

Project Location

Level 1 and 2
226 Greenhill Road
Eastwood
South Australia

Client

AGL, Adelaide:
Sandro Canale

Design

HASSELL Pty Ltd:
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Peter Jeffrey
Michael Foster

Area

4,000 m²

Products

QED desks with
worktops in 'Silky
Maple' complemented
by System 55 square-
capped panels with
screen fabric in
'Outrage' colour.
Tech-columns.
Ultimet feature wall.

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“The new workplace relocation is a ‘once in a decade’ opportunity for AGL to create a transformed workplace, which can support AGL’s business into the future with vibrancy, agility and adaptability.”
Robert Backhouse, HASSELL

RE-INVENTING THE WORK ENVIRONMENT

There is a ‘retail buzz’ in the air of Australia’s leading energy company, AGL. Having recently experienced a total re-invention of its working environment, the company’s new Adelaide facility is putting people first, moving from a traditional utilities provider into a dynamic customer-focused retailer. Engaging HASSELL Pty Ltd to design the 4,000 square-metre flagship workplace for over 380 personnel, AGL required an environment that increased staff interaction, equity and flexibility whilst streamlining workflow practices and processes.

As AGL’s inherent market offering as an energy retailer is to facilitate people’s daily lives, HASSELL strived to incorporate this sense of dynamism and diversification into the workspace. The strategic brief identified three conceptual drivers to be reflected in the design response: retail buzz, synergies and flexibility.

According to HASSELL, the three design focuses materialised in a workplace that was dynamic in colour, texture and layout, incorporated lifestyle facilities, promoted the benefits of team co-location and interaction, and supported future growth and changes whilst ideally increasing staff retention levels.

The AGL Centre offers A-grade office accommodation in two and three storey wings joined by a three storey central glass atrium. The majority of the built environment is placed off the core or towards the central atrium allowing most of the staff, in the open plan environment, access to external views and natural light.

Schiavello’s SA Fitout team was instrumental in the project’s interior construction works. Schiavello carried out the ceiling works over the entire tenancy, co-ordinating the installation of mechanical, electrical and fire services. The Fitout team also constructed the internal drywall partitioning, aluminium framing and glazing. The project involved creating training rooms, offices and a breakout area, with the remaining open floor area complemented by Schiavello QED workstations.

For work zones, HASSELL identified four workpoint “footprints”: fully enclosed, open management, open administration, and open standard. A “kit of parts” approach to the workpoint design was undertaken ensuring maximum long-term flexibility for AGL. Schiavello’s QED and System 55 facilitated the standard 120 degree footprint, with the ability of adding component parts to create a larger standard.

Fully enclosed workpoints and quiet rooms also featuring QED, occupy a consistent footprint to reduce future churn costs and provide alternative settings for collaboration, casual interaction and escape from dedicated work zones. Schiavello Tech-columns were also introduced to workpoints to easily accommodate power and data requirements. A decorative tile was designed to conceal the CPU and add a splash of colour to workpoints.

“The new work environment has created a workspace that allows people to communicate openly, share ideas and feel inspired to deliver excellence in service to our customers,” says Sandro Canale, General Manager SA, AGL.

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Also fostering AGL's mandate for a dynamic and progressive work environment includes alternative settings for both professional collaboration and casual interaction:

The Hub - the social and collaborative working heart of the facility, this multipurpose space replaces the traditional client reception with an airport lounge setting, comprises meeting facilities and conference room, the central atrium, communal café seating, outdoor terrace and views of the surrounding Adelaide Hills.

The space is framed by a floor to ceiling, glass tiled Schiavello Ultimet multi-function wall, back-lit using neon lights. The wall, constructed by Schiavello's Systems team, spans 22 metres and cleverly accommodates "click in" work tools such as white and media boards, flat digital screens, set down shelves and drop in desks. The three meeting rooms are completely operable allowing the entire space to connect as one atrium and support a 300-person function.

Viewing Pod - takes advantage of the views and provides a place to break from work whilst allowing a visual and acoustic connection to the workplace.

Learning Pod - dual purpose zone: collaborative enclosure and learning capsule equipped with IT training facilities.

Chill Out Lounge - embodying soft textures, external views, televisions, and lounges, this homely space provides the perfect place to relax and gain respite from work pressures.



1_The Hub featuring floor to ceiling glass tiled Ultimet wall spanning 22 metres, backlit using neon lights.
2_ QED and System 55 panels, Systemet metal storage and floor to ceiling umbilical.
3_Work space with QED desks and System 55 connected to a two-way Tech-column.

