

LYELL McEWIN REDEVELOPMENT takes out top national building award

Australia, Sydney (18.09.06): The \$91 million Lyell McEwin Hospital Redevelopment has taken out the Property Council's prestigious **2006 National Rider Hunt Award**. The awards were presented at Property Council's National Congress.

Rider Hunt Director , **Mr Bob Richardson** acknowledged all State winners before congratulating the Lyell McEwin Redevelopment team, led by the South Australia's Department of Health and its major contributors.

The Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of Health, **Dr Tony Sherbon** says the Department is honored to accept this award and very pleased that the Department has been able to deliver such a major project to improve the facilities at an important urban hospital within budget while maintaining services to existing patients.

"We would also like to thank our many partners in this project, without whom, such a major achievement would not have been possible," said Mr Sherbon.

Mr Richardson said, "The Redevelopment showcases development at its best, demonstrating excellence against a high standard of competition.

"As part of the redevelopment, approximately 80% of existing hospital infrastructure was replaced, while maintaining full operational capacity. From both a capital and recurrent perspective, the project benchmarks well against local and interstate equivalents."

Property Council President (SA), **James Sarah** gave high praise to the Redevelopment team saying, "This is the first time a South Australian entrant has won the National award and its success is testament to the skills, leadership and innovation of the Redevelopment team."

In celebrating 15 years of Rider Hunt's commitment to a long term naming rights sponsorship for the Awards, Mr Richardson concluded by saying the Awards have garnered international attention and bring together all different sectors that make up the property industry across Australia.

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