



Penguin Parade Visitor Centre Development

Kane Constructions was appointed in late 2017 to deliver the state-of-the-art \$49 million Penguin Parade Visitor Centre on Phillip Island, Victoria.

Spanning 5,000 square meters, the building boasts a high level of architectural sophistication, featuring a complex roof and façade design that integrates composite glue-laminated timber, steel, and concrete with a striking zinc shingle exterior.

Our team leveraged in-house Building Information Modelling (BIM) expertise to streamline the coordination of building services, produce detailed shop drawings, and maximize off-site prefabrication, ensuring efficient construction with minimal impact on the sensitive environment.

Situated just 300 meters from the ocean and amidst crucial penguin habitats, the construction site demanded stringent environmental controls to protect the local wildlife, including the penguins and other significant species.

The project encompassed extensive civil works, including new site drainage, on-grade car parks, and major landscaping. Construction activities were carefully managed to keep the existing facility operational for over 3,000 nightly visitors.

Upon completion, the existing visitor centre was demolished, and the reclaimed land was rehabilitated to create new penguin habitat. The new visitor centre achieved Practical Completion in July 2019.

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Client

Phillip Island Nature Parks

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Tract Consultants

Wood & Grieve Engineers

Steve Watson & Partners

Slattery

Location

Victoria

Value

\$49M

Awards

2020 Australian Institute of Architects, Victorian Chapter The William Wardell Award for Public Architecture

2020 Australian Institute of Architects, Victorian Chapter The Regional Prize

2020 The Australian Institute of Building, Victorian Chapter High Commendation - Commercial Construction \$25M to \$50M

2019 Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies International Architecture Awards | Parks and Gardens