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Welcome



Modern technology has provided us with many avenues through which to communicate with each other and I'd be the first to put my hand up and admit to using many of these regularly.

With the mounting day-to-day pressures we all face in this era it can be easy to fall back on electronic communication to interact but I firmly believe one-on-one contact should never be undervalued.

Integrity and trust are integral elements of any type of business but none more than ours.

I've always believed in getting to know people as individuals, more importantly, away from the constraints of the work environment. Gaining insight into their role and the issues confronting them in their working lives goes a long way towards establishing open and frank dialogue.

Construction is, by nature, a transient industry with people coming and going all the time. There are benefits to be had from developing relationships with key personnel as well as those who've moved into new roles within companies and the up-and-comers who are destined to be the leaders of tomorrow.

I've always found it very reassuring knowing I have the type of relationships where I feel comfortable picking up the phone or calling into someone's office whether it's just for a routine review or informal discussion about a project, or something of a crucial nature that needs to be resolved.

Andrew Briggs, Managing Director

Buxton has new corporate partners

NAB elevated Buxton Construction from its business banking team to corporate status following a comprehensive review of the company's executive and management structure, financial strength, bank guarantee requirements, balance sheet and demonstrated ability of on-site personnel to deliver quality projects.

"Buxton had outgrown our business banking team because of the magnitude, complexity and dollar value of the projects it is regularly winning. Our structure in corporate allows for higher capacity in a bank guarantee facility" said Nick Ward associate director NAB Corporate Victoria.

Inspections of current and completed projects convinced NAB Corporate of the quality of Buxton's work and provided a clear understanding of the company's standing within the construction industry.

"NAB regards Buxton as a tier two builder with capability for projects ranging from \$50 million to more than \$100

million. The imprimatur of corporate banking status with a major bank puts them in the frame for larger, more complex jobs."

Buxton directors and senior management – headed by managing director Andrew Briggs – made a presentation to senior NAB Corporate Banking personnel on the 29th June to strengthen the relationship between the parties and build its brand internally at the bank with the Corporate, Corporate Property and Construction Risk teams.

"Our relationship is a two-way street: we have a valued and respected corporate customer and in turn Buxton benefits from clients and prospective clients knowing they are a corporate client of NAB" Nick explains.



Geotechnical Engineering goes underground

Geotechnical Engineering, who has worked with Buxton on projects such as Sandy Hill Apartments, Bayside Masonic Centre and City of Yarra's Library and Community Hub, is well advanced with the completion of basement works at the CV site in East Hawthorn.

About 110,000 cubic metres – or 5,500 articulated tip-truck loads – of soil will be excavated from the site to complete the basement which extends to five levels – 15m at its deepest point.

Shotcrete panels with temporary ground anchors are built by Geotechnical Engineering between the soldier pile system forming the perimeter walls of the car park in the completed structure, as well as part of the building's overall load-bearing system.

"This is a common process employed world-wide for constructing basement walls because it is time efficient, safe and delivers a quality outcome embodying exceptional strength and durability," said Geotechnical Engineering general manager Nic Morgan.

Established in 1972, Geotechnical Engineering – part of the Geotech Group – is one of Australia's most diversified and skilled contracting businesses specialising in civil and rail infrastructure, and ground engineering with structural, mechanical and piping engineering, fabrication and installation capabilities.

The Geotech Group was recently acquired by Spanish company ACCIONA, a global leader in infrastructure and renewable energy but according to Nic Morgan it's business as usual.

"Geotechnical Engineering will continue to operate as it has for the past 45 years and maintain the strong relationships that have been developed with the Australian construction industry over the decades."

Jake kicks a goal off the field

Working with Buxton Construction last year while he was off the AFL scene was a godsend for St Kilda footballer Jake Carlisle. "Working with the team at Buxton was an amazing opportunity which gave structure to my life simply because I had something to wake up to every morning."

"Life was hectic and at times a little stressful, but I was able to successfully combine my duties at Buxton with a training program to maintain my fitness in the absence of structured training," said Jake.

After learning the ropes from the on-site team, Jake was given responsibility for coordinating the completion of apartments at St Joseph's Mews prior to the handover. Project manager Glenn Stein said, "Jake took to his role like a duck to water and we were delighted with his enthusiasm, capacity to learn and commitment to this important task."

This year Jake is spending his weekly day off from duties at St Kilda Football Club working in Buxton's estimating division to further his knowledge of construction and provide him with a possible future career option.

Buxton managing director Andrew Briggs – a foundation member of the True Believers, a coterie group whose members are predominantly involved in the property and construction industries – said the company was delighted to have Jake on board.

"True Believers conducts regular information nights for St Kilda players and the group is passionate about providing players with an avenue for career development within the industry to prepare for life after football" Andrew explains.



