

## Zenith ۶BA

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An Indigenous business that provides commercial furniture to government & corporate organisations. Zenith RBA is dedicated to providing world class products, services & supporting Indigenous Australian's.

We actively seek to engage local Indigenous trades and services particularly for regional and remote locations. Zenith RBA encourages both talent and supplier diversity, underlying our commitment to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

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Zenith RBA acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



Acknowledgment Plaque (VIC) Artwork by Mandy Nicholson - Kulin Nation



Acknowledgment Plaque (ACT) Artwork: Ngunnawal Rainbow Serpent By Richie Allan - Ngunnawal People

'At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non- Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians'

- Reconciliation Australia



Acknowledgment Plaque (Kingsgrove) Artwork: Goolay'yari Naba (Family of the Cook's River region) By Shannon Foster - Bedigal People



Acknowledgment Plaque (WA) Artwork by Deborah Newenham - Coertse



Acknowledgment Plaque (SA) Artwork: Watangeri (Twilight) By Carly Tarkari Dodd - Kaurna People



Acknowledgment Plaque (QLD) Artwork by Shannon Ruska - Yuggera People



Acknowledgment Plaque (NSW) Artwork: Marragawan Gabara (Brown Snake Dance) by Shannon Foster - Eora Nation



Acknowledgment Plaque (Sandringham) by Nakia Cadd - Bunurong/Boon Wurrung People



## **Cyclone Dreaming**

## Zenith RBA commissioned Rex Winston Walford to complete the artwork as part of it's brand development.

"Cyclone Dreaming is about the power and majesty of Nature. A cyclone is an unstoppable force. As a cyclone approaches, anticipation builds. At first the wind is a light breeze. Its strength begins to grow. And then the cyclone arrives. The cyclone turns everything upside down. It smashes everything. It rearranges everything. It does not care about our values, our possessions. Nothing can stand in its way except the sea itself and the mountains. Everything else is destroyed. And then almost as suddenly as it has arrived it moves on and is gone, leaving stillness."

- Rex Winston Walford



Rex Winston Walford

## Zenith RBA is dedicated to providing world class products & services to corporate and government markets

Zenith RBA is a Supply Nation certified Indigenous business. It was established to support and grow the Indigenous business sector and empower Indigenous Australians. Zenith RBA is a partnership between RBA Abbott Pty Ltd and Zenith Interiors.

At the forefront of Zenith RBA is our Director, Jeremy Abbott, a proud Aboriginal man of the Pini people in Western Australia. With an extensive 18-year corporate background spanning sales, marketing, relationships, business development, and strategy, Jeremy aims to ensure the business delivers for our trusted clients, surpasses their expectations and achieves outcomes.

Jeremy's leadership is not only grounded in professional expertise but also shaped by a profound family connection. His father-in-law, the founder of Zenith Interiors, brings together family and personal relationships across the business that span over a decade. This enduring connection instills a deep respect, fortifying relationships and trust, enabling us to deliver seamlessly on major projects nationwide.

Beyond business, our mission is to create a lasting legacy for Jeremy and his family with the RBA in our name being Jeremy's Grandfathers initials (Robert Bruce Ashwin). Bruce as he was known was a Stolen Generations child taken from his family at two years of age to the Moore River Native Settlement in Western Australia and then onto Sister Kate's Children's Home in Perth.

Under Jeremy's guidance and in partnership with Zenith Interiors' many years of experience, Zenith RBA assures you of the finest in product and service quality along with the commitment to achieving major community, employment and awareness outcomes to support Indigenous Australian's.





Jeremy Abbott, Zenith RBA Director

## **Indigenous Action Plan**

Our Indigenous Action Plan ensures we deliver key outcomes in the areas of community, employment and awareness to support the reconciliation framework within Australia as follows:

#### **Community Outcomes**

Build respectful relationships to support Indigenous youth education through school and sporting programs.

#### **Employment Outcomes**

Provide employment opportunities for Indigenous people both internally and via our partner and supply network.

#### **Awareness Outcomes**

Provide ongoing Indigenous cultural awareness education and acknowledgment for all employees nationally.

By working together we can end the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through empowerment and employment.



Zenith RBA can design, manufacture, supply and install commercial furniture to all metropolitan, regional and remote locations by our supply partner Zenith Interiors.

These products include workstations, storage, task seating and loose furniture. Zenith Interiors has over 60 years experience manufacturing and delivering world class products and services to a wide range of commercial clients.











## **Products**

Zenith RBA provides workplace solutions for commercial environments. The workplace is a dynamic environment supporting multiple modes of working. Zenith RBA's range of products caters for all work styles and functional requirements including; Focus work, collaboration, ergonomics, technology support, acoustics, break-out spaces and products to suit agile teams. Zenith are able to supply Indigenous sourced material in the supply chain such as timber harvested from Lama Lama or Yolngu Countries. Including Indigenous designed fabric on workstation screens, seating and acoustic panels.





