

EXPRESSIONS

WILDE AND WOOLLARD INVOLVED IN TAX OFFICE COST AUDIT

Wilde and Woollard is currently providing cost audit and management services, including audits of progress claims and contract variations, to United Group Services, project managers of a \$70 million, 60,000 square metre fit-out of offices for the Australian Tax Office in Canberra.

The fit-out, which began in November 2005 and was completed in November 2007 involved architects, Cox Humphries Moss (base building) and Woodhead (interior fit-out), and builders Bovis Lend Lease.

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FLEXIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Melbourne's Monash University will soon have a new home for the School of Biomedical Sciences and the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute. The facility, comprising central administration offices, research offices and laboratories incorporates elements of ecological sustainability and allows for space adaptable to almost any research group's requirements.

The project is part of a significant redevelopment in the south-west corner of the Clayton campus.

STRIP Stage 2 (Buildings 76 and 77) is now under construction adjacent the recently completed STRIP 1 (Building 75). Construction on STRIP Stage 2 commenced in January 2006 after the head contract was awarded to Hooker Cockram Projects Limited. With a construction cost of \$66M (excluding the University's fit-out costs) contract completion is anticipated in November 2008, followed by preparation for occupation of the facility. These buildings will be four storeys, with approximately 17,200

square metres of floor space connected to a central core building.

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Occupation is anticipated in March/April 2009.

Monash University's Facilities and Services Division commissioned Wilde and Woollard directly for initial concept/feasibility estimates, design development cost planning, preparation of bills of quantities, analysis of tenders, through to construction phase post-contract management. Quantity surveying services also extend to the client's fit-out and occupation phases.

Project consultants include:

Architect: DesignInc Melbourne

Civil & Structural Engineer: John Mullen & Partners

Services Engineer: Umow Lai & Associates

Hydraulics Engineer: Rimmington & Associates

Landscape Architect: Landarche





BRISBANE IMMIGRATION TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION

Cost: \$5.4 million

Period: November 2006
to September 2007

Contractor: Evans Harch

Architect: Guymer Bailey

Client: Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

PURPOSE

To provide a short-term-stay facility for the accommodation and processing of low-risk clients entering Australia unlawfully. The facility consists of an administration and client service building, three separate motel

style accommodation blocks with en-suites, common area and communal kitchen, outdoor recreational areas and landscaping.

APPROACH

The client's requirements were to fast track construction (six months) of a quality complex. To achieve this, Wilde and Woollard provided dedicated resources for project management, superintendent and quantity surveying roles.

OUTCOME

Visiting the site, Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship commended the team on the thinking, planning and care that went into the construction. He said he was impressed with the (high) standard of work and completed facility within the small budget allocated.

AUSTRALIAN FIRST TO MARK UNIVERSITY CENTENARY

A unique project to celebrate Swinburne University's centenary is set to commence construction on the University's Hawthorn campus in August this year.

The Advanced Technologies Building will feature two low level buildings and two 10-level towers providing some 18,000 square metres of new teaching and research space, and a 550 seat multi-purpose auditorium. It will provide a new face for the University on its busy Burwood Road frontage. Buildings will be linked at the ground floor with an urban street,

connecting the community to an enhanced, landscaped central campus precinct.

The south-east building will feature a strong cell reaction wall for specialist engineering testing and research, the first facility of its type in Australia.

The strong cell component and extensive research laboratory facilities provided by the development will further cement Swinburne's reputation as an international leader in engineering training.

Wilde and Woollard is proud to have been appointed as cost managers for the \$100 million project. H2O Architects based in Melbourne has been appointed as design consultants.



NORWOOD PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE

The Adelaide office of Wilde and Woollard is working closely with one of its longest-standing clients, the Chapley Group on a \$32 million second stage development of Norwood Place Shopping Centre, four kilometres from the Adelaide CBD.

Following an initial \$27 million development of this once tired shopping mall, stage two involves the addition of two levels of car parking to an already busy car park, which will remain in use during construction. An existing first storey car park will be converted into additional retail space, with a further level of car parking added overhead.

The Chapley Group began with a "visionary" \$10 million development of Munno Para Shopping City, around 40 kilometres north of Adelaide in 1994. The group further developed the site five years later at a cost of \$4 million followed by a \$27 million third stage development in 2002/2003.

The Group has since purchased several more suburban shopping centres around Adelaide, using the services of (then) Lees Cadman, now Wilde and Woollard as cost planners on the majority of their developments and improvements.

