

Case Study



Project

Surry Hills Library and Community Centre

Location

Sydney, NSW, AUSTRALIA

Sector

Public Services

Client

The City of Sydney

Architect

Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT)

Project Value

AU\$19 million

Services Provided

Project Management

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Surry Hills Library and Community Centre is a cutting-edge, environmentally friendly development which consolidates a number of amenities into one freestanding building.

The Centre is a 4 level building incorporating a library over 2 floors, a community centre and childcare centre. It includes numerous environmentally sustainable design (ESD) initiatives including geothermal bores, biofiltration atrium, thermal labyrinth, rainwater harvesting, green roof, solar array and sun tracking louvres.

Key Challenges: The environmental initiatives presented project procurement challenges in the context of the performance-based contract/specifications.

A key challenge was co-ordinating the multiple stakeholders representing the client (including childcare, community facilities, information technology and library) throughout the project.

Outcomes: The project was completed under budget and with minimal defects. A seamless handover to all the users was undertaken. Since opening, the building has been well received by the public and is currently nominated for several design and construction awards.