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*Last year saw Queensland-based BMG Building join forces with Kane Constructions for the new-build Capalaba State College Sports Complex.*

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When it comes to projects, there are few that can be described as perfect. However, that's exactly how BMG Building Qld managing director Brice Gifkins describes the Capalaba State College Sports Complex.

A complete new build, done in conjunction with Kane Constructions, the \$11.7 million project involved the construction of an entire building for the Queensland school, including dual sports courts, a grandstand, classrooms, amenities, and back of house spaces.

Gifkins said BMG Building Qld was brought on board the project by Kane Constructions from the initial design phase, so they could assist in getting the right products to help achieve the design intent.

"Kane Constructions is our number one builder. "We do a lot of work with them, we work hand in hand," Gifkins said.

"The project was commissioned by the Queensland Department of Education. The initial brief was that they wanted the inside of the hall to stand out from other sports halls.

"I don't think we expected it to look so good [when completed]. But once we did the first wall, we knew it was going to come up a million bucks—and it did."

The BMG Building team came onsite to start work in early 2023 once the slab, structural steel and roof were up, and they got to work—both internally and externally – on the project.

Gifkins said in a nutshell BMG Building did pretty much everything other than the concreting, structural steel, roofing metal cladding and services.

"We worked closely with Autex Australia as this was a mark key project for them, they knew what it was going to look like [when competed]."

Beginning at the top and working their way down—quite literally—the BMG Building team began work installing all the FC cladding and complete internal fit out, as well as frames, ceilings, linings and the Autex panels.

It's these panels that give the interior of the complex its standout appearance, and Gifkins said they're also the aspect of the project he's had the most feedback about.

"We had only done one wall on the far side of the hall and maybe a couple of rows of panels on the ceiling but you could walk through there and be talking and as soon as you got to those panels the sound was dampened," he said.

"Whoever I brought to site was just amazed. The comments I'd get halfway through were



'oh, who's doing the feature timber?' And I'd say 'that's not timber. They're Autex panel'. They'd be amazed."

Despite the hall's overall outstanding appearance, Gifkins said the work was in fact fairly straightforward, with the BMG Building portion of the project completed in approximately six months.

"I mean, really at the end of the day it's a square box, so there's not much that could go wrong. But then again, I've also been on jobs that have been square boxes, and everything has gone wrong," he said.

"It was as perfect a project as I could have ever asked to be involved in. The site team were amazing. The only downside I can say I have towards this job is that the other trades weren't quick enough for us—but that's a problem we have on most jobs."

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The ease of the work from start to completion, however, is something Gifkins said he had found quite unusual. Rather, he said, it was more common to experience hold ups and delays, or realising something just wasn't working and then trying to find a solution.

The result has also been warmly received, with BMG Building receiving strong positive feedback following the completion of the Capalaba State College Sport Complex.

"We've had very strong positive feedback about how the project was run, built and the finished

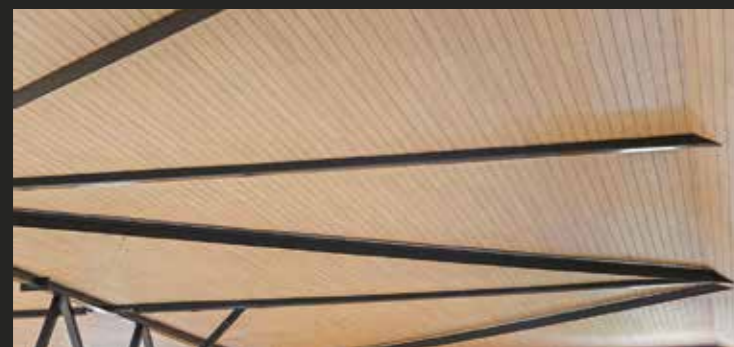
product. It was as perfect a project as we could have ever hoped for," Gifkins said.

"I'd like to give a big thank you to Kane Constructions, Bayside Plasterboard, Autex Australia and our site team for working with us on this project. These projects don't get done themselves; it's a complete team environment.

"My guys that were on there were fantastic. They did a really good job, so I think the praise should be shared among everyone who was involved on that job."

