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Royal Children's Hospital Wins National Building Award

The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne has been crowned one of the building and construction industry's greatest achievements of the past year.

Completed late in 2011 by Lend Lease, the hospital earned the National Commercial Construction Award for buildings over \$100 million. It hosts world leading medical facilities, while earning a 5 Star Green Star rating for environmental initiatives.

Master Builders Australia Chief Executive, Wilhelm Harnisch said the new Royal Children's Hospital was one of the more complicated constructions under taken in Australia.

"A lot of technical expertise went into this construction to ensure all of the facilities were created to the highest possible medical standards, while also achieving a striking visual design.

"On top of all this, the hospital features environmental innovations and standards that are second to none.

"It is a prime example of the building and construction industry's commitment to delivering high quality infrastructure and public services," Mr Harnisch said.

Master Builders Association of Victoria Executive Director Brian Welch congratulated Lend Lease for their quality workmanship and achievement on the national stage.

"The new Royal Children's Hospital is an iconic Melbourne structure providing much needed research and medical facilities to Victorian children. Its spectacularly colourful and creative fit-out has also provided much comfort and joy for families who utilise the building."

"This project has proven that Victorian Master Builders are at the forefront of Australian construction. I commend Lend Lease on their outstanding achievements at the National Awards."

As one of the biggest construction projects undertaken in Victoria for some time, the construction was a feat of project management and attention to detail. Planning for the transition from the old children's hospital to the new facility took 18 months alone.

A workforce of more than 2,100 was used to create the facility that has beds for 357 patients, a 150m³ aquarium, innovative medical facilities and information technology systems. It also boasts rainwater collection and black-water treatment systems, a 2.4 megawatt gas fired trigeneration system and solar panels.

The façade is created by a pressure equalised curtain wall, with structurally glazed and double glazed panels. More than 1,400 feature panels of colour graded laminated glass with acid etchings create an iconic look for a building that is truly impressive, on the inside and out.

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