



EXCELLENCE IN WATERWORKS

Bringing together the best available hydraulics solutions while respecting the heritage of Adelaide Oval gives Smith Brothers Plumbing (SBP) an enduring international showcase for the skills which make them South Australia's leading plumbing and pipeline contracting business. At the peak of works, the company had up to 20 plumbers, machine operators and apprentices plus two project managers on site undertaking the complete hydraulics contract for the Western Grandstand.

The first stage was the early works of redirections and disconnections of existing infrastructure prior to demolition of the old grandstand. Next, SBP installed new sewer and water connections, site sheds and amenities. From June 2009 until November 2010, the main hydraulic contract works were done; in ground works including sewer and stormwater pump stations, gas service upgrades, in ground fire services and water services.

“The largest challenge for this project was the program. With the structure for the project being so intricate it took a lot of time to be installed,” said Smith Brothers Plumbing Site Project Manager, Michael Walters.

“We installed the GAP (Glenelg Adelaide Pipeline) water meter which runs reclaimed water from the Glenelg treatment works. This is installed into a manifold system at the boundary of the project which can be used for the irrigation of the ovals and surrounding areas. This GAP water is also plumbed into the Western Grandstand and feeds all of the toilet cisterns. SBP had to work closely with SA Water to have this system approved and audited prior to this water meter being turned on.

“This project is one of the highest profile projects in Adelaide, and with the international cricket Ashes Test Series this year, will have international recognition. As well as state and international cricket, there are proposed plans for AFL football matches at the oval in the future, and it is a privilege for us to be involved in the sporting future (and history) of South Australia,” said SBP Project Manager, Jeff Hegarty.

Smith Brothers have invested in training, skill development and product research to develop expertise in environmentally friendly plumbing systems and products. The company has received numerous awards including the prestigious Minister's Award for Excellence in Apprenticeships in 2008, a reflection to the company's ongoing dedication to skill building and annual recruitment and training of future tradespeople.

Founded over 25 years ago, Smith Brothers Group employ over 130 employees in Construction, Service and Pipeline Technology divisions. Although a big company, they retain a close team approach to business, recognising their people to be the greatest point of difference.



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