



# Building a bank on solid foundations

Bendigo's CBD has been revitalised with construction of the new Bank headquarters bringing a vibrant new dynamic to Charing Cross and Bath Lane.

Modern urban design and street level activity will add to the diversity of the city centre.

To make it all happen, Bendigo has been part of building a bank on solid foundations for 150 years and those same firm principles have been applied to the headquarters soon to accommodate 1000 staff.

Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd certainly understood the success of solid foundations - the building's concrete pilings have 12,100 cubic metres of concrete and 380 tonnes of steel six metres below ground level of the six storey building.

Architects Bligh Voller Nield and Gray Puksand, working with Meinhardt Engineers and environmental consultants Connell Wagner undertook the sound planning with a team from the bank. They called on the expertise and resources of the Green Building Council of Australia to achieve a Five Star Rating in design.

Building site employees and contractors, many from central Victoria, shared the vision and commitment of good construction practice during the three-year process.

At the peak of construction, 280 workers were on site; a total of 1000 workers applied their skill and crafts to the project.

The community interests were always considered during construction to minimise the impact of a major building being constructed in such a confined space as Bath Lane, Charing Cross and Mitchell St. Impact on retail businesses in the precinct were also factors in planning each stage of the building.

The Bank planned for a first-class working environment for staff; to enhance the Bath Lane precinct and to create a world-class building in environmental performance.

The facade measures more than 7982 square metres, 12,100 tonnes of concrete were used, 380 tonnes of steel, masses of double glazing, the data cabling alone would stretch from Bendigo to Kyneton, and the electrical wiring would start at the Bank's head office in Bendigo and finish at the Sunbury branch front door, 118 kilometres away.

Use of ecologically sustainable principles for the design and construction demonstrates the Bank's commitment to the enhancing the local community and the global environment.

The Bank building is not just a headquarters; it regenerates an area of the central city and extends the commercial hub of the city.



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— Sheryle Watson  
 Branch Manager



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