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As well as being an architect and scholar, Gavin Walkley was a skilled educator and administrator, he made a significant contribution to the advancement of design and planning education in the state.

Born in 1911 Walkley lived at North Adelaide. He completed a Bachelor in Engineering (Architecture) at the University of Adelaide in 1934 having been articled since 1931 to Louis Laybourne Smith of Woods, Bagot, Laybourne Smith and Irwin.. He took his interest in the philosophy and history of art and architecture forward at the University of Cambridge where he completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1938, and a Master of Letters in 1939, during which time he also worked for London architectural firms such as Sir Burnet, Tait & Lorne. Walkley enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in May 1940 and was sent to the Middle East and New Guinea. He completed a Master of Arts in the 1940s and during the 1950s he broadened his qualifications further through studies in town planning and landscape architecture.

On returning to Adelaide and starting a family with his wife Barbara (nee Burton), he gained employment at the South Australian Housing Trust and later formed the private practice, Overall & Walkley Architects & Planners. During 1946 Walkley began to lecture at the School of Architecture in the School of Mines and Industries. In 1951 Walkley was appointed Head of the School of Architecture, a position he held until 1976. During that year Walkley joined Alan Welbourn, part-time, in private practice as Walkley & Welbourn Architects & Planners.

Walkley was a long-time member of the South Australian Institute of Architects and its President. And after serving as a Royal Australian Institute of Architects councillor from 1960, he was elected President in 1965. Walkley provided forty years of service to the Architects' Board of South Australia, including Chairmanship from 1973 until 1987. Walkley also held many positions with Royal Australian Planning Institute, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and the National Trust. The Walkley House, designed by Robin Boyd, along with his many educational, professional and civic contributions, was amongst the legacies of Gavin Walkley who died in 2005.

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Miscellaneous items relating to Head of School

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S177/1/1	The Greek Doric Order from the Parthenon. A drawing for the subject Architectural History I, 2 nd year of BE Arch.
S177/1/2	The Greek Ionic Order from the Erechtheion. A drawing for the subject Architectural History I, 2 nd year of BE Arch.
S177/1/3	Fink Roof Truss. An exercise in the subject Strength of Materials, 2 nd year of the BE Arch.
S177/1/4	Analytique in the Ionic Order, for the subject Architectural History II, 3 rd year of BE Arch. Drawn 1932. (on cardboard)
S177/1/5	Analytique. Le Petite Trianon, Versailles. For the subject Architectural History II, 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932 (on cardboard)
S177/1/6	Concrete Floor, -Hollow Tile Floor Slab. Exercise for Design of Structures II. 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932.
S177/1/7	Concrete Floor, - Flat Slab Floor. Exercise for the subject Design of Structures I. 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932
S177/1/8	Reinforced Concrete Bridge. Exercise for subject Design of Structures II. 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932.
S177/1/9	Plate Girder Deck Bridge. Exercise for subject Design of Structures II. 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932
S177/1/10-12	St Peters Cathedral, Adelaide. Measured Drawing and Sketching, a subject of the 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932
S177/1/13-15	Parliament House, Adelaide. Measured Drawing and Sketching, a subject of the 3 rd year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1932
S177/1/16	A Suburban Bank. Design Problem, Architectural Design II, 4 th year of course BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/17	Botanic Park, Adelaide. A Survey. Exercise in the subject Surveying IA. 5 th of BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/18	Maths Theatre. Acoustical Analysis. Exercise in the subject Architectural Theory, Construction and Practice. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/19	Bearing Pressure Test, John Martin's Store. Conducted by L. Laybourne Smith. Architectural Theory, Construction and Practice. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/20	Design for a Hotel. For the subject Architectural Thesis. Six sheets, hand tinted. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934.
S177/1/21	A Terminal Railway Station. Design Problem in 3 rd year of the course for Bachelor of Arts, Cambridge University School of Architecture, and Drawn 1936. 2 sheets.
S177/1/22	Garden for a mid-Victorian Country House. Princess Royal Homestead,

