

GEELONG HOSPITAL



KANE TO THE EMERGENCY

To meet the needs of a rapidly growing region, Barwon Health has recently completed a \$26.1m expansion of the Emergency Department at the Geelong Hospital.

Covering 2154 m², nearly double the size of the old facility, the new facility increases the treatment cubicles from 27 to 40, provides separate waiting and treatment rooms for adults and children, includes dedicated assessment areas, improved signage and provides two new x-ray rooms.

Having completed a number of significant projects at the Geelong Hospital over the past 15 years, Kane Constructions was awarded the head contract for the GHED project in early 2007.

Works on the new Emergency Department included the demolition of the existing Ryrie Centre (circa 1920) and construction of a new 4 level concrete framed building to accommodate the new ED on Level 1, HMO accommodation and administration on Level 2 and a shell space for future expansion on Level 3. The structure has been future-proofed to allow for another 5 levels to be added in the future.

Works also involved the strip out and refit of the existing emergency department which required significant staging to ensure the facility remained fully operational throughout construction.

Although the contract was fixed lump sum (with design being complete), Kane Constructions redesigned the structure from a 100% insitu traditionally reinforced concrete frame to post-tensioned bonded slabs

and precast cores. This resulted in an expedited construction programme to the benefit of all parties.

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