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HILLSONG CHAPEL
BAULKHAM HILLS NSW

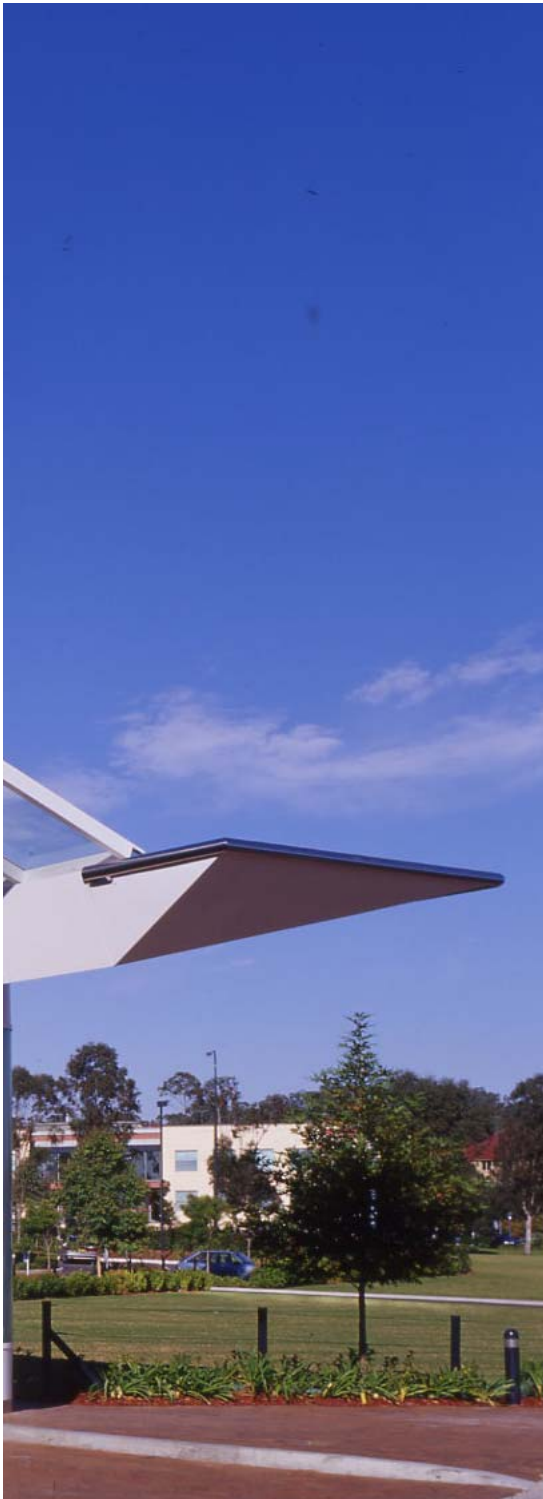
The new Hillsong Chapel is part of a staged development for the Hillsong Church at Baulkham Hills, Sydney.

The first stage of this development has been completed comprising a chapel seating 300 and an underground car park. The chapel is an inspirational worship space filled with light and volume. In the tradition of powerful vertical worship spaces, the chapel expresses beauty in a reflective way. Symbolism of light is central and controlled to uplift the worshippers. Alongside the creation of such an inspirational space, the chapel is a functional church suitable for teaching, meditating, weddings and funerals.

The form of the building is clearly identifiable and communicates the defining shape of a pair of cupped praising and praying hands. From the outside, the two white shells make a statement of worship. Upon entering, the space inspires with illumination and volume.

Careful attention has been given to achieve a live reverberation acoustic condition. Natural light and a limited palette of materials and colours creates a sense of calm. The structure is inspirational and the spatial quality is uplifting.





HILLSONG CHURCH CONVENTION CENTRE BAULKHAM HILLS NSW

The project was undertaken in two stages;

Stage 1: The existing carpark was extended to provide parking for 1275 cars which was completed in January 2001 at a cost of AUD \$3.7 million.

Stage 2: The building of the convention centre commenced in May 2001 and was completed in October 2002 at a cost of AUD \$27 million.

The auditorium of Hillsong Church has been realised as part of a complex that defines an inspiring centre for this growing church community. From the functional requirements to the uplifting spaces, the building is a true reflection of the church's aspirations and the dedicated team of NBRS + Partners.

The building incorporates a 3500 seat auditorium which can be subdivided to form a smaller auditorium and nine separate lecture rooms. Included as part of the facility are meeting rooms, youth hall, children's day care centre, bookshops, change rooms, Green room, guest lounge, TV/Video and Audio editing suites, Bible College library and support facilities. The result is a centre with state of the art facilities within an identity building which welcomes and inspires those who meet there.



LIFECHURCH DEVELOPMENT SALISBURY QLD

In close collaboration with LifeChurch, NBRS have conceptually designed a dynamic multi-purpose building. The development which, when complete, will be shared between the Church and adjacent school communities includes: an auditorium and associated stores and specialist facilities, classrooms and related teaching facilities, on-site administration and management offices, meeting and respite facilities as well as amenities and service facilities.

The advantage of the permeability of the plan is that spaces may be independently used by different groups with little conflict.



WOY WOY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOY WOY NSW

The new worship centre at Woy Woy Presbyterian church was a challenging and rewarding project whereby a small auditorium, meeting room plus amenities have been designed to fit onto a tight site amongst existing buildings. The new complex connects sensitivity with an existing heritage timber clad church. The result is a modest yet inspiring space that functions with transition spaces between the old and the new in a useable purpose designed layout. The spaces are clean, clear and light.

The form and detail of the building is appropriately relaxed and coastal. Woy Woy is located on the Central Coast peninsular north of Sydney. The attention to detail was rewarded with an MBA award. The selection and connection of materials and elements was carefully considered and with a close working relationship between client, architect and builder. The delivered building is a successful inspirational space with clear detailed resolution.