

# OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW



The \$41M Berri Hospital Redevelopment is the largest State Government funded capital works project in Country Health SA.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Mossop Construction + Interiors  
PROJECT END VALUE : \$41 million  
COMPLETION : February 2014  
ARCHITECTS : Woodhead



All regional developments have flow-on effects that boost the local economy. But a redevelopment at a regional hospital promises so much more, especially when it is the largest Government funded regional health capital work in the state's history.

Since the \$41 million redevelopment of Berri Local Hospital was approved by the South Australian Government in 2010, the local community has had lived with great expectations and great anticipation. Not only does such an upgrade promise huge improvements in medical services, it also means the area can attract a higher standard of medical practitioner, create medical training programs and local residents can do away with the 3 hour journey each way to Adelaide to access procedures that city folk regard as commonplace.

As South Australian Parliamentary Member for Chaffey, Tim Whetstone, said, "Country hospitals are the fabric of the townspeople. They provide the focus for community events, fundraising, professional services and comfort for the hurting. A project like this (Berri Hospital) is essential for the well being of the town and surrounding areas. Country people bear the

brunt of drought, water restrictions, and fluctuating commodity prices. To have this sort of injection of development into such an important piece of local infrastructure does wonders for community morale."

Once announced, the first thing required for the Berri Hospital upgrade to proceed, was a competent, experienced builder to bring the redevelopment in on time and on budget. Having just completed the \$36 million Ceduna Hospital overhaul, Mossop Construction + Interiors were the standout choice to win the Berri Hospital tender.

Mossop Construction + Interiors is a third-generation family commercial building company, with its roots firmly planted in South Australia's construction history. For a start, their headquarters is in the state heritage listed, 135 year old Brompton Church Hindmarsh, which they refurbished themselves in 2009-10.

"We wanted to have the utmost 'sympathy' for the church's original design," says Managing Director, Neil Mossop. It's a character trait of the company which enables Mossop Construction + Interiors to carry

out redevelopments of large and small projects while staying true to the personality of the existing structures, the surrounding buildings and the overall 'feel' of a suburb.

"We have a very positive outlook for the South Australian building industry," Neil says. "Despite recent economic difficulties, large projects like Berri Hospital are going ahead creating ongoing jobs for workers in the building trades, as well as bringing renewed confidence to regional communities. It's very satisfying work."

Mossop Construction + Interiors has been charged with the creation of a completely remodelled Berri Hospital section, to compliment the existing structures. Stage One work commenced on site in June 2011 and is slated to be completed in February 2014.

A new operating theatre, a day procedure unit, chemotherapy treatment facilities, a new renal dialysis unit, an expanded emergency department and increased mental health facilities, are just some of the major changes coming to the Hospital with this redevelopment.

These cornerstone improvements at Berri will radically change the lives of those residents who need medical care in the area. Surgery which used to require long travel and overnight stays in expensive accommodation a long way from home, can now be performed in a single day with the patient returning home to sleep in the comfort of their own bed.

Ongoing care can be maintained in the new recovery focussed rehabilitation program, made possible by this redevelopment. For example, the new chemotherapy unit will carry out 1400 treatments a year – without the patient having to leave the town, as before. The numbers of dialysis treatments can double. The emergency department will also double in size.

The final stage of the Berri Hospital redevelopment will be a refurbishment of the existing wards and emergency department.

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## TECHNOLOGY FORFRONT

JBW Technologies were faced with the challenge of installing and upgrading the medical grade gas supply for the new Berri Hospital redevelopment.

The project posed some unique problems. According to JBW's project consultant, Geoff James, "Reliability is everything. When installing a permanent system like this, it's easier to be part of the project right from the start. The installations in the older parts of the hospital proved tricky, having to work around historic installations. The choice of oil-free vari-speed pumps to facilitate our gas installations, has really improved the reliability factor in this part of the project."

The other contingency for JBW is to ensure their installations integrate easily with future design and innovation. Being on the cutting edge of their respective technologies, enables JBW to have one eye on the future as they install state-of-the-art equipment in the present.

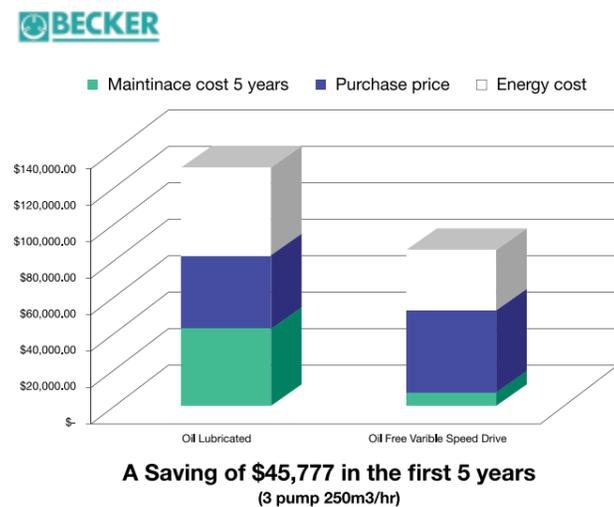
Despite being based in Victoria, JBW Technologies are consistent project contributors for medical grade gas installations around Australia, particularly in remote locations.

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## AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

Maesbury Plumbers is working on the \$41 million Berri Hospital Redevelopment serving South Australia's Riverland region.

The project has involved construction of six new mental health beds, a rehabilitation program, four oncology chairs and two full-sized theatres. The hospital's Emergency Department will double in size, with two trauma rooms and four treatment rooms allowing greater patient capacity at Berri thereby reducing the need for locals to travel to Adelaide.

"It's been a challenging and enjoyable experience working on the largest state government-funded capital works project in Country Health SA," said Maesbury Plumbers Construction Manager, Andrew Laube.

Maesbury's hydraulic-services work involved new installations with fit out and the refurbishment of existing emergency, mental health, rehabilitation, chemotherapy and renal dialysis areas.

The Maesbury onsite team of around ten plumbers plus supporting earthworks and subcontractors installed a new AGL gas-boosted central hot water plant with filtration, softening and reverse-osmosis systems. An ambulance bay decontamination shower has been installed plus systems for the pumping and storage of all wastewater. A new pressure pumping system that uses rainwater, recycled reverse-

osmosis reject wastewater or a combination of both has been set up to supply the facility with toilet flushing and irrigation.

Maesbury Plumbers is a family-owned business established in South Australia in 1962. Its construction and maintenance divisions pride themselves on a high level of customer service offering the latest in plumbing technology coupled with 24-hour/365-day maintenance and emergency repair for commercial, construction, industrial and domestic sectors.

Prequalified with Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), Maesbury Plumbers has been involved in the construction of both government and commercial buildings on behalf of the South Australian Government.

Maesbury has worked on numerous new aged care facilities, the Techport AWD Systems Centre and Raytheon Building, Mawson Central Shopping Centre and Woolworths Supermarket, the Woodville West and Christies Beach Apartments, Flinders University Bioscience Building and the new Senior Sports Centre at Prince Alfred College.

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