## FAST facts

- Commissioned by the Queensland Department of Education
- Suppliers included Bayside Plasterboard and Autex Australia
- Took approximately seven months to complete



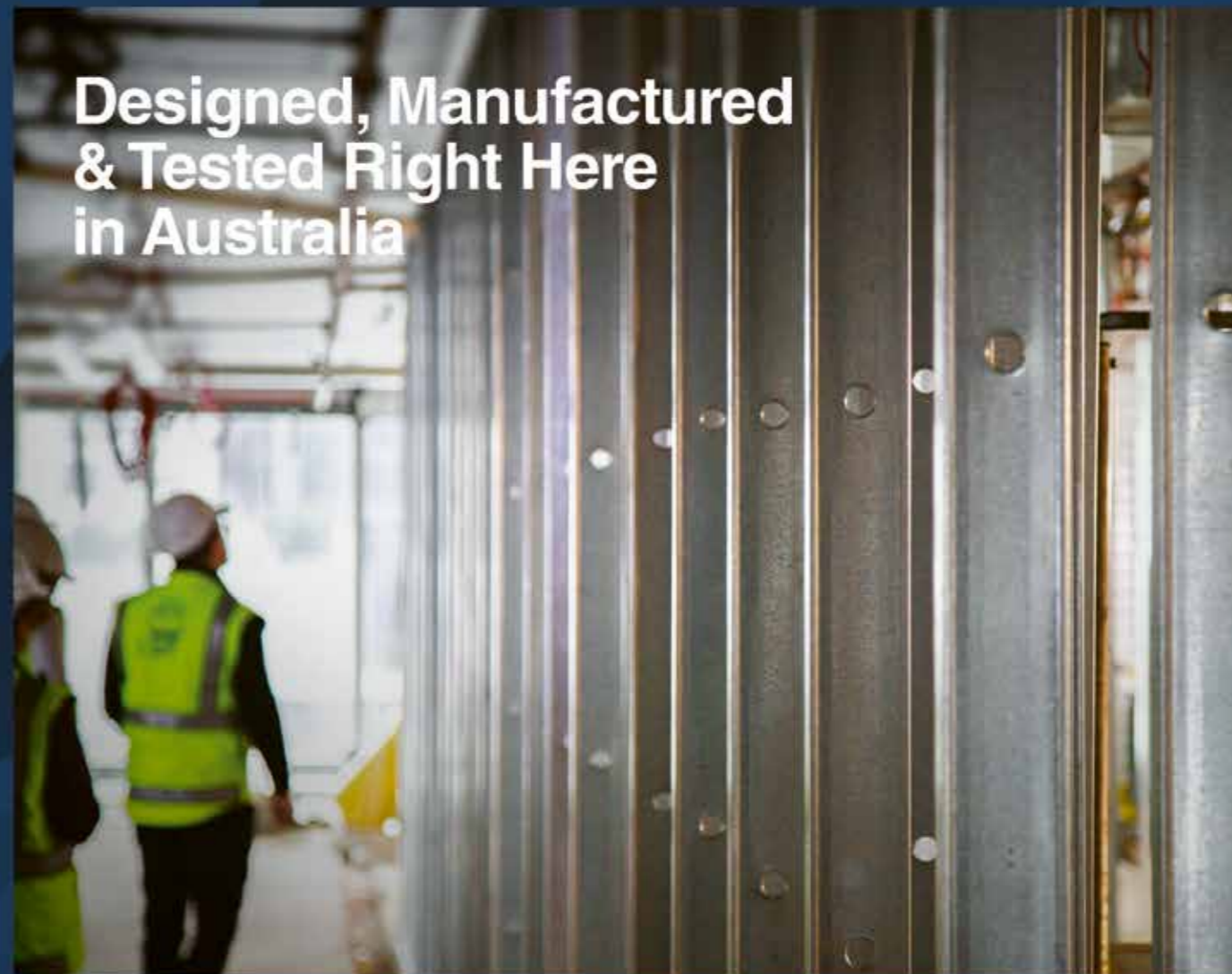
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