

## SUNCORP METWAY STADIUM TOPS LOCAL CONTENT

*According to the 2003 Local Content Awards Judging Panel Brisbane's Premier Rugby Football venue, Suncorp Metway Stadium, rates the best contribution to local content in the Infrastructure or Facilities Projects category in Queensland. Formerly known as Lang Park Stadium, the \$280 million project was completed in May 2003 just in time for the Rugby League matches and Rugby Union World Cup.*

A consortium of Multiplex Constructions and Watpac Queensland was appointed for the project in June 2001. The two parties formed a joint venture, Lang Park Redevelopment Joint Venture (LPRJV), to manage the project, with project supervision by Queensland Government's Project Services acting on behalf of the sponsor Government Agency.

A Local Industry Participation Plan (LIPP) was produced with assistance from ICN Qld, setting key objectives and strategies to ensure maximum local content and participation for suppliers and subcontractors. By working with the project team, ICN Qld had a unique opportunity to promote the capabilities of local companies in meeting the quality, reliability and standards consistent with the demands of the project. "The focus on local industry participation has created many opportunities for local companies

to work on a major infrastructure project for Queensland," reported John Taylor Contract Manager, LPRJV.

In some cases the specifications for the items were not a good match to the capabilities. In these cases ICN Qld assisted on technical and contractual issues to find the best possible solutions to maximise local industry involvement, without compromise to the time or cost efficiency of the project.



*Suncorp Metway Stadium*

While the supply and installation of toilet partitions may not be seen usually to be such an issue, it presented just such a case in the potential for local supply to the project. The Joint Venture team could not find any local company meeting the required specifications. However, after consulting ICN Qld the team modified the specifications to accommodate local capabilities awarding local manufacturer Kirkbuild the contract.