

# SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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**Client**

University of Sydney

**Location**

Rozelle Hospital  
Leichhardt

**Value**

\$18.6m

**Completion**

1996

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The Kirkbride Block, built in the 1880s as a Hospital for the Insane, is listed by the National Trust and identified as a heritage item by Leichhardt LEP.

It is considered to be of national significance for its aesthetic value as a work of architecture and for its historic value in the development of Mental Health in Australia.

The site was leased from the State by University of Sydney as a centre for the Sydney College of the Arts. Due to the specialist nature of refurbishment and construction, and tight time and budgetary constraints, APP was commissioned by the University of Sydney in the role of superintendent.

The initial contract included the removal of asbestos and other hazardous material.

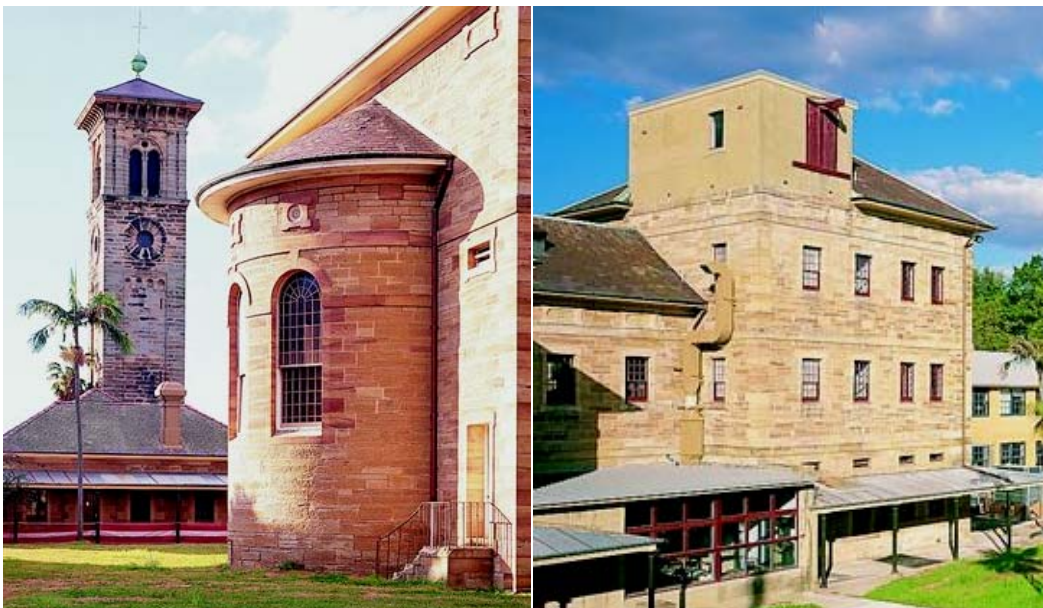
The conservation element of the major works contract was for the repair of the original exteriors including stonework, roofing, woodwork, metalwork, windows and doors.

Because of the heritage listing on the buildings, the scope of work was to carry out works necessary to halt the continuing deterioration and to protect the physical fabric of the buildings.

APP was able to advise the University of Sydney in the most appropriate delivery options for each stage of the project, and assist in difficult and sensitive negotiations with numerous interested parties to ensure the integrity of the site and the new works.

We were even able to assist in the making of the acclaimed Australian movie "Cosi", produced by the Grundy Organisation who believed Kirkbride to be the perfect location for their production.

The Sydney College of the Arts was opened for the 1996 academic year.



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