## **Partnership with Clontarf Foundation**

Clontarf exist to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem, and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

Zenith RBA are excited to partner with Clontarf as a key community initiative within our Indigenous Action Plan. Education is vital for young Indigenous kids to help close the gap on learning outcomes and we believe in Clontarf's program of getting them to attend school, finish Year 12 and enter employment as being vital in helping them shape their own and their communities' lives.

Clontarf currently partners with schools and communities to create Clontarf Academies which are embedded within the school's grounds and education program. They operate 138 Academies in WA, NT, QLD, NSW, and VIC supporting more than 10,000 young Indigenous men.

Zenith RBA's involvement will look to deliver the following outcomes as part of our Indigenous Action Plan:

- Our partnership and investment ensure an additional 15 young Indigenous kids can start the program in 2022/23
- Attend employment forums to showcase our business and industry as an employer of choice
- Showcase our factories and showrooms with site visits and work experience opportunities
- Present employment opportunities to interested Academy students
- · Connect with select state academies for staff to further their cultural awareness and education

Zenith RBA Director, Jeremy Abbott and Sales Director, Peter Appel recently visited the Bairnsdale Academy with other Clontarf partners to further understand the impact and benefits of our partnership.

"Peter and I were thrilled to enjoy dinner with Academy Director, Paul "Turk" Carroll, his team, and some of the Clontarf Alumni. The next morning, we jumped on the bus with Turk at 6am to pick up some of the 66 Indigenous kids for an early morning training session at the gym. Following the training session, we enjoyed breakfast in the Clontarf room at Bairnsdale Secondary College where I was able to share my story with the kids, along with some words of encouragement and showcase Zenith RBA's business.





Our WA State Manager Jane Millington also attended a footy "super" training session with nine different academies across Perth and got to meet, train and share breakfast with the WA team.

Jane was able to see firsthand the important and positive life-changing work Clontarf are doing in the community.

Zenith RBA will continue to connect with various Academies across the country and look forward to a rewarding partnership with Clontarf.











## Zenith RBA

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so, equips them to participate more meaningfully in society.

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to our inaugural Clontarf Foundation State of Origin Series.

We hope you enjoyed this life-affirming event as much as our academy members and staff did.

Gerard Neesham Chief Executive Officer Clontarf Foundation



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## NAIDOC WEEK 2023 'FOR OUR ELDERS'

#### NAIDOC Week 2023 Yarn for Our Elders: Red Dust Panel Discussion with Zenith RBA

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of First Nations peoples. Zenith and Zenith RBA enjoyed the great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

With this year's theme being "For Our Elders" Zenith invited Red Dust Role Models to facilitate an educational discussion on the vital role that Elders have played and continue to play in Aboriginal & Torres Strait families and communities.

Red Dust Role Models works together with organisations and Australians more broadly to help build cross-cultural competency through tailored cultural awareness education and immersion experiences.

Huge thank you to Nathan Daly and Matthew Jolly from Red Dust Role Models who presented the workshop.







## **Partnership with Polly Farmer Foundation**

Zenith RBA are delighted to partner with the Polly Farmer Foundation.

The foundation which has been delivering outcomes for Aboriginal children across the country for over 25 years, aims to ensure all Aboriginal Australian's are able to have an enriching and successful education and a wide range of career and life choices. The foundation is committed to strengths-based approach with academic enrichment at the heart of the primary and secondary after school programs.

The Foundation has a special personal connection for our Director, Jeremy Abbott "I am extremely proud of this new partnership with the Polly Farmer Foundation. The foundation has a special personal connection for me with my Grandfather, Robert Bruce Ashwin (of which RBA in our business name is in honour of) had a special friendship with Polly as they were being raised together at Sister Kate's Childrens home. I am excited about the opportunity to work together with the foundation which will greatly assist us in achieving our community, employment and awareness outcomes". Jeremy is also currently a board member of the foundation.

The foundation was set up in 1994 and has been in operation for over 25 years, built off the back of Polly's belief that:

"Education is the key for Aboriginal people to take their rightful place in modern Australian society. Unless we rectify the imbalance in opportunities currently available, young Aboriginal people will continue to be frustrated and unable to develop their talents to make their rightful contribution to the economy and society...and we will all be poorer for that".

The Polly Farmer Foundation currently have over 2700 students enrolled in 138 schools around Australia.











#### Zenith RBA partner with Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS)

Zenith RBA are thrilled to partner with MITS. MITS is a Year 7-8 transition school on Wurundjeri Country in Richmond, Melbourne. The school supports Indigenous students from remote and regional communities in the NT and Victoria along with proving a boarding house for existing students and Alumni that go onto partner schools for Years 9-12. MITS provides young Indigenous people with a 2-year school and boarding program to enable them to confidentially step into great Melbourne schools while remaining culturally strong and connected with their families.

MITS ultimately aims to support and develop their Indigenous students to go on and lead empowered lives full of choice and opportunity.

