

CH2 – Council House Development, Ecologically Sustainable Design

The 2007 Sir William Hudson Award for Engineering Excellence was awarded to the City of Melbourne, Bonacci Group and Lincolne Scott, for the design and construction of the environmentally sustainable building, known as Council House 2 (CH2), which houses the new offices for the Melbourne City Council. This award is the pinnacle of Engineering achievement and the highest Australia-wide award bestowed by Engineers Australia, annually.



Location:
Melbourne, Victoria

Client:
Melbourne City Council

Architect:
Design Inc.

CH2 is a 10-storey office building, located on Little Collins Street, at the Tivoli car park site, near the corner of Swanston Street, in Melbourne. The building provides offices for the Melbourne City Council. It comprises open plan office space for nominally 540 Melbourne City Council staff, five retail outlets on the ground level and basement car parking convertible to future office space.

The process of design development has reflected the inter-relatedness of the operational systems of the building, which is, in turn, modelled on the mutual dependence of all aspects of the ecosystem. In examining the design, function and operation of this building, it was necessary to also examine the culture of work. The City of Melbourne has initiated plans that will provide for a significantly different work culture within this building.

Bonacci Group has gained unrivalled expertise in the practical application of Ecologically Sustainable Design principles.

This expertise has been acquired through our involvement with CH2. Using the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), Greenstar Rating Tool, this building has been given a design stage rating of 6-stars; the highest possible rating, setting it ahead of all other Australian buildings and amongst the best worldwide.

