

HIGH STANDARDS FOR JUSTICE

CLIENT : Court Services Victoria
MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Kane Nicholson Joint Venture
ARCHITECT : John Wardle Architects
PROJECT VALUE : \$152 million
TYPE : Civic



Photo by Tim Griffith

The Bendigo Law Courts is a state-of-the-art civic building housing the latest the latest technology to transform the delivery of justice.

The \$152 million landmark building was constructed by Kane Constructions and joint venture partner Nicholson Construction (KNJV), and incorporates design features from Bendigo's Traditional Owners the Dja Dja Wurrung.

Part of a renewing of Bendigo's civic infrastructure the completely new rebuild and expansion of the law courts, delivers the latest technology and infrastructure to the community to enable remote hearings, display evidence digitally, video conferencing, and live streaming.

Kane Nicholson was awarded the main works contract in April 2021 following a competitive tendering process, and the partnership brings together national large scale construction knowledge and local construction expertise.

The building acts as a central point, bringing together of a number of community elements, with strong influence from Bendigo's Traditional Owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung, informing the whole approach to the building in a culturally sensitive and intuitive manner.

"The standing seam copper façade is a standout," said Project Manager, Jack Fowler. "A major highlight of the project is the completion of the pic-perforated copper screen which displays 'Bunjil'."

Bunjil in his Eagle form, is Djaara's ancestral creator being and knowledge keeper. The prominence of Bunjil on the façade reflects his place on Dja Dja Wurrung Country and Lore, symbolising an important system of governance, and is a statement of living culture.

The project has had more than its fair share of challenges including building during

COVID and the associated procurement and supply chain stresses.

"As a major project in regional Victoria we had the added complication of trade selection in terms of local versus out of towners," said Jack.

"This was the backdrop to managing a quick build over 18 months with a multitude of stakeholders from the local indigenous community and artists, Heritage Victoria, Victoria Police, Corrections Victoria, VCAT and court jurisdictions to name a few."

The project team were able to exceed expectations during construction with the project on track to achieve a 6 Star Green Star rating.

Kane Nicholson is extremely thankful for the successful and strong working relationship formed with our clients Court Services Victoria and Turner and Townsend, and the consultant team consisting of John Wardle Architects, WSP, Introba, Aspect Studios and PLP Building Surveyors.

Kane Constructions is a multi-award winning, privately owned commercial construction company active in all sectors of the industry. They have extensive experience in building quality contemporary buildings, including in regional areas such as Ararat, Geelong and Ballarat.

Kane Constructions operate throughout the east coast of Australia from offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Canberra.

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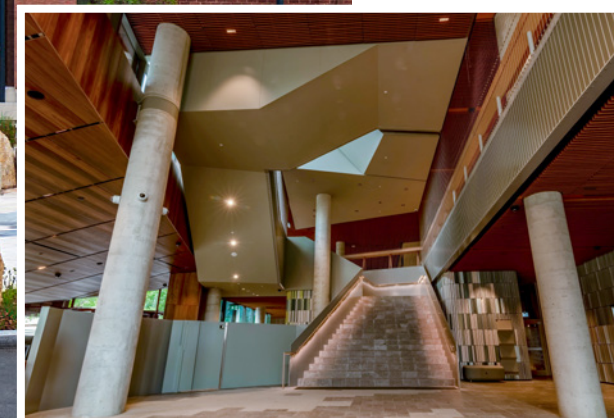


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