

VICSES Fawkner

Update
July 2023



Project update

- Construction has concluded with the Fawkner Unit moving into the facility on 31 March 2023.
- The facility was officially opened on 15 July 2023 by the Hon Kathleen Matthews-Ward.
- The event was attended by many Unit volunteers, supporters from VICPOL and Ambulance Victoria along with the Hon Lizzie Blandthorn, and Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp.



Next steps

- Completion of remaining defects throughout the Defects Liability Period.
- Finalise Builder's and Services Operating and Maintenance Manuals.
- Coordinate response and schedule to rectify identified defects.

This update is current at time of distribution, however due to unforeseen circumstances, changes may occur.

Project timeline:

1

Site identification
Completed

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Site due diligence
Completed

3

Concept and schematic
design
Completed

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Town planning approval
Completed

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Detailed design
Completed

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Procure and appoint
construction firm
Completed

7

Construction commences
Completed

8

Construction concludes
Completed

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Handover of facility
March 2023

Commissioning of your facility

Building Contractor commissioning of your new facility is an important process that takes place prior to Practical Completion and the issue of a Certificate of Occupancy. The new facility cannot be formally handed over to your unit until the Building Contractor has completed their commissioning and VICSES has completed the Operational Readiness Commissioning.

The Building Contractor's commissioning is separate to the Operational Readiness Commissioning that VICSES will complete to ensure your own equipment is 100% ready for you to move in and commence operations from your new local HQ.



What is commissioning?

Building Contractor commissioning is a crucial process that verifies that your new building and its systems operate as intended and deliver optimal performance. This process will also involve OH&S orientation, and a facility induction and training session(s) with your nominated personnel, so that your unit is all set to go when the first request for assistance comes in.



The main objectives of commissioning a facility are to:

- ensure new facilities and equipment are ready for occupancy and use, i.e. fit-for-purpose
- ensure that any new equipment meets all legislative requirements such as the Essential Services Management Act and prescribed energy levels under the Victorian Greenhouse Strategy
- induct and train nominated personnel in the operation of new equipment and safety procedures
- identify any defects which require rectification by the Building Contractor
- receive all warranties and operation and maintenance manuals from the Building Contractor as a condition of Practical Completion.



Defects liability period

There will be a Defects Liability Period of 12 months from the date of Practical Completion of your new facility.

During this period the Superintendent's Representative is responsible for managing the Building Contractor to rectify defects that may appear in the works.

If there are any issues with your new facility, please contact a member of the **VICSES Project Team** in the first instance; Infrastructure & Property will provide details.



Defects Liability Process

Phase 1: 4 weeks post site being operational

- Unit Controller contacts Relocation Project Manager

Phase 2: Remaining 11 months

- Unit controller contacts:
 - SES IS Service Desk
 - SES Ops Comms Service Desk
 - BAU Process
 - SES Facilities Service Desk
 - Complete Defect Notification Form



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