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Caramel Computing is a family owned company with its head office in the Barossa Valley.

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RIGHT: Caramel Computing owner Samuel Gilbert.

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Ecopolis lends its expertise to TFL

Paul Downton and Shani Louey-Gung of Ecopolis Architects Pty Ltd are contributing architectural design and planning assistance to the value of a Golden Wattle sponsorship.

With their help, we aim to optimise Trees For Life's new accommodation.

Ecopolis Architects' principal, Paul Downton, graduated from the Welsh School of Architecture back in 1975 and even whilst still a student he was designing solar buildings and had a passion for things ecological. His experience includes time spent in local government in the Welsh Valleys, and several years teaching - two of which were in Jordan, in the Middle East. Paul arrived with his partner Chérie and their three kids in South Australia in 1984 and Chérie went on to become office manager of TFL in the period 1989-1990 when membership soared from 2000+ to 11000+ and tree numbers went from 0.5 to 1.5 million per annum.

Under his own name and under the auspices of Ecopolis Architects, Paul has been responsible for designs that have ranged in scale from individual dwellings to the comprehensive design of urban centres. At the Ecopolis office, in the City of Adelaide, Paul is assisted by the indefatigable Shani Louey-Gung and a stream of interns from all around the world. Shani graduated from Adelaide University in 2004 and her contribution to the practice is an essential part of enabling Ecopolis Architects to provide their sponsorship of TFL.

As an advocate of 'green' design and 'ecological cities' long before the terms and ideas became fashionable, Paul is glad to see the ideas finally entering the mainstream. The thesis with which he earned his doctorate at the University of



Adelaide was also called 'Ecopolis' and was subtitled 'Towards an integrated theory for the design, development and maintenance of ecological cities'. This theory is based soundly and thoroughly in practice however, and he is adamant that ecological design is very much about the practical challenges of learning to fit our buildings and cities into the living landscape of the ecological systems that support us.

According to Paul, people are part of the ecosystem and he believes that the twin goals of designing for nature and designing for people are parts of one goal - which is to make a healthy environment.

Recent projects by Ecopolis Architects include the new 5 star eco-tourism accommodation at Rawnsley Park in the Flinders Ranges. This luxury accommodation offers amazing views of Wilpena Pound and the surrounding Flinders Ranges, and by night visitors can star-gaze from their bed.

Ecopolis Architects are committed to creating places that are healthy for people and planet and are looking forward to seeing their contribution to the TFL building refurbishment demonstrate that philosophy in practice.

Our new look courtesy of wdm

2006 has been one of massive change for Trees For Life - and the exciting new changes continue.

A long-established Adelaide graphic design, advertising, creative and marketing agency, wdm Advertising was bought in April 1999 by directors Neil Holthouse and Steve Swann, both highly experienced newspaper and magazine publishers within the rural sector. We sincerely thank the great team at wdm for providing us with such a professional service.

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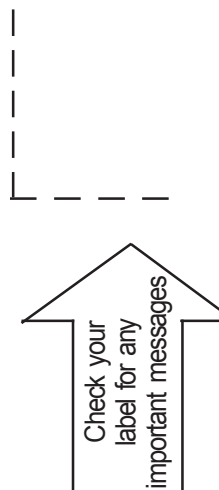
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