The Group's next big challenge is another shopping centre also around four kilometres



from the CBD. This project involves demolishing a 25-year-old centre and developing a new 40,000 square metre plot at a cost of around \$100 million comprising basement car parking, major supermarket, specialty shops, first floor office space and possibly upper level accommodation/apartments.

Further from the city than Norwood is the Sefton Plaza Shopping Centre, also in the early stages of cost planning for redevelopment/refurbishment.

Wilde and Woollard's Adelaide office is also working directly with the John Hindmarsh Group on a \$30 million aged care complex at West Lakes.

Construction activity remains strong in South Australia, with several office buildings in late design development stages, and student accommodation both under construction and in the planning stages.

For those who are unaware Keith Lees retired from the Adelaide office on September 30, 2007. David Cadman and Kym Fuss remain as directors.

PAUL DOWLING

Paul Dowling joined Woollard Mitchell Young 25 years ago, in 1983, as a cadet quantity surveyor. Paul became a shareholder and Associate of the practice in 1994 and a Director in 1999.

Throughout his career, in addition to extensive and diverse experience in core quantity surveying services, Paul has acquired specialist skills in the areas of depreciation allowances, project management and facilitation services, feasibility studies and asset management related services.

"Quantity surveying has evolved from a traditional profession, focused on drawings and costings for the building industry to one which is strongly technically based and focused on the client interface – on marketing, management and research and development," said Paul. "Many of our clients now come from the finance, property, accounting and banking industries," he said.

"In the practices' early days we learned together and challenged each other," said Paul. "The company continues to give people flexibility and autonomy."

Paul enjoys a strong relationship with many large university and TAFE clients and government departments. His work has ranged from complete master planning and business case studies to the preparation of project briefs and capital funding proposals through to evaluation of procurement and contracting options for major capital works.

In recent times he has overseen whole-of-life costing studies and become a specialist in evaluation of cost-effective environmental design. He has managed extensive audit and maintenance planning commissions for large property portfolios and travelled extensively to review facilities operations of universities around the world.

Paul also has a passion for heritage projects. "I love old buildings," he said. Paul has worked on projects including Melbourne's Luna Park, Ripponlea suburban estate and the 130-year-old Sunbury Asylum/Mental Hospital/Training Centre in outer Melbourne.



Day view from Burwood Road



Night view from Burwood Road, John Street corner

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GARY CRUTCHLEY

Gary Crutchley is Wilde and Woollard's third longest serving employee, having just notched up 30 years with the company.

Gary joined the practice as a cadet quantity surveyor in 1978, became an Associate Director in 1985 and a Director in 1989.

His experience covers the full spectrum of quantity surveying services from estimating and cost planning to post-contract services. Gary has worked on projects as diversified as aquatic and leisure centres, office buildings, industrial and warehouse projects, private schools, hospitals, and aged care and psychiatric facilities. His expertise and experience have seen him engaged several times as an expert witness in disputes.

Over the years, Gary has had a particularly strong association with Melbourne Grammar School, working with them on projects from classrooms to orchestra rehearsal and performing arts facilities. Their latest collaboration has been on the Senior School's Centre for Learning and Leadership.

During his career Gary says he has seen major changes in the industry, particularly the influence of technology and a shift in focus to managing project inputs and costs.



"Wilde and Woollard," he said, "has provided a lot of career development opportunities over my 30 years with them. The company has a real understanding of people's needs and an underlying culture of 'family'."

One of the projects that Gary describes as among his most challenging is the footbridge across the Yarra River between the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centres. "It's not the biggest or most complex project I've worked on but a difficult piece of 'architectural art'," he said.

Gary is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) and a current Member of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY QUEENSLAND!

Wilde and Woollard Queensland has just turned 80.

The practice was established originally by Herbert A Mitchell in 1928 with his son Herbert E Mitchell joining as a partner in 1957. After Mitchell senior's death, the firm became Herbert E Mitchell & Associates. In the mid-1970s, it merged with a Sydney practice becoming known as Herbert Mitchell Young before later merging with the Melbourne practice to become Woollard Mitchell Young.

Following Stan Young's death and Herbert junior's retirement in the mid 1980s, Woollard Mitchell Young merged with Sydney to become Wilde and Woollard.

Under the leadership of Brisbane Managing Director, Richard Crone, Wilde and Woollard continues to maintain an enviable market reputation in Queensland based on integrity, effort and skilful execution.