### SURF'S UP!



#### ST KILDA LIFE SAVING CLUB

The long awaited St Kilda Life Saving Club is finally here! Perrett Simpson are proud to have worked with Robert Simeoni Pty Ltd, as the structural and civil consulting engineers for the recently completed project. This new clubhouse was a major development for the City of Port Phillip and provides a significant modern facility which has been designed in accordance with Life Saving Victoria's 'Clubhouse of the Future' design guidelines.

The team at Perrett Simpson worked closely with the Architect in the detailing of this building where the structure plays an integral role in the final aesthetic. We believe the final product is a very elegant, fit for purpose building which contributes to the St. Kilda Beachscape, and will stand the test of time....but we may be a little biased!

### CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGISTER



Perrett Simpson have successfully been added to the Construction Services Register (CSR). The CSR is a state government pre-qualification scheme for building and construction industry consultants and contractors. It is widely referred to by statutory authorities, local councils, school councils, and hospitals, as well as other approved Government and non-Government organisations. If you have an upcoming project within these areas it is worth checking if your sub-consultants are registered as it is becoming a common prerequisite for more projects in this sector.

### LONGEVITY BUILDS

It is a sad fact that some new houses, that should be lasting 50 years plus, may now be lasting 10 years or less. "The Age" recently reported that there have been numerous claims of widespread failure to enforce standards and pervasive flaws found within the standard of new buildings with owners often left substantially out of pocket. Statistics show a 44% increase in building complaints made to the VBA last year alone, with one of the major contributing complaints being developments constructed out of inferior products, 'slapped together' and beginning to fall apart within a few years.

When choosing an Architect, people often forget to also ask the question, "Who is the Developer, Builder and Engineer?". They all play an essential role in the success of the project, and in implementing the Architects' vision and ensuring a quality build, using quality materials and techniques that go beyond the basic minimum requirements. This will ensure a superior longevity to the build, that surprises with its quality rather than disappoints in its fundamental needs. Short-term cost savings will never outweigh the long-term cost penalties imposed by variation claims, defect claims, rectifications, and the loss of future client referrals. If we all can start having more passion for our work, and pride in our workmanship, we can stop compromising the future for the next generation and start building a better tomorrow today.



# WELCOME TO THE TEAM



We would like to welcome our newest member to join the team at Perrett Simpson. We are very excited to bring on board Murali Sarma as one of our Structural and Civil Engineers. Murali has 10 years of experience as an engineer and is very competent in the documentation of residential developments, commercial and industrial buildings.

# **Our News**

### We've Moved!!!

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If you're in the area pop in and say hello to the team!

