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Redevelopment creates 100-plus jobs

Redevelopment of Barwon Water's Ryrie Street headquarters has created more than 100 jobs, 90 of them local.

All major trades are represented in the new workforce, from concreters and electricians to steel workers and air conditioning specialists.

The 1977 building, which has been gutted, will undergo a complete refurbishment.

The project includes an infill between the existing structures, a new basement car park, a community hub/cafe and a new pedestrian link connecting Ryrie Street to the Little Malop Street arts precinct.

Scheduled to be completed by mid-2017, the building is being designed to achieve a five-star green energy rating, with an expected reduction in operational and energy costs of 45 per cent.

Barwon Water managing director Joe Adamski said the project represented a fillip for the regional economy and would complement the developing arts precinct.

"This is an exciting project, not only for the corporation but the city itself. It will certainly add an element of vibrancy to the central business district," Mr Adamski said.

The refurbished building, complete with striking new façade, will consolidate all Barwon Water's Geelong office-based employees under the one roof.

Barwon Water also is a strong supporter of the GROW initiative through traineeships and job opportunities.

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