

FACT SHEET

IAN THORPE AQUATIC CENTRE



- The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre is landmark project commissioned by the City of Sydney.
- The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre is the final public building designed by world-renowned architect Harry Seidler.
- The construction of Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre used approximately 4,000 cubic metres of concrete, 160 tonnes of steel, 200,000 tiles and 650 square metres of single glazed U profile glass used for the north and south walls of the structure. This glass is imported from Germany.
- Skylights are installed to the level 2 changerooms to introduce natural light and reduce the lighting requirements.
- The extensive use of natural daylight from continuous glazing from large 53 metre span trusses and continuous glazing beneath each truss provides an open and light atmosphere.
- On the first level there is a fitness centre including gymnasium and multipurpose room.
- On the second level there are three heated pools including a 50 metre heated pool, leisure pool with spa, program pool and a sauna and steam room. There are change rooms on both floors. The Centre also has a café with internal and external seating on a cantilevered deck overlooking the city skyline.
- Views of the city skyline can be seen through the glazing on the eastern side of the building, which opens out onto a terrace.
- Following City of Sydney environmental leadership guidelines, the Centre includes green initiatives such as the use of hydraulically operable roof vents for natural ventilation, the harvesting of rainwater for internal amenities such as toilets and sprinkler systems and integrative active lighting to minimise wastage.
- The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre will service the growing recreational needs of the Pyrmont and Ultimo peninsula, which currently supports approximately 15,780 residents and 25,000 workers. This population has almost doubled in the past decade.
- The YMCA of Sydney has been appointed to manage the facility to deliver a range of health, aquatic and recreation services and programs including personal training, group fitness, aquatic education, squad training, personal health services and school programs.

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