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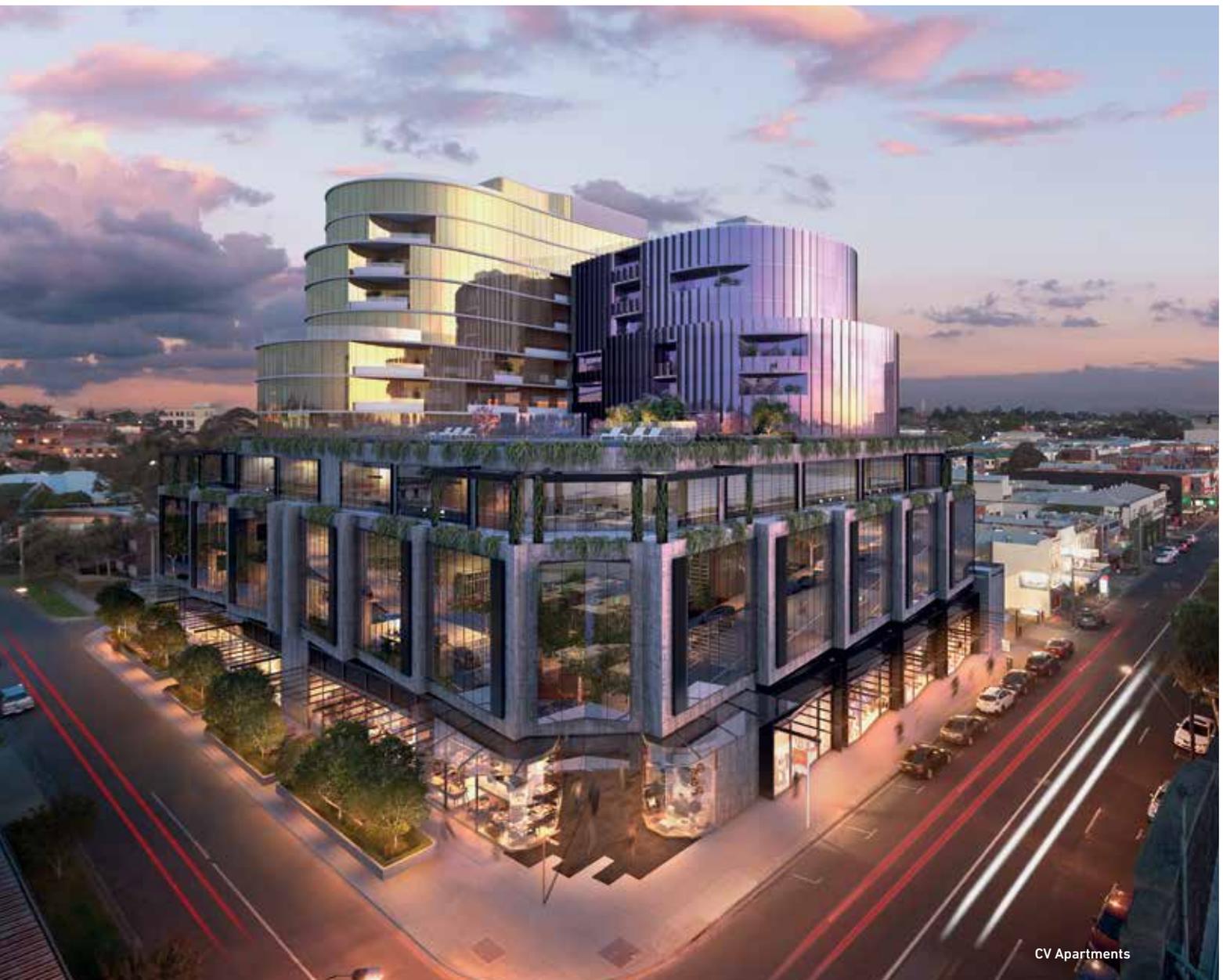
To the casual observer not a great deal of activity is evident at the site of Blueprint Projects' \$112 million CV Apartments in Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East but behind the perimeter hoarding is a hub of activity.

Buxton senior project manager David Seeley says excavation, retention system and ground work is nearing completion. "Given favourable weather conditions I expect the ground work to be finalised within the coming weeks allowing the structure to commence."

With its twin residential towers soaring 13 storeys over ground floor retail outlets – incorporating a gymnasium, cafes, restaurants and retail – as well as three levels of offices, CV Apartments will add an imposing dimension to the skyline of the Camberwell Junction precinct.

Designed by esteemed architect Elenberg Fraser with interiors by Hecker Guthrie, CV Apartments' cascading curved glass facade with high performance, double-glazed windows reacts to the environmental conditions, creating a striking exterior appearance.

The 140 apartments and offices are serviced by nine express lifts from five levels of basement with secured car parking. There is also a swimming pool, spa, common dining room and cinema room on level 5 plus the convenience of video intercom and private lobby with concierge.





