

Wiley

Relocation and upgrade of administration building

Suzie Wiley, then founder and owner of Surroundings architectural company, brought her extensive experience in building design to the forefront of this project. With a deep understanding of both the practical and emotional facets of architecture, Suzie and her team focused on creating spaces that resonate with employees on a human level.

This redesign initiative embraced a highly collaborative approach, fostering open communication and ensuring every aspect of the design reflected Wiley's unique vision, culture and needs. Under Suzie's leadership, the design prioritised the human experience and still today, reflects and supports our company culture.

Woolloongabba, Queensland
Design and construction

Project scope

Wiley transformed the disused bank facility, once characterised by its bunker-like structure and limited natural light, into an innovative head office designed for sustainability and employee well-being.

The project began with a thorough environmental management plan aimed at creating a modern and comfortable work environment.

Key renovations included:

- Recycling the building: existing windows were removed and sills lowered to increase natural light and enhance views
- Modern glazing: laminated glass with UV and acoustic properties was installed to minimise noise and harmful UV transmission
- Internal glare control: internal blinds were added to effectively manage daylight glare
- Ventilated planters: two layers of glass on the west façade incorporated ventilated planters, absorbing heat and reducing traffic noise
- Recreation areas: a spacious staff recreation area featuring a kitchen, terrace, and breakout spaces near a library was created to encourage interaction, complemented by landscaped balconies that connect to the outdoors
- Energy efficiency: energy-efficient lighting and a CBUS system were installed to optimise power usage and significantly reduce energy costs
- Aesthetic enhancements: a striking four-level bamboo screen was added to the façade, softening the building's exterior and enhancing its visual appeal

Through these upgrades, Wiley not only revitalised the building but also created a vibrant workspace that reflects their commitment to sustainability and employee satisfaction.

Business value to Wiley

This relocation and upgrade project provided a modern, human-centred environment which set the scene for Wiley to grow the business and importantly, support the company's collaborative culture.

Partners and consultants

Retracom | Reich | Gordon Bros

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Awarded the Master Builders Association State Award for 'Excellence in Building for Queensland's Climate' (\$2M-\$10M), Major Winner for Building's Owner/Tenant in the Energex Sustainable Buildings Awards, and a commendation for Environmentally Sustainable Design in the Interior Design Awards.



High collaboration



Brownfield



Future focus



Sustainable



