

SAFFRON CAFE & RESTAURANT PORT ADELAIDE, SA

In January 2016, a fire engulfed the Saffron Café & Restaurant in Port Adelaide, causing extensive damage to both the building and its contents. The fire started in a pizza oven in the commercial kitchen and quickly spread throughout the building as well as to a neighbouring business.

Due to the extensive damage, it was necessary to remove and securely store all contents throughout the duration of the works. The salvageable items, including a variety of commercial kitchen equipment, were then cleaned and returned to the restaurant upon completion of the works. Once all contents were removed, demolition of the kitchen exhaust hoods and fans began, as well as the full removal of the roof structure, including roof trusses, roof sheeting and gutters.

Adding another level of complexity to the job, when the team carried out a thorough assessment of the site, they discovered asbestos within the existing lining of the eaves. They then isolated the area and carried out safe testing and removal of the asbestos in line with Australian standards, prior to any further works taking place. Once the asbestos was removed, the team then began the large task of returning the restaurant to its former glory.

Works consisted of the replacement of the entire roof structure including trusses and Colourbond sheeting, the ducted commercial airconditioning system, a complete electrical re-wire, new walls and ceilings throughout, Epoxy floor coating in the kitchen, new commercial entry doors as well as painting throughout the premises.

The devastating blaze caused a total of 1200m² of damage to the premises, which meant the popular restaurant was unable to trade at all during the repair and reinstatement works. The Bay Building Services team worked quickly and efficiently to ensure the rebuild ran as smoothly as possible. The project was completed within 12 weeks and delivered on time and to the exact date on the original programme.



BBG TEAM: SA Major Projects
PROJECT TYPE: Fire rectification and rebuild
PROJECT SIZE: 1200m²
BUILDING TYPE: Commercial restaurant
PROJECT VALUE: \$220k

