

MT ST. JOSEPH'S AGED CARE, YOUNG

Client
Mercy Care
Organisation

Location
Young, NSW

Value
\$6.5m

Completion
2001



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The Mount St Joseph's Nursing Home was established in 1920 and by 1998 needed a serious overhaul or re-build to comply with the current BCA and the known tightening building standards for homes for the aged.

APP's corporate track record in health care and maintaining and maximising heritage listed facilities led to our appointment as Project Director, Project Manager and Superintendent on this \$6.5m project. Cost reporting was paramount as the facility was mainly financed by a rural nursing home grant from NSW Health, with the balance provided by Mercy Care.

APP and the Project Architect met with the NSW Heritage Office to negotiate an outcome that would retain the historical connections of the original facility and still allow the new home to be built in the best location.

APP, through their Health Facility Planner, established and recorded in the Project Definition Plan (the PDP) the Client's required design parameters that included and reflected a new Model of Care for the proposed facility. The PDP was then Developed through the Design phase in conjunction with the Client's team.

At APP's direction, the project architect produced an appropriate design to incorporate a mixture of single and double rooms with ensuites, and rooms with shared en-suites used for high level care residents.

This approach minimised costs and still provided a flexible solution to the ever-changing mix of residents.

The 65 beds were divided into four houses and each given an individual identity using subtle styles and details. The houses are linked by a central service block hosting all the common services, plant and Multi-Purpose Common Room.

Each house also has a domestic scale kitchen to rethermalise residents' food and also act as an Occupational Therapy area for fresh food preparation.

The result is a high quality, state-of-the-art private aged care facility, based on a domestic style plan of four separate but inter-linked houses that recognises the dignity of its residents.

Since opening in January 2001, staff members acknowledge that the design of the new facility is central to the dignified care of the residents.



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