

VICSES Wangaratta

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

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- On 18 December 2020, construction of the new VICSES Wangaratta Unit was completed.
- The VICSES Unit relocated to the new facility on 20 December 2020 with operational readiness achieved.
- Final commissioning to be complete with the Building Management System.



VICSES Wangaratta construction completed at 36 Handley Street, Wangaratta – December 2020.

Next Steps

- ESIA is working through and amending defects to ensure compliance with any OH&S issues that may arise.
- Official opening event planned, with a scheduled date of 23 April 2021, pending keynote availability.

Project Timeline

Site identification

Complete

Site due diligence

Complete

Land acquisition

Complete

Concept designs

Complete

Schematic design

Complete

Town planning and zoning approvals

Complete

Detailed design

Complete

Procure and appoint construction firm

Complete

Construction commences

Complete

Construction concludes

Complete

Commissioning and handover of facility

Complete

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.

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 minor 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 your Regional Manager in the first instance.

Does ESIA or VICSES manage the commissioning process?

ESIA will work closely with VICSES HQ and your Regional Manager during the Building Contractor commissioning process, as well as representatives of your unit to ensure the transition from old to new is as seamless as possible.



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