

TRANSFORMING VIBRANT COMMUNITY SPACES

CLIENT : The Town of Walkerville
MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Hutchinson Builders
ARCHITECT : Walterbrooke
ENGINEER : Matter Consulting
SERVICES : BESTEC



The redevelopment of The W: Walkerville Recreation Centre represents a landmark investment in community infrastructure in Adelaide's inner north. Delivered as a modern, multi-court facility shaped by local voices, the project balances contemporary performance standards with a deep respect for the site's YMCA heritage and enduring civic significance.

The redevelopment of the Walkerville Recreation Centre marks a significant milestone for community infrastructure in Adelaide's inner north, transforming the site into a modern, multi-use facility designed to serve generations to come.

Head contractor, Hutchinson Builders was engaged to design and construct the new centre, managing the project from early demolition through to final handover.

The scope of work was extensive, encompassing the full design and construction process, including asbestos removal and demolition of the existing YMCA facility. The team co-ordinated the design across consultants, ensuring alignment with the Town of Walkerville's brief, budget and program while managing a complex construction sequence on a technically challenging site.

"As head contractor, our role was to manage the design and construction holistically, making sure the consultants, trades

and program all stayed aligned with the client's expectations," explained Senior Project Manager Tom Barnes. "At the same time, we were responsible for ensuring safety, quality and buildability at every stage."

Redeveloping a former landfill site presented significant technical challenges, including groundwater monitoring, and landfill gas testing. The site had pockets of contaminated soil with low-level methane, requiring close collaboration with environmental consultants and the EPA.

"Once testing identified the ground conditions, we undertook a design review to achieve the safest and most practical outcome for the client while maintaining compliance," Tom explained. "It was a careful balance between engineering requirements, program and cost."

The building design was adapted to include deep piling installed to anchor the structure into natural ground below landfill materials. This approach ensured the facility's long-term safety, resilience,

and compliance, delivering high-performance infrastructure with environmentally sensitive.

Architecturally, the centre features a distinctive sawtooth wall formed from fibre cement sheeting and a structural steel verandah frame paired with metal cladding, selected to complement the surrounding residential context.

Delivering the project within an established residential neighbourhood required a strong focus on community engagement and logistics. Hutchinson Builders proactively met with neighbouring residents to explain upcoming works and manage expectations around noise, traffic and site activity. "Being surrounded by homes meant we had to be very conscious of how our works affected neighbours," says Tom. "Open communication was critical, and we worked hard to minimise disruption wherever possible."

Community consultation also played a central role during the design phase. Hutchinson Builders worked closely with the Town of Walkerville, architects Walterbrooke and a range of user groups, including Basketball SA, Netball SA and the Walkerville Netball Club. Feedback from these stakeholders informed decisions around building height, landscaping, hours of operation and car parking.

Internally, the centre has been delivered to accommodate a wide range of activities, with high-quality finishes and durable materials selected to withstand heavy use. The fit-out includes joinery, tiling, sporting infrastructure such as basketball rings, scoreboards, dividing curtains and multi-sport posts, along with CCTV, access control, fire protection systems and modern amenities.

Quality assurance was underpinned by Hutchinson Builders' consistent national systems, with digital inspection and test plans used to verify workmanship at each stage. "Selecting the right subcontractors and holding them to clear quality benchmarks was essential," Tom explained.

Completed ahead of schedule, the Walkerville Recreation Centre represents a successful collaboration between council, consultants and contractor. "Handing over a brand-new facility after the site sat unusable for four years is incredibly rewarding," Tom said. "Knowing the community now has a place to play sports, host events and come together makes all the effort worthwhile."

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Below LS Roofing and Cladding delivered precision roofing and cladding, balancing durability, performance, and modern identity.

Below SA Interior Projects delivered durable, functional, and visually cohesive interiors, enhancing Walkerville Recreation Centre's community experience.



CLADDING AS CHARACTER: DEFINING WALKERVILLE RECREATION CENTRE

The redevelopment of the Walkerville Recreation Centre showcases a strong balance of performance, durability, and modern design, with the roofing and cladding package playing a central role in the building's visual identity and long-term resilience.

