

Galkangu Bendigo Gov Hub





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## Galkangu Bendigo Gov Hub Joint Venture AGENDA Overview **Other Icon Projects Key Parties** Programme Design GLT & CLT Timber Design Considerations Timber Design Process Construction, Delivery & Site Logistics **Timber Procurement** Timber Installation Outcomes

Concrete vs Timber

**Opportunities & Lessons Learnt** 



#### **OVERVIEW**

Client: Development Victoria

Location: 189 - 229 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo, Vic 3550

Commercial Building: Ground to L03, Car Park (Ground to Mez), Roof Top Plant

Structure: Concrete cores, concrete ground slab and carpark, mass timber remainder

Site Area: 15019m2 | Building Height: 23.5m

Gross Building Area (GBA) 29,300m2 | 12m2 NLA / person

Targeting minimum 5.5 Star NABERS, 6 Star Green Star, PCA A Grade Office

Traditional Owner Engagement: Dja Dja Wurrung to inform design





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### OTHER ICON PROJECTS



## **PROJECT CONTEXT**

Competitive Tender: 50% DD, limited design inputs

Awarded Early Contractor Involvement (ECI): a method of construction contracting that allows a builder to become involved, and potentially start work, before the design has been completed. ECI timber designers included XLAM and ASH

Covid-19: Contract Executed Dec 2020

Procurement: 2900m3 of CT and 1000m3 of GLT required

**Code/Fire Engineering:** FEB received at tender, authority approvals risk, required performance solution, fire use of HBX glue

**Design:** faceted curves, concrete/steel/timber interfaces, significant span (75m) and width (115m), no basement

Site: Heart of Bendigo CBD





### **KEY PARTIES**

Architect: Lyons

Structure, Services, Fire Engineers, Civil: Arup

Timber Designers: XLAM (CLT) and ASH (GLT)

Fire Test: Warrington

Timber Installer: Standstruct

**RBS:** PLP (now: Codus)

D&C Contractor: Icon & Fairbrother (Joint Venture)

standstruct

warringtonfire



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BUILDING POSSIBILITY





Practical Completion





ARCHITECTURAL - visualizing the key connections during the documentation process



## TIMBER - GLT and CLT



#### GLUE LAMINATED TIMBER | GLT | COLUMNS + BEAMS

Supplier: Australian Sustainable Hardwoods, Heyfield, Victoria



GLT

Hardwood: Eucalyptus Regnans + Eucalyptus Delegatensis

Sourced from re-growth forests, (some bushfire affected forests). PEFC

MASSLAM 45 species used have some of the best strength-to-weight ratio timber species worldwide, highly durable building material.

#### CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER | CLT | FLOOR PLATES



Supplier: Xlam Australia, Albury/Wodonga, Victoria

Softwood: Radiata Pine



Sourced from softwood plantations. PEFC

Panels are optimised by feedstock strength across their depth, using stronger MGP10 timber in the outer lamellas and lower strength MGP6 timber in the internal layers, thereby achieving a greater utilisation of the tree fibre

TIMBER - GLT



#### Beams:

- 840 x 420
  660 x 420
- 660 x 385

#### Columns

- 420 x 420
- 450 x 420



0.65mm per min SOFTWOOD







TIMBER - CLT



CL7/260 (42.5 + 5 x 35 + 42.5) - FLOOR L1 to L3





## Galkangu - Timber Construction Timber Procurement

## PROCUREMENT

- GLT supplied by ASH; CLT supplied by XLAM both sourced in Australia
- Covid impacted fixing and proprietary bracket lead times suitable to the project
- Design of CLT to CLT fixings was adjusted to suit fixing availability within Australia and New Zealand
- Custom designed locally made tension brackets were used on CLT





# Construction, Delivery + Site Logistics

## Galkangu - Timber Construction Timber Installation Objectives

#### Efficient Handling of Timber

- All about these 3 steps (Concurrently)
  - 1. Unload the timber
  - 2. Prepare the timber
  - 3. Install the timber

