



# MYER MELBOURNE REDEVELOPMENT

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Combining heritage features with contemporary urban architecture



With an established track record for the delivery of complex, high quality projects, Probuild has cemented its place as a major national contractor, with construction operations in Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia, and civil engineering operations in Queensland and Western Australia.

With a prolific profile including projects such as Monash University New Horizons, VIC Halycon Apartments, NSW, Raine Square, WA and Highpoint Shopping Centre, VIC, Probuild continues to be one of Australia's leading building companies.

Given that extensive level of expertise, Probuild was appointed the Design and Construct contractor for the Myer Redevelopment in Melbourne's Bourke Street Mall.

This \$300 million precinct upgrade, taking place in the heart of the city, involved combining the Myer building's significant heritage features with contemporary urban architecture and a full fit out.

Since February 2008, Probuild has been responsible for managing the demolition, refurbishment and new construction for the Myer Redevelopment. In addition, Probuild worked alongside the design team to finalise the overall concept, design and style of the building.

With a team of 47 full-time and five part-time professional staff onsite, Probuild demonstrated their commitment to ensure the smooth operation of the project and the timeframe and budget requirements of the client were met.

However, as with any significantly sized redevelopment, Probuild did face a number of challenges that they needed to overcome in order for the project to be a success.

Craig Gathercole, Construction Manager of Probuild, said that one of the key difficulties they had faced was the limited onsite delivery access, with deliveries only accessible via Little Bourke Street.

"Probuild was committed to ensuring public access to the building was maintained during the redevelopment, and this placed limits on

the time and space of the building delivery facilities, however, with Probuild's hard work and dedication to ensure this project's success, we closely coordinated with the clients, tenants and subcontractors and adjusted our working methods accordingly to meet this challenge," Mr Gathercole said.

In addition, the Redevelopment took place in the heart of Melbourne's bustling CBD, and so the needs of the adjoining owners and their respective businesses also had to be considered.

"To address this issue and minimise disruption, we did everything we could to maintain good communication with all parties involved to ensure all demands were met and that everyone was satisfied," Mr Gathercole said.

"As a result, works and retail trade has been able to take place simultaneously."

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To their credit, the tenant, Myer, and our long-standing client, Colonial First State Global Asset Management, also understood the significance of our task, and were flexible enough to work with us to ensure we could work productively.

With more than 24 years experience working on a range of prestige retail developments, Probuild is consistently able to work safely and collaboratively within operational retail environments, making them the leading builder and construction management choice for large scale redevelopments.

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