

## Collaboration + Support = M<sup>2</sup> Project

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**Christina Coleiro** began her career as a graduate architect with Swanbury Penglase Architects in 1990. In 1999 Christina moved to UniSA to pursue a career in project management. Today Christina is a Senior Project Manager with the Facilities Management Unit of UniSA. Since 1999 she has lead numerous project teams in the delivery of major and minor capital projects including campus masterplanning.

In 2008, she was part of the UniSA bid team which won both federal and state government funding for a cutting edge educational and research facility M<sup>2</sup> Project. She has gone on to successfully lead the M<sup>2</sup> Project team in the delivery of the \$50m project through a collaborative managing contract with a fast track program. This project is one of the largest and the most technically complex major capital project undertaken by UniSA to date.

Christina is passionate about developing facilities that meet and exceed the changing needs of their end users. She is committed to exploring new models and new innovations for experiential learning and teaching facilities. She is a strong advocate for providing appropriate support during the occupation phase of projects to ensure a smooth transition for new occupants and so that the intended opportunities in the design of new facilities can be fully realised and optimised by end users.

The M<sup>2</sup> Project was borne from a dream to create an innovative context which supports collaboration synergies with research, teaching, and industry in the areas of materials and minerals science and engineering in a way that is revolutionary and redefining.

The \$50m M<sup>2</sup> Project was briefed to create innovative environments which enhance teaching, learning, research and industry engagement designed to grow the next generation of engineering, material and mineral science graduates and researchers. It was to provide the interface required to enable innovative processes of knowledge creation and transfer, directly influencing new applications for industry.

Taking a year out of the normal delivery program UniSA set an ambitious target for reaching project completion by the end of 2011 in its successful round 1 HEEF (now EIF) bid. The Project's complexity, innovation and fast track program has had significant impacts on its delivery, its team and its procurement strategies. Lead by UniSA's Senior Project Manager, Christina Coleiro, this presentation will focus on the strong collaborative environment established to enable the successful delivery of this project. (Collaboration +Support =M<sup>2</sup>). Through a Panel discussion meet the key players in project team and learn about their experiences working in this context.

UniSA will showcase its new Occupation Support Strategies which have been developed to enable the building occupants, users and operators to fully understand the building's systems and opportunities of experience possible in this outstanding facility.

The M<sup>2</sup> Project is an exemplar of how UniSA differentiates itself for its learning and research experience and its project delivery.