LS Roofing and Cladding delivered the full external roofing and wall cladding systems, supplying and installing FIELDERS materials across multiple building zones.

The main roof was completed in 0.48BMT Klip-Lok sheeting in Matt Shale Grey, paired with roof razors and insulation blanket to enhance thermal performance and weather protection.

The gymnasium walls were clad in 0.48BMT Span-Form, continuing the sleek Matt Shale Grey finish, while the lower level features 0.55mm Nailstrip cladding in Metallic Aries, adding contrast and a refined architectural detail.

"The Nailstrip cladding has that nice seamless finish and, when installed correctly, it has little to no oil-canning," explained founder Leigh Surman.

Precision was critical. "All of the walls were packed out to a 1mm tolerance to provide a level surface," says Leigh Surman, ensuring the cladding achieved a clean, consistent finish. Flashings in Matt Colourbond and Metallic Aries were detailed to integrate seamlessly with the façade.

Despite tight material lead times, the team maintained progress through careful sequencing of preparation works.

Led by founder Leigh Surman, the business brings strong industry experience to every project. From small re-guttering jobs, LS Roofing and Cladding has grown in three years into a seven-person team delivering medium to large commercial projects across the state.

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A WINNING FITOUT: TRANSLATING DESIGN INTO DURABLE, FUNCTIONAL SPACES

The Walkerville Recreation Centre redevelopment required interior solutions that were not only durable and practical but also enhanced the facility's contemporary design. SA Interior Projects delivered specialist internal finishes and custom seating installations, ensuring the spaces are functional, visually cohesive, and built to support long-term community use.

Our work included the internal linings and the installation of seating and soft seating, working to suit both the interior and surrounding areas," Director Andy Lin explained. "The fitout components were essential in shaping the way visitors experience the centre, contributing to comfort as well as visual appeal.

One of the more complex aspects of the project involved delivering elements tied to a distinctive architectural vision. "The external features were a big challenge because they were a special design," Andy explained. Although the design originated with the builder, SA Interior Projects worked closely with engineers to ensure the concept could be implemented effectively onsite.

This ability to translate detailed designs into high-quality finished outcomes is a hallmark of the company's approach.

Working within a busy construction environment alongside multiple trades requires strong co-ordination and clear communication. According to Andy, the delivery process was well managed.

For Andy, the project highlight comes back to consistent workmanship. "The best thing is the standard," he says. That commitment to maintaining strong quality across every component has helped SA Interior Projects contribute to a recreation facility that will serve the Walkerville community for years to come.

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Below Space Landscape Construction delivered integrated civil, concrete and landscape works creating public spaces for Walkerville



SEEDING LONG-TERM VALUE THROUGH INTEGRATED LANDSCAPING WORKS

The redevelopment of Walkerville Recreation Centre represents a major investment in long-term community infrastructure.

Space Landscape Construction was engaged to deliver the integrated external works package, playing a pivotal role in shaping the site's functionality, durability, and public-facing space.

Space's scope included project management and survey, civil construction and structural concrete, slab and perimeter concrete works, stormwater and earthworks, carpark construction, street furniture, feature stone planter boxes, irrigation, garden beds and extensive tree installation.

"Walkerville Recreation Centre was delivered within a tight footprint and timeframe, requiring constant collaboration with the builder and other subcontractors to ensure sequencing worked efficiently across the site," said Senior Project Manager Rick Cerracchio.

"One of the key challenges was managing complex interfaces while maintaining momentum on critical path activities. Clear communication and proactive planning were essential to keeping works moving safely and efficiently."

Space's ability to deliver a fully integrated solution was critical to the project's success. "Our strength lies in offering a 'turn-key' landscape, civil and concrete service," Rick explained. "That approach allows us to control quality, manage risk and deliver cohesive outcomes across projects of this scale."

Beyond technical delivery, Space is particularly proud of the long-term community value created at Walkerville. "This project will be used and enjoyed by the community for generations," Rick said. "Seeing the finished facility come together—from the hardscape to the planted areas—highlights the importance of thoughtful, durable landscape construction in public spaces."

With more than a decade of experience and a growing portfolio of education, health and community projects across South Australia, Space Landscape Construction continues to establish itself as a trusted partner for complex, high-quality landscape delivery.

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