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Specialists in Wet Area Solutions



CASE STUDY

95 GRENFELL ST, ADELAIDE

ARCHITECT: MPH Architects **BUILDER:** Intermain

PRODUCTS:

- Floor Mount Ceiling Fixed Shower Partitions with Shower Seats
- Floor Mount Ceiling Fixed Toilet Partitions
- Lockers Plinth Mounted with Electronic Touch Pad Locks
- Ironing Board Lockers - *new product*
- Lockers Bench Mounted with Electronic Touch Pad Locks
- Towel Cupboard Units (custom)
- Wall Panelling (custom)

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BACKGROUND

Adelaide's 95 Grenfell Street is an iconic, premium-grade office tower boasting 21 levels of contemporary workspace in the heart of Adelaide's CBD. Following a recent refurbishment, the building offers tenants a range of top-tier amenities, including a state-of-the-art end-of-trip (EOT) facility. "The client aimed to enhance their current end-of-trip facilities by incorporating amenities for both male and female users," says Megan Roper, Interior Designer at MPH Architects. "This expansion included the addition of extra lockers, basins, and showers, alongside a cosmetic upgrade of the existing showers, with the goal of creating a high-end commercial end-of-trip facility that effectively meets the needs of its users."

As a cycle-friendly city, and with running becoming increasingly popular commuting options, it's widely accepted that high-quality EOT spaces not only encourage healthier lifestyle choices, but enhance the overall tenant experience - contributing to increased attraction and retention rates. At 95 Grenfell Street, the design brief for the EOT facility demanded a sophisticated and functional space with a focus on durability and user comfort.

CHALLENGE

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Creating a premium EOT facility within a busy commercial building presented a unique set of challenges for the project team. First, the design called for a significant amount of bespoke joinery to achieve the desired aesthetic and functionality. This meant sourcing a supplier who could not only meet the exacting specifications but also integrate seamlessly with standard product offerings.

Second, as with any refurbishment within an operational building, minimising disruption was paramount. The project required joinery to be fabricated, and installed with a rapid turnaround time to mitigate as much of the impact to tenants and building operations as possible.

Finally, the EOT facility fit-out involved multiple trades working in close proximity within a confined space. This required careful coordination and sequencing to ensure efficient workflow and prevent delays, particularly given the varied wall finishes throughout the facility.





SOLUTION

Duracube, a leading Australian manufacturer of bathroom joinery systems, proved to be the ideal partner for this project. They were able to quickly compile a comprehensive approach that addressed each challenge effectively. “Quality, durability, and customisation were essential components of the project brief,” says Megan. “Duracube demonstrated great flexibility in integrating existing elements within the amenities. This approach enabled us to effectively accommodate the required functions and user capacity within a compact space.”

Duracube is first for bathroom joinery systems, and their extensive range of standard products allowed the designers to select high-quality, prefabricated components for much of the EOT facility. “It was critical for the cubicle partitioning product to demonstrate

high performance in wet areas, given that the end-of-trip facilities include showers, toilets, and basins,” says Megan. This one-stop-shop for wet area joinery streamlined the process and ensured a cohesive look throughout the space.

For those elements requiring a bespoke touch, Duracube’s extensive customisation expertise and in-house manufacturing capabilities were invaluable. They crafted custom joinery pieces that perfectly matched the chosen colour palette and finish of the standard range, creating a seamless and sophisticated environment. Megan says, “Working with the existing colour palette of neutral wall and floor tiles, the Duracube Southern Pine finish introduced an ideal warmth and added texture to the overall material palette.”

Duracube's commitment to rapid turnaround times proved invaluable in meeting the project's demanding schedule. Their efficient manufacturing processes and streamlined logistics ensured that all joinery components were delivered on time and ready for installation. This minimised disruption to the building and its tenants, keeping the project on track.

Throughout the project, Duracube's team worked closely with the project managers and other trades, demonstrating flexibility and a proactive approach to problem-solving. This collaborative spirit ensured smooth coordination on-site and contributed to the project's overall success – a fact that Megan sums up perfectly. “We found Duracube to be exceptionally

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Through the thoughtful combination of a standardised range with the flexibility of custom fabrication, Duracube was able to deliver a premium EOT facility that met the client's brief in terms of both aesthetics and functionality. Their commitment to quality, efficiency, and collaboration underscores their position as a leader in the Australian bathroom joinery systems market – and this project serves as a compelling example of how Duracube's solutions can help architects and designers achieve outstanding results, even under challenging circumstances.