CV Apartments Level 5 pool deck



CV Tower Crane 1 installation



CV 1 - Basement B4

BlueCross Box Hill is an industry leader

The \$50 million BlueCross Box Hill project combines modern aged care with contemporary living. Comprising a basement and three levels, the residence features 220 beds, memory support wing with specialised facilities, cinema and community services.

Amenities include a lounge, dining and sitting rooms, activity areas, gymnasium, consultation and treatment rooms, cinema, library, hairdressing salon and internet café.

Conservatories, terraces and balconies set amid landscaped gardens provide tranquil outdoor recreational spaces from residents and their guests.

“The emphasis is on a domestic rather than an institutional environment with touches like participation kitchens where residents can prepare light meals and private dining rooms creating a homely feel,”

said BlueCross executive general manager property & infrastructure Robert Harris.

The commercial kitchen and laundry are housed in the basement along with car parking spaces, ambulance bay, maintenance workshop, plant and storage area, and back-up generator with capacity to power the entire building.

“I’ve known Buxton for a number of years and have always been impressed with the high standard of their work with aged care facilities so I’m confident they’ll deliver a great outcome for us at BlueCross Box Hill,” Robert added.



BlueCross Box Hill



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Adams Consulting engineers expansion

Adams Consulting Engineers – structural/civil consultant for CV Apartments in Hawthorn East – has worked with Buxton many times, more recently with Buxton and Blueprint Projects on the \$135 million Sandy Hill Precinct, a three-stage development in Bay Road Sandringham.

According to director Bruce Adams, the company has expanded exponentially in recent years, almost doubling its staff to 65 talented structural and civil designers.

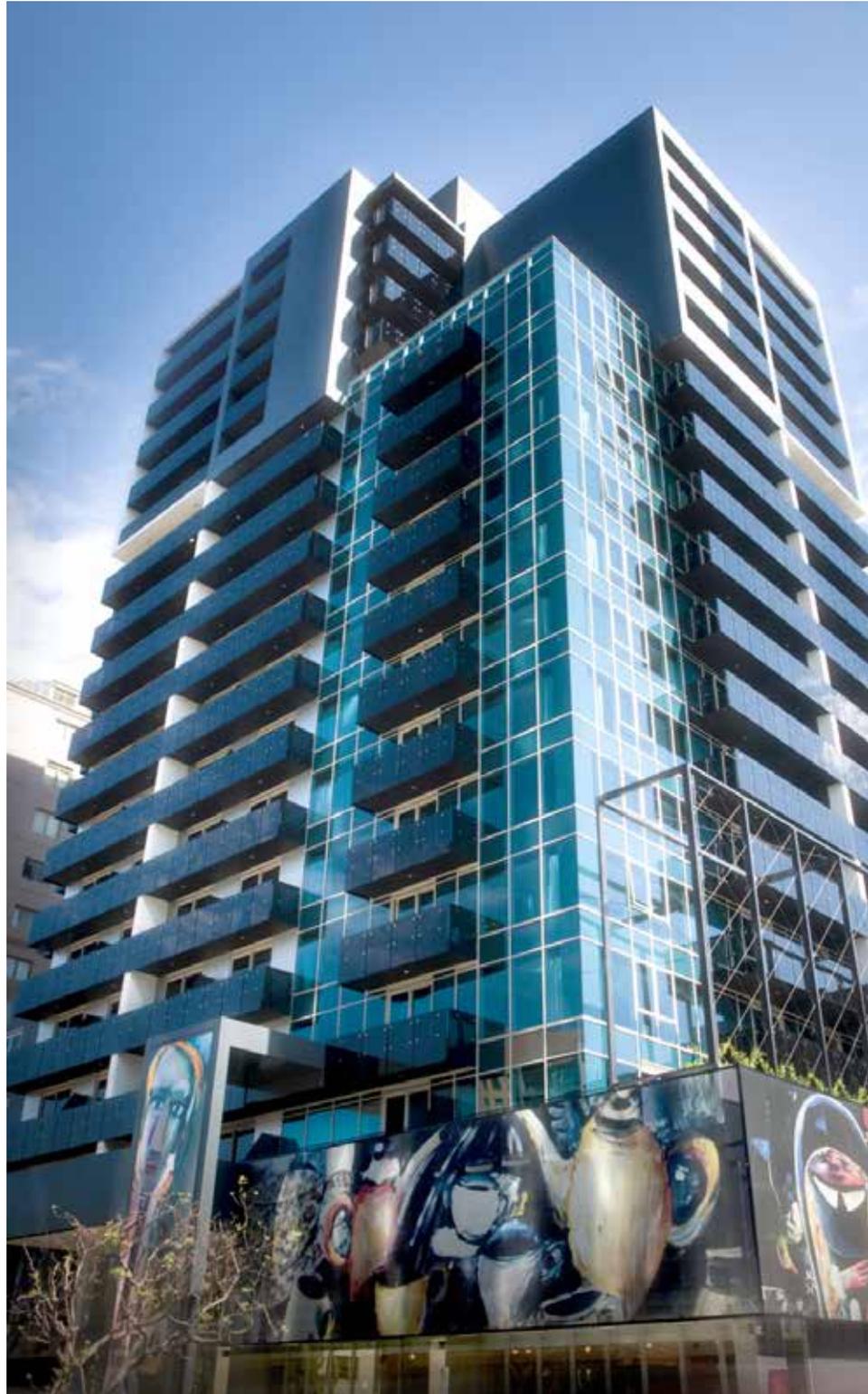
“As part of our succession planning process we’ve recently promoted six senior staff to associate director level with equity in the company to ensure there’s continuity and stability in executive ranks for years to come.”

