

PAST PROJECT : WARRAGUL ELC



CLIENT

> Baw Baw Shire

LOCATION

> Warragul, Victoria

ARCHITECT

> Cohen Leigh Architects

VALUE

> \$3.20m

STATUS

> Completed June 2020

SUMMARY

> Set in undeveloped land adjacent a primary school, the Warragul Early Learning Centre was built in a secure construction site while the school remained operational. The building itself represented 500 square meters of land with a similar area allocated to a car park extension, playground and other civil facilities.

To cope with the steep site, the foundations were multi-levelled and included precast panels for the interconnecting ramp-work. Construction techniques included core-filled block-work and structural steel. In parts, the steel was ornamental and beams were left exposed as they pass through the building envelope. In particular, the entrance features exposed C-channels and beautiful spotted gum 40x40 batten cladding.

The installation of numerous circular windows presented flashing and other architectural challenges which are now standout features of the facade and interior partitions. The roof and many of the walls were clad in ColourBond and finished with four banks of PV solar arrays. The scope included a full joinery and internal fit-out completed in detail.

Works were completed on-time, within budget and to a very satisfied customer.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

- > Live, operational secure site in a primary school
- > Complex circular window installation on both internal and external walls
- > Exposed structural steel continuing from interior to exterior
- > Feature Spotted Gum timber work in entrance