



WITH a clear motto of 'vision to reality', Walker Corporation has shown an unmistakable commitment to some of Australia's most significant developments.

Collins Square is clearly a project that has moved away from the traditional approach of constructing large stand-alone towers for individual tenants.

Before commencing the project the Walker Corporation onsite team asked what companies want from their workspaces today.

Walker Corporation General Manager Michael Spence said the team understood that they want large floor plates of 2000m² and flexibility in how they arrange their working layout as well as sustainable design principles combined with a place that meets their employee's needs day to day

"Today commercial buildings are all about the work-life balance and developing a sense of community and Collins Square delivers this by combining five commercial towers and two levels of retail amenity," he said.

"Our master plan takes a holistic approach to how office space, retail areas and the public realm can be seamlessly integrated to provide a truly unique place to work and visit."

Other projects which have also set new benchmarks include Point Cook Town Centre, Main Drive Kew, Finger Wharf and King St Wharf highlighting the Walker Corporation has showcased its commitment to the highest standards of development.

This corporation doesn't simply develop property; its mission is to create innovative working and living environments, born with a strong vision.

The largest commercial development being built in Australia today, the Collins Square site covers more than two hectares of land, has over $200,\!000\text{m}^2$ of commercial space and holds 200m of prime Collins Street frontage.

It is clear this \$1.5 billion project will form a major part of the Melbourne CBD and provide a much needed heart to the Docklands precinct providing 10,000m² of retail, shops, bars and restaurants.

The Walker Corporation has projected that by 2016, over 17,000 employees will be working in the Collins Square towers and an average 50,000 people will visit the retailing precinct every day.

The official opening of Tower 3 was celebrated in October 2012 with Tower 1 set for completion in May this year and retail opening mid 2013.

Alongside the Australian Taxation Office, the Marsh Mercer Companies have committed to 25,000m², The Pearson Group to the Goods Shed and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, as well as Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute.

For the Walker Corporation, Collins Square stands out for providing customised solutions, environmental credentials, an onsite established development team and a stand out Collins Street Address.

"Collins Square is showcasing the ability to develop a modern infrastructure that is designed to meet the company's workplace needs and functionalities while still aligning ourselves with a green business culture.

There is a reason that many of Walker Corporation's iconic projects such as The Wharf at Woolloomooloo and Rhodes Waterside as well as The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Headquarters in ACT have received international awards.

This is due to reaching this standard and level of recognition both within the industry and amongst the public at large is the result of over 40 years of experience delivering projects in a variety of scales, from straight forward developments to highly complex projects that require the highest level of skill spanning all the property sectors.

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LEADING THE WAY IN DESIGN

GIVEN its history of providing services for many landmark buildings in Australia including the Melbourne Convention Centre, South Wharf Development, Victorian Royal Women's Hospital, Harvey Norman IKEA, Box Hill Hospital & Rundle Place it was only natural that Form 700 was involved in such a monumental project as Collins Square.

Comprising of five commercial towers and situated on a whole city block, Collins Square is definitely a project that is leading the way in building layout and design in Australia. Form 700 was an integral part of making this project a reality.

"As a subcontractor to the principle builder Form 700 is focused on providing high quality building structures for such projects as Collins Square.

"Similar to what was needed on this project on quite a substantial scale; we provide construction of concrete structures for multi-storey office and apartment buildings and large shopping centres.

"We are generally involved in all aspects of a project from the formwork to reinforcement supply, concrete supply, pumping and placement and even construction of concrete lift cores using self-climbing formwork systems, supply and operation of self-climbing perimeter safety screens & provision of survey services."

Using innovative construction methods and work practices enables Form 700 to complete structures faster and safer than any other businesses. This highlights why the organisation is in demand for structures in the commercial, industrial and high rise residential marketplace for private and public enterprise.

"It is gratifying when projects such as Collins Square come to fruition to know that we have helped make yet another iconic project a reality, one that will continue to be enjoyed for years to come based on the quality design and products provided by Form 700."

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DIVERSE AND PRESTIGIOUS CONSTRUCTION

WHEN asked what makes the organisation a leader in its field, Victorian general manager Rocco Tropea said over 50 of experience spanning diverse and prestigious construction projects has enabled the Permasteelisa Group to develop a number of innovative and technologically advanced curtain wall systems.

"Within the Pacific region, our group has brought to realisation several of the most prominent landmark structures in both Asia and Australia," he said. "As a cladding specialist, Permasteelisa is a competitive and reliable partner for all those who build the future through great architecture which is being showcased through the Collins Square project.

"It helps that we are supported by the Permasteelisa Group which worldwide comprises of 30 companies operating in 20 countries covering four continents.

"Our network of companies provides customised services for all types and sizes of projects from small commercial buildings to monumental landmark towers."

When it comes to landmarks, the Permasteelisa Group has definitely been involved in a number of memorable Australian projects showcasing the strength and style that curtain walls and cladding can add to a building.

One of Australia's most recognisable buildings, the Sydney Opera House was the first building in the world to use structural silicone and suspended laminated vertical glass.

"With it being one of Australia's largest commercial mixed use developments, through Melbourne's Collins Square we were able to significantly showcase our architectural envelopes, curtain walls and cladding.

"Permasteelisa Pty Ltd Project Manager Tony Ricchetti worked closely with architects to produce five commercial towers over a 10,000m² retail platform that will have visitors commenting daily on the impressive final look of the external façade.

"This and many of our other projects including Brisbane Square in Brisbane, Aurora Place in Sydney and Crown Casino in Melbourne have really opened up many people's eyes to the strength and efficiency of Permasteelisa's ability to install all types of curtain wall and cladding.

"Combining the standard of our products with our quality systems, qualified teams and even use of modern technology make for a successful outcome for everyone involved no matter the size or location of the project."

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