

# Schiavello

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## Premier Steve Bracks Officially Opens Schiavello HQ

### Media Release

The new Schiavello Group headquarters facility in Tullamarine, Melbourne was officially opened by the Premier of Victoria, The Hon. Steve Bracks MP on Friday 9 December, 2006.

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"This is a great occasion because we are not just celebrating the success of one of the industry's world-class performers. We are also celebrating what that success shows. The ongoing success and ongoing commitment of the Schiavello Group is such an inspiration," said Mr. Bracks.

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"The manufacturing sector in general and the \$3 billion furniture manufacturing sector in particular – needs icons like Schiavello. We need to be reminded that Victorian manufacturing can be, and is world class. Just as this new facility is world class."

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Schiavello's new headquarters embodies the company's unique culture and people and is designed to communicate its core values and vision to be the world's most respected specialist in advanced workspace design, technology, environment and construction.

The headquarters opening also coincides with Schiavello's 40th year of operation – the business commenced on Wednesday 13 July, 1966.

"I share this pride with my brother Joe, my wife Elda, my sons Peter and Paul. With the participating members of my brother's family, with all my managers, team leaders, office staff and workforce, many of whom are of two generations working for this company," said Tony Schiavello in his speech.

"I would like to thank everyone associated with the design, construction and fit out of this new office complex and all our management and staff, contributing to the company's success."

The new four-level purpose-built building provides an exciting contrast to the company's surrounding manufacturing facilities and the interior serves as a platform to showcase all Schiavello products.

The main office complex comprises three inter-connected environments: the work space [workstations, glass offices + formal meeting rooms], exhibition space [showroom], and life spaces [breakout areas, café and gym].

Consistent with Schiavello's commitment to environmental sustainability, the project has been designed to achieve a 5 Star rating under the Green Star Office Interiors criteria.

"Apart from the architecture and environmental aspects, staff comfort was the first priority in the design," states Tony. "All offices and workstations are designed for staff to

work in comfort, with break-out areas on all floors and a fully fitted staff gym. “Although impressive, this workspace is not definitive, offering only one interpretation in an endless sea of possibilities,” adds Peter Schiavello. “This is a laboratory; an exploratory platform from which to continue to innovate and evolve future workspaces.

“The outcome of this environment challenges the senses for the visitor with every experience. This is an organic space that articulates a way of doing business that is deeply entrenched in the company’s history and shared values, that personifies the whole organisation as “one team”.

**Schiavello** (established in 1966) is internationally renowned for their design, engineering and manufacture of furniture such as workstations, seating, storage, partitions and occasional furniture. A top 200 private Australian company, Schiavello also offers a complete interior construction service (including joinery, signage and IT solutions), as well as project, construction and sub-contractor management for commercial, healthcare, hospitality, education, retail and living environments.

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