The company has also recruited seasoned senior industry professionals to complement its graduate and continuous development programs.

“This provides us with a vast reservoir of experience to tap into along with the enthusiasm of a team of highly-credentialed graduates,” said Bruce.

The company, which recently attained ISO Quality Management Systems Certification has opened offices in Sydney and Geelong within the last 18 months.

Adams Consulting Engineers has a background in design and construction backed by a strong commitment to work with builders to achieve economical, buildable structural and civil designs.



“We’ve always enjoyed working with Buxton because of their cooperation, high standards and construction know-how, together with a shared objective to deliver the best possible outcome for the project and the client as well as adding value to the design team.”

Bruce Adams, Adams Consulting

Current Projects

CV APARTMENTS

A \$112 million, 140 apartment development in Hawthorn East consisting of two residential towers, four-levels of commercial tenancies and five-levels of basement car parking.

Client: Blueprint Projects

Architect: Elenberg Fraser

Interior Design: Hecker Guthrie

Structural/Civil: Adams Consulting Engineers

Services: Simpson Kotzman

Building Surveyor: Reddo

Quantity Surveyor: Rider Levett Bucknall

BAYSIDE MASONIC

\$18 million four-level building developed by Freemasons Victoria, Gardenvale.

Client: Freemasons Victoria

Project Manager: Nash Management Group

Architect: The Buchan Group

Structural: Webber Design

Services: The O'Neill Group

Building Surveyor: Gardiner Group

THE RESERVE APARTMENTS

\$39 million construction of 120 premium apartments in Sandringham – Stage 3 of the Sandy Hill development.

Client: Blueprint Projects

Architect: Watson Young Architects

Structural/Civil: Adams Consulting Engineers

Services: ADP Consulting Engineers

Building Surveyor: McKenzie Group Consulting

BLUECROSS SPRINGFIELD

A three-level, \$50 million residential aged care facility featuring 220 beds, dementia unit, cinema and community services.

Client: BlueCross

Project Manager: Currie & Brown

Architect: Billard Leece Partnership

Structural/Civil/Electrical/

Mechanical/Hydraulic: The O'Neill Group

Landscape Architect: Site Image

Landscape Architects

Building Surveyor:

PLP Building Surveyors & Consultants

SWAN STREET RICHMOND

Design phase of a six-level mixed use development including 28 apartments over five levels, two levels of basement car parking and ground floor retail.

Client: Blueprint Projects

Architect: Watson Young Architects

Structure: Adams Consulting Engineers

Town Planner: SJB Planning

THE BENSON AT ST PETERS CHURCH

A \$28.3 million, 33-apartment retirement living development linking with the heritage listed St Peter's Parish Church in Toorak.

Client: The Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Project Manager: b.o.b Consultancy

Architect: Demaine Partnership

Services: Umow Lai & Associates

Structural/Civil: WSP Group

Building Surveyor:

PLP Building Surveyors & Consultants

Quantity Surveyor: Prowse Quantity Surveyors

Landscape Architect: Tract Consultants

HIDDEN VALLEY CLUBHOUSE

A \$10 million, new golf clubhouse and associated facilities.

Client: Arcadia Group

Project Manager: Robert Luxmoore

Architect: McIlldowie Partners

Structural/Civil: Calibre Consulting

Services: ADP Consulting Engineers

Building Surveyor: Reddo

PENINSULA KINGSWOOD COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

A \$27.7 million, new golf clubhouse with accommodation and associated facilities.

Client: Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club Ltd

Superintendent: Case Meallin & Associates

Architect: Demaine Partnership

Interior Design: MBA Design Group

Structural: BG&E

Services: Irwin Consult

Civil: MA Civil Design

Building Surveyor: McKenzie Group Consulting

Quality Surveyor: Rider Levett Bucknall

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