



FAST AND EFFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION



The new Eagle Canyon Shopping Centre covers 6000m² and went up in eight short months - housing a brand new Virgin Active Health Club as well as a SuperSpar and a Tops liquor store.

According to the Renico site manager, Peter Lalin, the only real challenge of this project was co-ordinating the needs of several different professional teams. For the rest, it was a classic Renico development with teams working 24 hour shifts.

"Renico believes in quality production and no wasting time," he said. "Time is money for our tenants, and also for us. It suits Renico to get our buildings up as soon as possible."

Technically, challenges included the

different floor finishes on the same level in Virgin Active: For example, a 3mm vinyl tile and a 17mm rubber mat both needed to be on same level with no step. "So we spent a lot of time setting out levels for the screeds to work for all the floor finishes. And I'm proud to say we got it right!" he said. "The most surprising for me was the amount of finishing detail there is to a Virgin Active."

With the current power shortage top of mind, Lalin said the gym ran on a chiller plant unit to help heat up a water housing tank "geyser" which is on a ring feed throughout the gym. The Spar runs on a similar method.

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It has been suggested that the Virgin Active Health Club in the Eagle Canyon Shopping Centre is the fastest ever built anywhere in the world. Renico Construction is the team behind the west rand's newest shopping and lifestyle mall.

