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The other side of the GFC

It's the fourth issue of *numbers* and MDA would like to again thank our clients, fellow consultants and contractors for their continued support as we all navigated our way through the GFC.

With many of the Government funded schemes and projects now coming to an end, things have seemingly quietened down in recent times. However, with the emergence of our next wave of projects, we are confident that the industry is picking up and will take us strongly through the rest of 2011 and into 2012.

MDA continues to attract a diverse range of new clients, and we are actively seeking repeat business with our highly valued existing clients. Our range of projects and scope of services continues to expand, and we are looking forward to helping all our clients achieve their goals in the period ahead.

The following pages highlight a range of recent, current and upcoming MDA projects. Hopefully you will gain a further insight into MDA's service to the industry and how we can assist you.

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PROJECT: CBA'S FLAGSHIP – 240 QUEEN STREET, BRISBANE



The highlight of the Commonwealth Bank's eighth Branch Refurbishment Programme is their Flagship Branch at 240 Queen St, Brisbane.

Based on their generic design brief, the Bank refurbished or upgraded a further 75 branches this year. The Flagship Branch, however, has been designed to create a futuristic banking experience, providing state of the

art technology and innovative banking solutions for their customers.

The use of sculptured finishes, floating walls, specialised lighting, digital signage, branding and media wall, information touch screens, iPad and iPod stations, ticker displays, and a state of the art audio visual system for the seminar space, has created a vibrant and exciting retail banking environment.





MDA were engaged as cost consultants on the previous stage of works at Northern Beaches Christian School (see *numbers Issue 2*) and alongside EPM Project Management, were retained for the MPCC project.

The successful Tender fell within the budget allocation for the project and after an interesting start on the site, including getting

out of the ground during times of inclement weather, the project ran smoothly. NBBCS initiated some large scope changes during the project so it was no surprise that an EOT and slight programme overrun eventuated.

The successful completion of this BER project provides the school with an excellent multi purpose facility and additional learning spaces.



PROJECT: THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

After many years operating out of their existing premises at Kings Cross, Stage 1 of The Wayside Chapel Redevelopment is nearing completion. The original facilities have been replaced by a new four level building that consists of a Chapel and adjoining Cafe, Community Hall, a fully equipped Youth Centre complete with short term accommodation and Administration facilities.

The new complex enables The Wayside Chapel to have closer ties with the community by making the centre available to the general public and local businesses.

MDA has had a full Cost Management role from initial budget preparations through to the construction and post construction phases for Stage 1. We will continue this role through to Stage 2 which is now due to commence in September 2011.

Stage 2 will be linked to the Stage 1 works and includes the total internal refurbishment of the existing 4 level building to provide new Opportunity Shop facilities on the ground floor and a mixture of commercial office and residential space to the upper levels.



After 15 months of intensive construction works, the new Multi Purpose Hall and Aquatic Centre at Knox Grammar School is nearing completion. The complex, consisting of the 2300 person capacity hall constructed over the Aquatic Centre's 50-metre and Learn to Swim pools, will provide unequalled facilities for the school community and the general public.

The complex is unique in both design and function. Huge post-tensioned concrete beams span over the pools to provide support for the hall floor, providing uninterrupted views over the pools themselves and onto the surrounding landscaping. The 50-metre pool is certified for both competition swimming and water polo events and can be viewed from an adjoining, fully-equipped Gymnasium and Weights Room.

The hall is designed for many purposes from full school assemblies, exam facilities, concert and performance events and any number of sporting activities including three full-sized basketball courts.



PROJECT: UTS – BUILDING 5, BLOCK A & B REFURBISHMENT

The Facilities Management team at UTS engaged MDA as cost consultants on this refurbishment/fitout project at the early design stage with our role continuing throughout the Tender and Construction periods.

The challenges that the whole team faced included a tight programme and budget. Good working relations are absolutely key in these pressure situations and it was to everyone's credit that the project turned out to be a great success.



THE NEW MDA OFFICE SPACE



Recently MDA undertook a refurbishment of our North Sydney offices. The intent was to create a more open plan and functional general office area whilst maintaining the layout of the existing Reception and Conference Room.

We are very pleased with the end result with the original number of work stations remaining unchanged whilst providing additional storage and breakout areas.

Please feel free to come and look at our new 'environment' if you get the chance.



PROJECT: THE WINDGAP FOUNDATION

The Windgap Foundation was founded in 1953 by a group of parents who had been denied schooling for their children with intellectual disabilities. A residence in Coogee was purchased and named 'Windgap'. Since then Windgap has become well recognised within the community, not only for its outstanding track record but also because of the variety and quality of services provided.

MDA has been engaged in a Project and Cost Management role for the refurbishment and extension of an existing single storey house for The Windgap Foundation. The house will be operated as a group home for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. MDA are very happy to be able to contribute in this way to the ongoing care that Windgap provides.



PROJECT: GRAFTON GP SUPERCLINIC

This Commonwealth-funded project consists of the construction and fitout of a new regional Superclinic with a new access road, carpark, external infrastructure and landscaping works.

MDA were engaged by Ochre Health to provide early cost consultant services. In addition, MDA's role was to pre-select tenderers, create and issue tender package documentation and manage the tender process through to the formal recommendation of the successful contractor.

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