



## The Drum Theatre Performing Arts Centre

This award winning \$12m project involved the restoration and refurbishment the Heritage listed Dandenong Town Hall and construction of the new Drum Theatre Performing Arts Centre.

Works included demolition of the existing two-level hall, restoration of the decorative and ornate facade, clock tower and internal stair as well as fire places and hearths.

The site was located on a triangular parcel of land in the heart of Dandenong's Central Business District. To facilitate construction required immense coordination with the council and other authorities to ensure the works did not significantly disrupt the public. This was achieved with careful planning, communication and negotiation with all stakeholders.

The building is a landmark with its combination of the restored elegance of the 1890 building with the striking, contemporary architecture of the new theatre. The entire 530 seat auditorium, stage and fly tower is encompassed in a rich red oval drum.

The project won a swathe of awards including the Public Architecture Alterations & Additions from the Australian Institute of Architects and the National Award for Excellence in Construction Public Buildings \$10m-\$20 from the Master Builders Association.

The Drum Theatre has been a very popular facility for the local population with over 100,000 visitors attending performances each year.

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### Client

City of Greater Dandenong

### Consultants

Williams Ross Architects

### Location

Victoria

### Value

\$12M

### Awards

2006 Master Builders Association of Victoria  
Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings  
\$10M - \$20M