#### Speed

- Never hold up the loading bay!
- Always have surplus timber on site/never wait for a delivery

#### Protect the Timber (Minimize remediation costs)

- Water & Moisture
- Quick Encapsulation
- Subcontractors' education
- Transportation

#### Minimal Re-work

- Efficient Assembly
- No onsite timber rectification from install errors or damage

#### Be Prepared:

- Key was to be organized
- Early engagement of Suppliers, Installers and Icon Coordinator & Supervisor



## Galkangu - Timber Construction Installation - Temp, Lifting and Protection

#### **Temporary Works Engineer**

- Ensure beam props do not impact floor install over
- Ensure deck can hold 1-2 loads of timber elements
- Lifting Plates as anchor points for fall protection harness
- Allow for all temp plant & equipment

#### Lifting (Hook Time Required)

- 2 Tower Cranes allowed
  - First for Timber full time
  - · Second to assist and "feed" other trades
  - Occasional use of mobile crane when required





### Galkangu - Timber Construction Timber Installation

- GLT Connection a focus on safety (in particular crushing potential) and minimising the time "on hook"
- GLT locating or seating hook introduced to remove the need for installers hands or tool to enter the seating void whilst unsecured
- CLT was to have a standard shiplap joint for CLT to CLT Connections
- Panel size maximised to suit beam spacing and avoid additional transportation law requirements. Average CLT Panel was 12 meters long by 2.4 meters wide.
- CLT was installed directly from truck with custom lifting plates
- GLT was bundled, removed from truck, and then lifted/installed separately.
- Multiple Crane Strategy utilising both the onsite tower and mobile cranes







## Outcomes

### QUANTITIES

- 525 CLT Panels
- 278 GLT Columns
- 470 GLT Beams
- 1947 Custom Stitch Plates
- 130,000 Screws and Anchors
- "Top Out" of the timber structure (1,273 members) was achieved in 87 working days
- We averaged just under 18 members for the available working days
- Best day being 37 members successfully installed







## TIMBER vs CONCRETE

#### Workers:

- Concrete: 54-58
- Timber: 14-18 (25% less on the active deck)
- Less Moving parts with timber (overall calmer)

#### General Safety:

- No Silica Dust
- Reduction in High Risk Works → Less moving parts!

#### Important Strategies:

- Pre-installation of Handrail
- Lanyards & Chinstraps (No Screens)
- Anchor points for harnesses
- Subcontractor inductions





### TIMBER vs CONCRETE

#### Floor Install (days)

- Average Timber Floor: 8-9
- Average Concrete Floor: 10-11
- Faster floor cycles compared to concrete

#### **Indirect Time Benefit**

- Completion of subsequent trades
- Façade install close as 2 floors below the live deck
   → Concrete: 3 floors of back-propping & formwork

#### Waste Reduction

- Less waste on site
- Fewer Finishes sand and oil

#### **Rework & Mistakes**

- Concrete had re-work/defects on every floor
   →Heavily impacted by weather
- Timber all offsite manufacturing in a controlled environment  $\rightarrow$  NO ON-SITE REWORK



## TAKEAWAYS

#### Sustainability:

- Building in timber inherently sustainable (Carbon VM)
- Critical for reducing greenhouse gases (Net-zero targets)

**Icon/Fairbrother:** Key part of Icon and Fairbrother future workbook & we want to be seen as leaders of timber construction

More than \$\$: Value of timber to be realised and incentivised

**Building Code:** Open up to more timber construction so entry into market is easier. Greater NCC Acknowledge "Mass Timber" at this scale

Weather proofing: During construction.

- Need to refine the best outcome project by project
- Coatings suitable for timber promoting and protecting the timber

**Hybrid Products:** Timber products that achieve aesthetics, ecological and benefits of prefab whilst also achieving Fire Performance

**The Right Team:** Engage the right team for the project General lesson learnt across mass timber projects





## Galkangu - Timber Construction Time lapse and Top Out





## Galkangu - Timber Construction Thankyou to the greater ICONFB Timber Team

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