

Lincolne Scott

“This tenancy is an example of simple sustainable development initiatives that are commercially achievable. It has provided Lincolne Scott with a space that reinforces their sustainable development ethos while providing a space where staff have the flexibility to create spaces which support their working requirements,” Trudy-Ann King, Woodhead International.

Modern, practical, high-tech and “sensitive” to the environment. For Australasian based engineering consultancy firm, Lincolne Scott, these were the key characteristics to be featured in its revamped 11th floor Grenfell Street office in Adelaide.

Great emphasis was placed on achieving the “triple bottom line” – cost efficiency, environmental sustainability and social responsibility. The company commissioned Woodhead International to help implement the new office concepts and, as a result, to update its corporate image.

A work café, Schiavello QED mobile workstations, partitionless offices, and access to natural light and views incorporate a fresh, alternative style to the more conventional corporate image projected by businesses in Adelaide.

One of the strong points in this ambitious project is the pursuit of environmental sustainable development. Everything from QED workstations to carpet tiles have been subjected to a rigorous test to lessen the environmental impact. “This is one of the first commercial office fitouts nationally to have considered ESD issues so completely,” said Director of Lincolne Scott Adelaide, Darren Bilsborough.

In a highly flexible open workspace with minimal built zones, the systems furniture is made up of loose individual items on castors so staff can reconfigure their workspaces to suit their individual work

patterns or team focus. “QED and Sesto perfectly suited our requirements functionally, aesthetically and environmentally,” said Darren Bilsborough.

Low level screening is attached to each desk and cabling is softwired and carried via ‘umbilicals’ from power outlets to desks. This eliminates the need for extensive screening (minimising materials) and enables staff to unplug, reconfigure and plug in their stations as required.

Schiavello joinery throughout the tenancy utilised a range of sustainable finishes, including recycled and recyclable plastics. Travertine marble hob tops to the work cafe’ and reception counters were recycled from Lincolne Scott’s previous tenancy.

During construction all metals, plasterboard, plastics, timber and medium density fibreboard off-cuts and waste were separated and recycled. Paint tools were cleaned using a series of water drums to contain the waste for safe disposal and to minimise water use.

“The impact of the new office fitout on the staff is profound and expectations of further positive impacts on staff morale, work ethic and culture is very high,” said Darren Bilsborough.

Opposite ... Klobber Metric chrome cantilever frame boardroom chairs, Newtech boardroom table with double gate and linoleum top with Absolute Silver powdercoat base.

