Project Profile

Footsteps – Road to Recovery Refurbishment

Client	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council
Location	Port Augusta, South Australia
Duration	20 Weeks
Contract	Refurbishment of Existing Buildings
Cost	$1.45 Million

Project Overview

McMahon Services undertook this extensive refurbishment project for the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Centre, Footsteps – Road to Recovery in Port Augusta, the only drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation facility of its kind in the region.

The project involved the conversion of an existing premises into the new rehabilitation service, consisting of nine established houses, office, communal kitchen, outdoor areas, fire pit and activities area.

The project scope included:

- Demolition of termite damaged store room;
- Demolition of existing outdoor undercover area structure and paving;
- Installation of new structural undercover area, designed with external architect;
- Asbestos removal to all wet areas within the nine buildings;
- Complete internal fit-out of kitchen, common living areas, nine bathrooms and 27 bedrooms;
- New floor finishes;
- Internal and external painting;

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- Conversion of two transportable buildings into a residential kitchen, including indoor and outdoor communal eating areas, suitable for 12 residents;
- Existing house converted into a reception and office area, with an overnight sleeping area for night shift staff;
- Upgrade of existing roadways and footpaths to be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA);
- Addition of access ramps;
- Repair and resurface existing roads and line marking;
- Repair existing access to automatic security gates;
- Installation of ten new 6Kw solar systems.

McMahon Services adapted a collaborative approach with the client and consultant team to ensure that the facility was purposely renovated to suit a residential rehabilitation facility. The project was very successful and a step forward for the community, and McMahon Services have received excellent feedback from the client and surrounding community.

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