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	Burra, South Australia. A design for the External Examination (Intermediate) of the Institute of Landscape Architects in the U.K. Drawn 1951.
S177/1/23	Measured Drawing of Details of Garden Architecture, for the External Examination (Intermediate) of the Institute of Landscape Architects in the U.K. Drawn 1951
S177/1/24A -24B	Measured Drawing of the Bridge Gate, Clare College, Cambridge. Drawn 1938. 2 sheets

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<u>Series No</u>	<u>Description</u>
S293/1	North British and Mercantile Insurance Company Ltd. Proposed new premises at 91-95 Currie Street, Adelaide, SA, Glover and Pointer FRAIA Architects, 1953
S293/2	Exterior perspective of Trefresa House at Unley Park, Design by Laybourne Smith and drawn by D'A Boxall for Woods Bagot Jory and Laybourne Smith, pencil and colour wash on artists board, no date
S293/3	Manilla envelope containing material given by Esther Lenn Baylis (nee Legoe), who was a student in the Department of Architecture, South Australian School of Mines, from 1917-1921. Ten certificates for subjects passed, a watercolour sketch by d'Auvergne Boxall of the interior of Woods Bagot Jory and Laybourne Smith, Currie St, Adelaide, a photograph, believed to be of Esther L. Legoe. Biographical notes glued on outside of envelope and signed by Gavin Walkley.
S293/4	Box of 9 glass lantern slides of architectural structures and details
S293/5	Manilla folder containing "Notes on Town Planning Act " 1929-1955
S293/6	Manilla envelope containing Judgement by the Chief Justice in a case of interest to architects in 1901. Originally belonged to Louis Laybourne Smith who gave it to Gavin Walkley. Handwritten document
S293/7	Newspaper clippings on Parliament House, Canberra, The Advertiser, May 9, 1927, p.9 and 10
S293/8	Colour slide of Gavin Walkley
S293/9	Correspondence relating to the publication and distribution of Gavin Walkley "The Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Building" and "Louis Laybourne Smith – A Memoir"
S293/10	Newspaper clippings on subjects of architecture and planning from 1989-1991
S293/11	Correspondence from Gavin Walkley to Jim thanking him for the retirement luncheon held for him in 1976
S293/12	Correspondence from W.H. Bagot to G. Walkley regarding biographical details for Henry Stuckey, 28 Nov. 1958
S293/13	Menu from University of South Australia School Dinner, 88 th Anniversary Dinner, 27 th May 1991
S293/14	Newspaper clippings book related to architecture, planning and building, especially to the students and staff of the SA Institute of Technology 1977-1988 (oversize)
S293/15	Newspaper clippings book related to architecture, 1950-1967. With photographs of School functions at rear. (oversize)
S293/16	Newspaper clippings book related to planning 1947-1967 (oversize)
S293/17	Royal Australian Planning Institute, Tom McKenna Memorial lecture by Stuart B. Hart, "Development Control: New concepts for South Australia", 8 November 1978

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S293/18	Photographs of Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture staff
S293/19	SAIT Graduation ceremony menus and programmes various dates
S293/20	<u>Louis Laybourne Smith : A Memoir</u> publication by Gavin Walkley
S293/21	<u>The Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Building</u> publication by Gavin Walkley
S293/22	Diary of Gavin Walkley 1966-67
S293/23	Sketches by Oscar Niemeyer to explain his design for the Congress Buildings of Brasilia, Brazil to Gavin Walkley in August 1960

