



KCGM Media Statement **20th December 2010**

Architects Abroad

A group of international students from the Architectural Association School of Architecture visited the Goldfields this month to draw inspiration from the mining industry and communities.

The London based school was established in the mid-nineteenth century as a 'learned society' where members engaged in public debate about the built world and is one of the most prestigious institutions in the world, and perhaps the most experimental.

A truly international institution, ninety percent of the school's students come from overseas, resulting in a unique mix of perspectives and cultural influences which is applied when the staff and students of the school convene in London each European Autumn to develop their visions for the future.

To do this, the students and staff of the school travel hundreds of thousands of kilometres, every year, which last week saw them stop for site visits in Broome, Wiluna and Newman before landing in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

"The trip was an opportunity to get an overview of Kalgoorlie in its contexts as a site of industry, a part of the Australian landscape, and as a community and town." Said Peta Jurgens, Community Relations Officer.

As no trip to Kalgoorlie is complete without a visit to the Super Pit, a group of ten students, led by unit masters Kate Davies and Liam Young, toured the Pit [Ed Note: Friday 3 Dec] to explore the relationship between community, mining, and the built environment.

"Each student is developing his or her own line of research and will choose a site from the mining, natural and heritage areas visited for a design project which they will develop back in London, so we are looking forward to seeing the projects inspired by the Super Pit!"

For more information on the Architecture School, please visit their website at www.aaschool.ac.uk

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