

Conelli is proud of its heritage

Over 35 years, Conelli has become a leading plastering company, providing essential restoration work for many of Melbourne's heritage buildings.

Conelli has assisted in the reconstruction of a number of iconic landmarks surrounding the Docklands.

The company prides itself in delivering quality workmanship even under the constraints of a quick-to-market landscape.

Even though its core business is focused on superior commercial projects, Conelli still takes time to undertake quality residential work.

Highly skilled craftsmen are always on hand to fulfil project requirements – installing traditional plaster, acoustic products, commercial fire-proofing, stretch ceilings and external finishes, as indicated at the Central Pier redevelopment.

"Our first plasterboard sheet went up in early January with 15,000sqm of plasterboard, 12,000l/m of furring channel, 8,000sqm of insulation and 10,000 units of Embelton acoustic mounts," says Conelli director John Pithoulas.

"By August, Central Pier was converted into a captivating array of world-class six-star function venues.

"Under the physical constraints of a bare shell of a historical wharf, we achieved – in conjunction with Schiavello and Acoustic Logic Consultancy – a solution that met all the customer's acoustic requirements yet complied to the various building standards and codes.

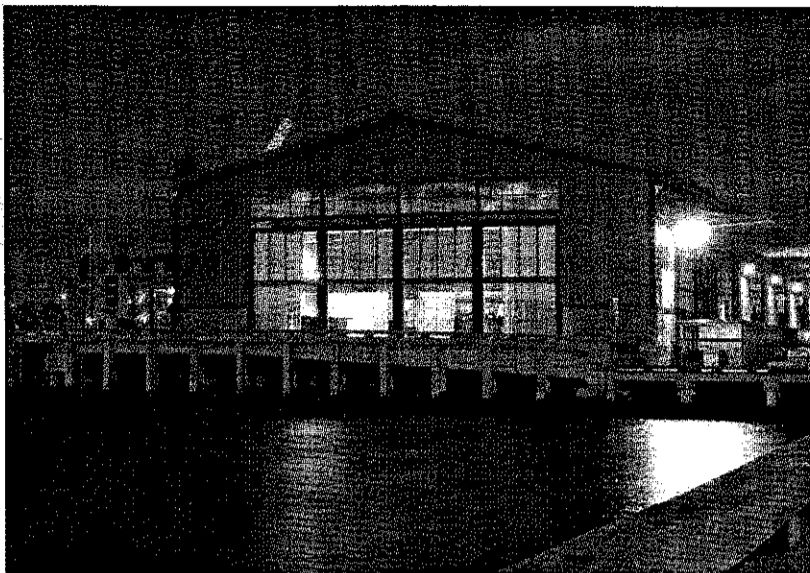
"Faced with an aggressive schedule, the Conelli team came together – completing the project on time and on budget, making this one of our proudest projects to date."

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Docklands sheds

A Docklands redevelopment has breathed new life into Victoria's capital, reports **Karl Franzen**



Central Pier is an interim development – leased for eight years.

AT A GLANCE

- ◆ **Location:** Melbourne
- ◆ **Project:** Central Pier Interim
- ◆ **Developer:** VicUrban
- ◆ **Architect:** Buro Architecture & Interiors
- ◆ **Builder:** Schiavello (Victoria)
- ◆ **Budget:** \$23m
- ◆ **Completion date:** December 2007

Melbourne's Docklands is undergoing a huge facelift with major projects underway across the historic precinct.

An unusual approach has been

adopted in the development of Central Pier there.

As the developers were unsure of the best way to use the pier, a medium-term solution was agreed on.

VicUrban's agreement with Corporate Events Australia is an interim eight-year measure until a long-term solution for Central Pier is determined.

For the next few years the heritage-listed Sheds 9 and 14 on Central Pier will house attractions such as a community centre, microbrewery and gallery.

When announcing the agreement, VicUrban's Docklands manager Michael Hynes said he was confident this was the best way to progress.

"We are delighted to welcome Corporate Events Australia to Melbourne Docklands and look forward to activating Central Pier with new uses that will bring more people to Docklands," he said.

"This lease will ensure that the use of Central Pier is maximised in the short to medium-term while providing flexibility to develop the final version for Central Pier when that is resolved".

Corporate Events Australia has an arrangement with the Atlantic Group [V] to operate at Central Pier. Atlantic has managed successful venues at Melbourne's South Wharf.

"We're excited about the opportunity to create additional rich experiences for Melbournians and visitors alike", says Atlantic managing director Hatem Saleh.

The development of Central Pier will preserve its history and has been designed in consultation with David Wickstead and Ray Osborne from Heritage Alliance.

The emphasis was on how to convert Shed 9 and Shed 14 into modern spaces while retaining their character.

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We have recently completed the Central Pier Re-Development Project Docklands.

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