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<u>Series No</u>	<u>Description</u>
S300/1	Typewriter
S300/2	Three framed and glassed medals: Royal Australian Institute of Architects medal, engraved G. Walkley President 1965-1966; Sydney Lukar Memorial Medal Presented for a notable contribution to Town and Regional Planning in Australia; The Royal Institute of British Architects medal
S300/3	Proceedings of the conference <i>The Landscape Architect and the Australian Environment</i> , conducted by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architect, held at the University of Melbourne, 30 August 1969. Welcome by Gavin Walkley
S300/4	Max Milne 'Study tour helps to determine ability of migrant architects', <i>Building and Architecture</i> , May 1979, pp.4-6, article discusses Gavin Walkley's study tour
S300/5	Gavin Walkley 'Early Prefab – Our First Brick Building', <i>Building and Architecture</i> , October 1981, p.12
S300/6	Gavin Walkley 'Support Institute of Urban Studies', <i>S.A. Master Builder</i> , March 1968, p.25
S300/7	Gavin Walkley 'Walkley House', <i>Architecture in Australia</i> , April 1973, pp.66-67
S300/8	Stephen Hamnett '50 Years of Planning Education in Australia', <i>Australian Planner</i> , vol.36, no. 1 1999, pp.5-6
S300/9	David Jones 'The Evolution of planning education in South Australia', <i>Australian Planner</i> , vol.37, no.2, 2000, pp.70-75
S300/10	Office stationary for Overall and Walkley Architects and Town Planners, and Walkley and Welbourn Architects, Town Planners and Landscape Architects
S300/11	Bound volume of certificates for Gavin Walkley and Barbara Burton 1929-1995 (oversize) See Special list below for details
S300/12/1-4	Maps of Europe and the world showing Gavin Walkley's travels
S300/13/1-8	Measured Drawing of the Bridge Gate, Clare College, Cambridge. Drawn 1938. Prints only.
S300/14/1-3	Proposed residence for A.J. Walkley, North Adelaide by Woods and Bagot, August 1911 (2 alternative schemes). Additions and Alterations by unknown architect, 1921.
S300/15/1-17	Drawings and documentation of house at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Gavin Walkley 1955-1985. See Special list below for details

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Bound volume of certificates for Gavin Walkley and Barbara Burton 1929-1995

Name	Certificate	Date	Page of scrap book
Barbara Esther Burton	The University of Melbourne. Matriculation	20 th Apr. 1934	1
	The University of Oxford. Qualification to Study	12 th Oct. 1937	1
	Deutsches Institut fur Auslander, University of Berlin	17 th Aug. 1938	1
	The University of Melbourne. Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	10 th Apr. 1937	2
	The University of Oxford. Fulfilment of the requirement for Bachelor of Letters	Michelmas term 1939	3
	The University of Oxford. Bachelor of Letters	29 th Nov. 1939	3
Gavin Walkley	South Australian School of Mines and Industries. Draughtsman's Certificate	14 th Dec. 1933	4
	South Australian School of Mines and Industries. Fellowship Diploma	13 th Dec. 1934	5
	The University of Adelaide. Diploma in Applied Science	12 th Dec. 1934	6
	The University of Adelaide. Bachelor of Engineering	12 th Dec. 1934	7
	The University of Adelaide. Matriculation Certificate	1928, 1929	8
	The University of Adelaide. Master of Arts Ad Eundum Gradum	30 th Mar. 1939	8
	University of Cambridge. Certificate of Proficiency in Architectural Studies	17 th Jul. 1938	9
	University of Cambridge. Bachelor of Arts	27 th Jul. 1938	10
	University of Cambridge. Master of Literature	24 th Nov. 1939	11
	Honorary Commission State Government of South Australia	20 th Jun. 1935	12
	Certificate of Commission in the Military Forces of Australia	19 th May 1942	13
	Certificate of Service in the Australian Army	12 th Dec. 1945	13
	University of Cambridge. Master of Arts	24 th Jan. 1942	14
	Life Membership, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral	4 th Oct. 1961	14
	Associate of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects	4 th Jul. 1934	15
	Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects	3 rd Feb. 1935	16
	Life Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects	9 th Feb. 1970	17
	President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects	26 th May 1966	18
	Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects	4 th Nov. 1935	19
	Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects	14 th Jun 1955	20
Registered as Architect in South Australia	9 th Jul. 1940	21	
Presidencies of the AACA	7 th Dec. 1988	21	

