WOY WOY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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To Whom It May Concern -

I have no hesitation in recommending North Construction & Building Pty Ltd, 2/369 Mann Street, Gosford 2250 as one of the finest construction companies on the Central Coast.

In 2006 North Construction & Building Pty Ltd was engaged by the Woy Woy Presbyterian Church to construct an extension of our Heritage listed Church building and to demolish the very old Church Hall, toilets and garage. Their tender was the best one received from 6 tenders. It was very thorough; the tender was comparable in costing by some of the other tenders but it was obvious that a great deal of attention had been given to every item e.g. Architectural drawings, Structural drawings, Civil drawings, Consent drawings, Specification, Tender breakdown by the trades involved and the Proposed Sub-contractors.

Our Architect from Noel Bell, Ridley Smith & Partners, McMahons Point, North Sydney was very impressed with the documentation and all that it involved.

From demolition and preparation for the construction of the new buildings to final completion of the project I and my fellow colleagues on the Church Building Committee could not have asked for a better working relationship with a Construction Company. Site Meetings were held fortnightly with the Architect, along with Tim Cornish or Phil Thompson, John Wild and Greg Procter from North Construction and 2 or 3 of us from the Building Committee. The Site Meetings were beneficial for us as each stage of the project was discussed and we could see how well the actual building was progressing. I was always amazed at the discussions particularly between Tim or Phil, John Wild, Estimator, Greg Procter, Foreman on Site and the architect. In fact I looked forward to the Site Meetings. Our parishioners were able to see the complex changing and growing each Sunday.

The building site was a difficult one as it is at the rear of the block, access being from the laneway to the east. We were permitted to remain in the church for Sunday services except for 3 Sundays, this we appreciated very much.

The neighbours on either side of the site commented several times on the lack of noise coming from the builders. The families could not believe how fortunate they were to have considerate tradesmen working in such close proximity.

The construction of our new complex was estimated to be completed in 6 months and yes! It was completed ahead of time. We are now the proud proprietors of a stunning and very up to date complex. It is filled with light and very well ventilated. The acoustics are great for Sunday Services. Prior to Christmas a trio of outstanding musicians,

pianist, cellist and violinist performed in the main hall and were delighted with the very good acoustics.

Overall this building project was and will always remain a special period in ones life to have had the pleasure of working with a top class Company. Tim, Phil, John and Greg are experts in their field of work. They are very professional in their approach to all aspects of construction, public relations in dealing with clients, sub-contractors and Architects.

I strongly recommend them to any client wanting a first class Construction Company for a major project or small project.

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