



## **Australian Institute of Architects – SA Chapter**

### **Sir James Irwin Presidents Medal 2010**

#### **Nick Tridente**

In 2009 we recognized the contribution made through the patronage of client organizations in procuring good architecture, and demonstrating the value of design across a significant area of the city.

In 2010 the Presidents medal recognizes the breadth of contribution made by an individual - an architect - over 2 decades in the parallel realms of design excellence, committed advocacy, and architectural education.

Active in all 3 spheres for more than 20 years, this years' Sir James Irwin Presidents Medal is awarded to one of the leaders in our profession. The recipient has worked tirelessly as an active Chapter Councillor, as an architect awarded over many years for projects of the highest design quality, as a consistent and trusted advocate for the contribution architects make to society, and as a friend and collaborator of allied designers over many years.

His views are sought, and is regularly an invited speaker at conferences, universities, and city fora. The work of his practice has been exhibited, awarded, sometimes copied.

His skills and commitment to both the design and delivery of great architecture have been recognized through awards, and has been invited to chair or lend his voice as a juror for the past 2 decades.

Nick Tridente is the architects' architect. His warmth and candour exemplify a rare capacity to simultaneously understand the context in which architecture is realised, and the need to agitate for change, improvement and reform.

Nicks contribution to the ongoing negotiations on the Architectural Practice Act regulations with Minister Holloways office has provided depth and experience. And he ran the last 100 on the decades long push for a state Government Architect; a vision long pursued and only now supported.

*Tim Horton*