



Geelong Hospital Children's Ward

This \$5 million project involved a five-stage redevelopment of the Children's Ward at Geelong Hospital.

The main aims of the redevelopment were:

- To develop a Children's Ward that is a step beyond the ordinary, mindful of the Department of Human Services Guidelines, but challenging and adapting them as required to meet healthcare needs specific to the Geelong Hospital.
- The name "Children's Ward" is a bit of a misnomer, as the ward cares for teenagers also. The challenge was to develop an aesthetic that was inviting and enjoyable for all, not just small children.
- Safety, Storage & Staff.
- To reduce the amount of shared bedrooms, to provide a better care environment.

The redeveloped ward comes alive with bold colours and interesting shapes – these were derived from a mix of coloured MRI scans and kaleidoscopes.

Faceted shapes and bold colours are deployed to provide a fun, vibrant environment, without making an age-specific gesture.

Kane Constructions was appointed as Construction Manager in 2011. The project is under budget and ahead of program, with completion scheduled for late 2012.

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Client

Barwon Health

Consultants

Latitude Architects

Location

Victoria

Value

\$5M