



Entry for :
BEST CIVIC PROJECT

On the waterfront

Project:
Darling Quarter, Sydney

Architecture:
Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT)

Landscape Design:
Aspect Studios

Stone Supply:
Victorian Bluestone Quarries

Installation:
Sam The Paving Man

Darling Quarter was a mixed use project designed by Australian architectural practice Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT). The project was valued at \$500 million and is regarded as one of the largest recent commercial developments in Sydney.

The Darling Quarter project features two nine-storey buildings, housing 5000 Commonwealth Bank staff. Floor space totals 55,000 square metres. Leisure and retail facilities are positioned on the ground floor.

The project also includes a 4000 square metre park and playground and a youth theatre. The bulk of the 5000 square metres of bluestone paving supplied by Victorian Bluestone Quarries and laid by Sam the Paving Man is laid on the new pedestrian gateway which connects the harbour

waterfront to the CBD. A number of inlaid inscriptions are interspersed in the paving.

Construction commenced in 2008. More than 7000 workers have been involved in the project which was managed by Bovis Lend Lease. The development has achieved a 6-Star Green Star-Office Design V2 certification from the Green Building Council of Australia and a 5-Star National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) energy and water rating.

A significant element of Darling Quarter's sustainability credentials relate to its rainwater harvesting capabilities. A stormwater harvesting tank and recycled water plant will reduce the Quarter's water use by 90 per cent. The development was one of the first to be granted a water recycling licence in 2010. 