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Building Surveyor's Certificate	30 th Jan. 1952	22
Member of the Town Planning Institute of South Australia	No date	23
Fellow of the Australian Planning Institute	6 th Aug. 1957	24
Life Fellow of the Royal Australian Planning Institute	20 th Aug. 1972	24
Associate Member of the Town Planning Institute, England	7 th Oct. 1954	25
Member of the Town Planning Institute, England	6 th Feb. 1963	26
Associate of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects	Aug. 1966	27
Commendation Award Australian Institute of Landscape Architects	17 th Jun. 1988	28
Honorary Life Member of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies	13 th Aug. 1970	29
Honorary Fellow of the Australian Institute of Urban Studies	13 th Aug. 1970	29
University of Adelaide Distinguished Alumni Award	1 st Oct. 1992	30
University of South Australia Doctor of the University	2 nd May 1994	30
Life Membership, St. Mark's Collegians' Association	27 th Jun. 1992	31
Life Membership, St. Peter's Collegians' Association	1 st Jun. 1946	31
Life Membership, Returned Serviceman's League	8 th Feb. 1947	32
Life Membership, Friends of the South Australian Museum	7 th Aug. 1995	32
Member, Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin	14 th Jun. 1971	33

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Drawings and documentation of house at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Gavin Walkley 1955-1985

Series Number	Description	Architect	Date	Scale	Media
S300/15/1	Specification of work done to be in demolishing a home at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Mr Gavin Walkley	Walkley and Welbourn	August 1955,	-	Foolscap document, 3 pages
S300/15/2	Specification of workmanship and materials to be used in the construction of a house at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Gavin Walkley, job no. 254/55	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd in association with Walkley and Welbourn	November 1955	-	Foolscap document, 23 pages
S300/15/3	Final steel details, ½ plan, drawing no. 1	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects	29 November 1955 (Received 25 January 1956 in pencil)	1/8 full size	blueprint
S300/15/4	Final steel details, sections, drawing no. 2	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects	29 November 1955 (Received 25 January 1956 in pencil)	1/8 full size	blueprint
S300/15/5	Structural details, plans, details nos. 1-11, drawing no. 6	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	7 November 1955	1/8 full size	blueprint
S300/15/6	Structural details, plans, details nos. 12-20, drawing no. 7	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association	7 November 1955	Various scales	blueprint

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		with Walkley and Welbourn			
S300/15/7	Framing plans and cupboard set-outs, drawing no. 8	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	8 November 1955	Various scales	blueprint
S300/15/8	Full size window details and ground floor ceiling, drawing no. 8	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	14 November 1955	Various scales	blueprint
S300/15/9	Working drawing, plans, sections, elevations, site plan, drawing no. 5	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	17 October 1955; amended 25 October 1955	Various scales	Diazotype print with watercolour wash
S300/15/10	Framing plans and cupboard set-outs, drawing no. 8	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	30 October 1955	Various scales	Diazotype print with watercolour wash
S300/15/11	Details of wall, paving etc., site plan, section and details, drawing no. WD443, Job no. 254/55	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	8 August 1956	Various scales	Diazotype print
S300/15/12	Detail of glass dome, plan and section, drawing no. WD389	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	March 1956	Various scales	Diazotype print
S300/15/13	Details of shower trays etc, drawing WD401	Grounds, Romberg and Boyd, Architects in association with Walkley and Welbourn	19 April 1956	Various scales	Diazotype print
S300/15/14	Proposed carport and pergola, drawing no. W696, Job no. 505/61	Walkley and Welbourn, Architects and Town Planners	27 April 1961	Various scales	Black and white photocopy of part of main

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					drawing
S300/15/15	Joinery details, alterations to kitchen cupboards, painting schemes, drawing no. W18, job no. 254/55	Walkley and Welbourn, Architects and Town Planners	22 January 1969	Various scales	Diazo type print with watercolour wash
S300/15/16	Irrigation plan, planting layout, set-out plan, drawing no. S130:1	Land Systems Pty. Ltd.	January 1986	Various scales	Diazo type print
S300/15/17	Specification for Garden, Walkley Residence, specification no. 5130	Land Systems Pty. Ltd.	December 1985	-	A4 document