

ST KATHERINE'S RESTAURANT KEW, VIC

On Friday August 30 2013, a fire erupted and spread quickly through St Katherine's restaurant in Kew, owned by celebrity chef and TV personality George Calombaris.

The fire began in the flue of the pizza oven and extended into the entire roof cavity where it grew and progressed causing significant damage to the entire upper levels and smoke damage throughout the entire three-storey brick premises. 170 patrons were safely evacuated from the building, and 25 fire fighters were required to remain on the scene for three hours to ensure complete extinguishment.

Teams from Bay Building Services and Linx Contents Services quickly swung into action to carry out emergency make safe, restoration and repair works to the property.

Linx were responsible for removal of damaged contents and debris, cleaning of fire and smoke damaged surfaces and floors, as well as odour control. Specialised drying equipment was utilised to reverse the effects of the water damage from fire retardants.

Simultaneously, the Bay Building Services Major Projects Team carried out an emergency make safe, as well as extensive electrical and other repairs to the property. Severely damaged electrical mains and cabling were removed and replaced. A crane assisted in the reinstatement and replacement of the flue and exhaust systems.

St Katherine's (now reborn as Hellenic Republic Kew), is a heavily patronised establishment with a solid booking schedule, Bay acted quickly to ensure business interruption was minimised. By using a fully integrated service structure and working to a progressive handover schedule we were able to have the restaurant fully operational again within 5 days.



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PROJECT: St Katherine's Restaurant
LOCATION: Kew, Vic
BUILDING TYPE: Commercial Restaurant
PROJECT VALUE: \$350k



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