

New front door to Flinders University opens

Adelaide, 18 March 2016: The \$63m Flinders University Student Hub and Plaza, designed as the new front door to the campus, officially launched today to coincide with the campus 50th anniversary.

Lendlease's South Australian Building Business led the transformation, delivering a new four storey administration building with a sustainable rooftop garden, a new three storey enclosed mall-style hub, a refurbishment of the existing Union building and one level of the library.

A new amphitheatre, quiet study spaces, collaborative group lounges and conference facilities are also part of the major redevelopment, as well as the addition of new bars, food and beverage outlets, a function centre and retail stores.

Managing Director of Lendlease's Building business, Dale Connor said the Student Hub presented unique challenges for the local team who worked within the operating university with thousands of students.

"The transformation occurred in the very heart of the university at one of its busiest thoroughfares and major social interaction spaces. Meticulous planning was required to maintain safe access in, around, and in some cases through the middle of the construction site, so operations could be maintained," he said.

Mr Connor said the incredibly tight program also led to innovations on the project.

"During the initial design phase, we encouraged the design team to reuse as much of the existing structures as possible which overall provided a faster construction program and the ability for the ground floor areas of the existing Union Building to continue operating during construction," he said.

The ability to control the energy usage on the project drove many design initiatives throughout the new development including:

- The use of LED – energy efficient lighting
- C-BUS lighting control to maximise and acknowledge daylight
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- Inclusion of energy efficient thermal plant and the use of passive chilled beams throughout the new professional office building.
- The Hub building is naturally ventilated with the use of controlled louvres to either open or shut dependent on external weather conditions. This initiative saves the University approximately 130kw of peak load.

- Inclusion of extensive energy recording meters (electrical / gas / water) to facilitate real time energy usage and load shedding data. It also provided a significant level of historical data to assist with further fine tuning and commissioning.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in delivering this incredible project for the students and staff.”

“It’s a building that we’re proud to say is a beautiful blend of efficiency, form and function, perfectly suited to the innovative and progressive Flinders University,” Mr Connor said.

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