



Five Star energy rated

The Bendigo Centre sets a new benchmark in environmental building design

A part of the community - that was the vision of directors when they chose Charing Cross for the site of the new Bendigo Bank headquarters – part of a retail precinct with a public square and a boardwalk in a customer-friendly precinct where the bank and banking business would be “Sustainable into the Future”.

Project manager Richard Hasseldine is proud that the building has received a Five Star Design Rating by the Green Building Council of Australia.

The interior is a revelation of modern design, comfortable and user-friendly with working spaces bathed in natural light.

Energy savings exceed 51 per cent, helped by outdoor shades, double-glazed windows, blinds, internal use of energy-efficient lighting sensors and air-conditioning vents that can be adjusted to reduce or increase the flow of air.

The in-floor air conditioning discharges the air from the building to minimise the spread of airborne contaminants.

The new building has been designed to save 4.5 million litres of drinking water – enough to fill five Olympic-sized swimming pools every year.

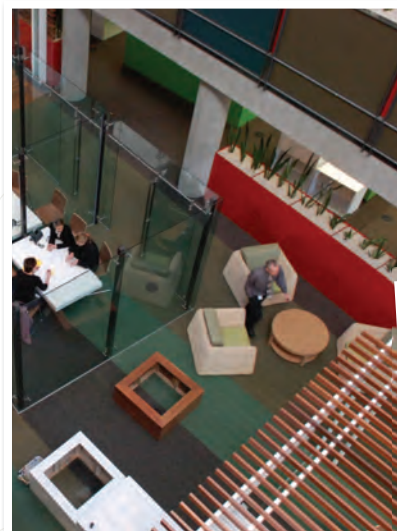
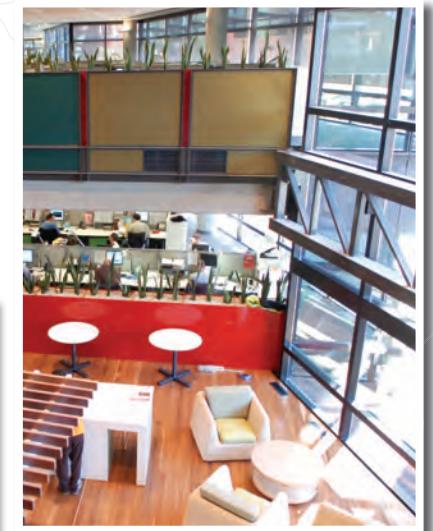
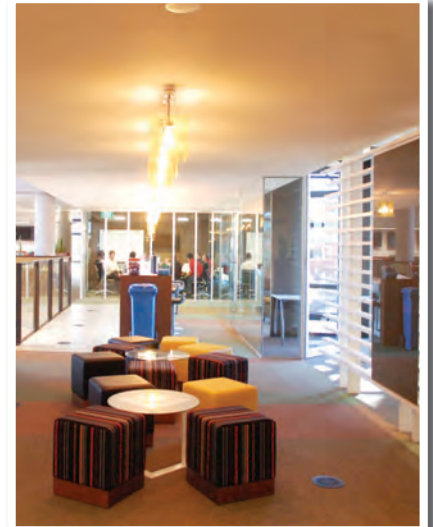
Inclusion of water saving technologies means that grey and black water is treated in a three-stage process of filtering, and a biological and disinfecting treatment before flushing the toilets throughout the building.

The building is set to influence Australian architectural and building styles with new environmental standards in regional Australia including:

- > underfloor air-conditioning, allowing individual user control
- > grey and black water recycling
- > rainwater collection for irrigation
- > recycled water used in toilets
- > external sun shading
- > double glazed windows
- > automatic light dimming
- > solar hot water

Surveys of staff will be compared next year to further confirm improvement in the general health of the Bank staff since moving into the new building.

The Bank considers its staff as vital and important assets and has provided a range of family-friendly facilities which include a mothers and babies room, an after-school room for children of staff where they can use computers to complete homework or watch television.



WHAT I LIKE IS...
“It’s fantastic working here. Everyone’s together now, so we get to see more people every day and it’s more inclusive”

— Michele Van de Berg
 Receptionist

“Proud to have been part of this project”
 “First to start, last to leave”

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