particularly helpful, understanding and supportive to me professionally and personally - thank-you!

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the major project i've been involved with over the last couple of years has been the extension to the MELBOURNE CONVENTION and EXHIBITION CENTRE. i was contracted in march 2017 (until july 2018) by colleague elia basso (BASSO project management), with whom i'd previously worked with at HASSELL, to manage the procurement of the loose furniture package for the project. the furniture had been selected by the project architects & designers, NH architecture, and the client (MCEC and PLENARY group), and i assisted the builders PROBUILD with the budgets, tendering, shortlisting, ordering, accepting of deliveries and defects identification & rectification, and relocation to final positions. it was terrific experience to work with BASSO and PROBUILD on such a large, complex and exciting building site - especially after working on much smaller scale projects since i started working for myself.



MCEC extension (looking towards north facade) june 2017



MCEC extension (looking towards north facade) jan 2018

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MCEC extension (interior looking towards connection to existing building) march 2018



the dance floor stacked on custom trolleys, delivered march 2018



2000 chairs, delivered march-april 2018



function tables and custom trolleys, delivered marchapril 2018

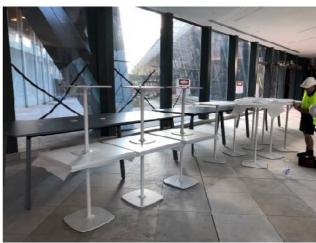
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workstations being installed april-may 2018

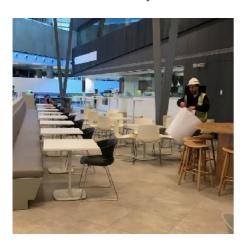








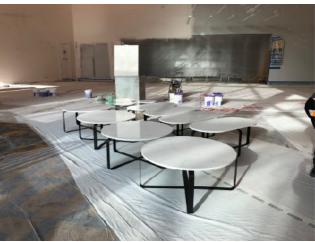
cafe furniture delivered june 2018





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lounge furniture delivered june 2018

some other recent interior design projects have included;

- rennick & gaynor solicitors concept design for office refurbishment works
- greville st residence refurbishment works concept design
- ocean grove and mont albert road residences concept design & documentation for refurbishment works
- kinross farms ongoing design advice for both residential and commercial projects
- geelong and neptune place kitchens concept design & documentation

.....and now looking forward to another exciting and adventure filled year, as i hope you are too! best wishes, anne-marie