



IBM Upgrades Ballarat Data Centre

The IBM Ballarat Data Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment and upgrade to meet the expanding needs of its growing client base and to focus on providing a more efficient service for its existing customers.

Driven by a concerted focus on business development, the infrastructure enhancements aim to meet the increasing demand for data centre resources. The first stage of the data centre's refurbishment has been completed, including upgrades to the fire detection systems, installation of an additional sprinkler fire suppression system and provision for supplementary cooling systems and earthing of the raised floor.

The second stage of the upgrades includes installation of additional UPS capacity, reconfiguration and expansion of the UPS and generator distribution systems and reliability and concurrent maintenance upgrades to ensure the high availability of services supporting the ICT infrastructure of IBM clients. This major upgrade of IBM's Ballarat Data Centre will deliver clients a state of the art 21st Century data centre offering maximum reliability and uptime.

First established in 1995, the data centre was built at the Ballarat Technology Park to support the information technology requirements of a number of IBM commercial clients and Victorian government agencies. It has since evolved from a regional data centre to focus on global customer

support. The current investment by IBM provides a platform for continued business growth and demonstrates clear understanding of the current needs of its data centre customers.