For more information please visit - <u>Welcome to</u> <u>MITS | Melbourne Indigenous Transition School</u>



Ed Tudor educating Zenith staff about MITS program



Orbis Workstations



As part of our Indigenous Action Plan, Zenith RBA have supported MITS with their soon to be completed offices and new boarding house on Church St in Richmond.

Zenith RBA has supported the followings:

- 11 Orbis Workstations for their administration
- 1 x Precinct Ottoman (Willie Weston Durrmu (LB) 'Geo'
- 6 x Chat Stools (Willie Weston Duurmu (KK) 'Terra', Native Seeds 'Olive' and Syaw (Fish net) 'waterlily'
- Various miscellaneous furniture

In addition to the above one of the MITS Year 11 Alumni students completed two weeks work experience at our Sandringham Factory.

It was also great to have MITS CEO, Ed Tudor in during the year to further educate our staff on the MITS program and the significant life changing outcomes they are achieving for our Indigenous leaders of tomorrow.

Chat Stools



#### Designer AMC Architecture

#### Builder

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Project Manager

Location Fairbairn, Canberra

#### Photographer

Adam McGrath (H Creations)

#### **Featured Products**

- Invention Chair
- Jac 4 Star Chair
- Kissen Conference Table
- Kissen High Table
- Kissen Table
- Lottus Stool
- Open Lounge
- Orbis Workstation
- Precinct Pod Enclosed
   Precinct Screens
- Smart Stool
- Smart Stoor
   Smart Chair

- Be Task Chair
- Chat Ottoman
- Edo Armchair
- Edo Annena Edo Curve
- Hull Lounge
- Hull Lounge Chair

#### About the project

The Department, seeking to capitalise on the benefits of activity-based and flexible working principles, identified a unique opportunity to create a truly bespoke working environment through the integrated fitout of a purpose-built commercial building constructed within Canberra Airport Group's (CAG) Fairbairn Commercial Precinct in Canberra, ACT.

A suite of work zones, tailored to facilitate a range of tasks requiring varied levels of focus and collaboration, are distributed to encourage mobility and interaction, promote collaboration, increase engagement and improve the health and wellbeing of Department staff. The light-filled fitout extends across 3 levels, connected by triple-height atria and floating communication stairs. Utilising a suite of activity "zones" and integrating a sophisticated ICT system, AMC has created a working environment that is responsive and flexible to the needs of users, catering for a range of work modes and interactions within an inviting and contemporary setting.

#### Case Study Commonwealth Department











Designer COX Architecture

Builder Unispace

Location Perth, Western Australia

Photographer Shannon McGrath

#### **Featured Products**

- Fitzroy Laptop Table
- Orbis Workstation
- Silta Table

#### About the project

The new headquarters for the largest Australian natural gas producer, designed by Cox Architecture (base-building) and Unispace (interior fit out), sets a new standard for workplace design in Australia, placing work-life balance and employee wellbeing at the fore, while still remaining modern, forward looking, and adhering to the ever-changing needs of its employees.

















Project Manager Willemsen Group

Designer Willemsen Group

Builder Willemsen Group

Location Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia

Photographer Naomi & Brenton - Light Bulb Studio

#### **Featured Products**

- Rumba Workstation
- Flo Monitor arm

#### About the project

Zenith ACT worked with the building developer Anthony Willemsen to design, manufacture and supply approx. 2500x Rumba electric workstations with custom joinery and task lighting forming part of the scope of works.



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Case Study One Canberra

Avenue





Designer The Mill

Builder Projex

Location

Canberra ACT

Photographer

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#### **Featured Products**

- Caesar Chair
- Vox Chair
- Nido Armchair
- Someday Lounge
- Jac Sled Chair
- Alter Lounge Chair
- Platforma Lounge
- Kissen Table
- SOL-Lap
- Verse Meeting Room
- Edo Teahouse

#### About the project

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is a government body that ensures the safety of aviation in Australia. CASA licenses pilots, registers aircraft, certifies aerodromes, oversees aviation safety and promotes safety awareness. It does this by setting standards and safety outcomes that cover maintenance, airspace, aerodromes, licensing and all types of flying operations. When they recently relocated their Canberra office, space optimisation and agile working areas were high on CASA's list of priorities. Crucially, spaces had to be adaptive with flexible furnishings to support task-focused work modalities. Additionally, spaces had to be flexible to adapt to change without the need to alter the built layout.

Zenith RBA was engaged to address these objectives and provide furniture solutions that facilitate a happy, healthy and productive work environment. Zenith RBA is a Supply Nation certified business and provides furniture solutions to Government and Corporations who seek to engage Indigenous businesses to deliver outcomes for Indigenous communities. With a focus on Community, Employment and Awareness, Zenith RBA is committed to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage through supporting organisations such as the Polly Farmer Foundation, Clontarf Foundation and Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS).

















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