

Crown Casino

Case Study



Client	Hudson Conway Pty Ltd
Value	\$2.1bn
Location	Melbourne, Victoria
Duration	1994 - 1997
Service	Project Management

Crown Casino opened initially in 1994 at the World Trade Centre located on the north bank of the Yarra River and subsequently moved to a state of the art complex constructed in Southbank in 1997.

Adjacent to the south bank of the Yarra River, the Crown Casino and entertainment complex is Australia's largest casino and entertainment precinct providing some 510,000m² of entertainment footprint (equivalent to two city blocks), making it the largest casino complex in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.

In addition to the gaming operations, the complex offers a wide range of retail outlets, restaurants and bars, hotel accommodation and sporting facilities.

Johnstaff was engaged by Hudson Conway during the design phase of the project and provided a purpose-built electronic programming system to ensure that the design of the facility proceeded in a manner which avoided delay to the facility's building contractor, Grocon.

Given the extremely tight timelines inherent in the development, it was essential that the status of design was closely monitored and expedited to avoid construction delay. This task involved continual review of the various design disciplines and providing priority design direction to ensure construction delays were avoided.

Our commission included management of a design team comprising some 300 design professionals working together in a site design office located adjacent to the construction site.

In addition to this intense programming role, Johnstaff was also able to assist Hudson Conway in the resolution of contractual claims for delay and/or disruption during the construction phase of the project.

