

**Client** NSW Police Service

**Details** Commercial building with new public catering facilities

**Area** 33,600sqm (NLA)

**Completion** November 2003

### Awards

- > Parramatta City Council Design Excellence Awards, Interior Design / Fitout Category Winner 2005
- > RAI NSW Chapter Awards, Award for Interior Architecture 2004
- > The Architecture Show Magazine and The Francis Greenway Society, Green Buildings Awards, Silver Medal 2004
- > NSW Urban Task Force, Development Excellence Award for Regional Commercial Development 2003
- > Parramatta City Council Design Excellence Awards, Award Non-Residential Building Category 2003

The NSW Police Headquarters in Parramatta creates a humane, low-energy office environment with timeless modern architecture. Delivered within the budget of a suburban office, the building provides the dignity of a state headquarters and facilitates teamwork in the office environment.

The Headquarters consists of two unencumbered floor plates connected by a detached lift and services core to maximise floor efficiency. The external cladding is a glazed curtain wall with detached aluminium sunshades. The sunshades minimize heat gain, reduce glare and act as light shelves to reflect natural light onto the ceiling. Rainwater is collected and used for non-potable water throughout the building. The building has a SEDA 4½ star energy rating, and a 93% floor efficiency.

Communal spaces are located in the podium. A double-height linear boulevard is spatially defined by a two-storey glass box containing meeting spaces. The staff café and lounge are contained in glazed enclosures and surrounded by extensive landscaping. A glazed screen incorporates a significant public artwork by Regina Walters and defines the entry forecourt.

The podium spaces are shaded by horizontal screens and incorporates natural ventilation in a mixed-mode system. Warm natural materials (travertine and timber) are utilized to create a humane and relaxing hospitality environment. Detailing of podium and other elements recalls the curtain wall system.

**Left** View from corner Charles and Little Streets

**Top right** Memorial courtyard

**Bottom right** Foyer

