

Session 4

COLLABORATION AND TRANSLATION - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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The South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) beholds a vision -to make a major difference to the health of our community, and by 2020, SAHMRI will be a vibrant, globally-recognised institute that harnesses dynamic collaborations to deliver tangible health outcomes and community impacts. The rise and prevalence of Transitional research is a key external driver with the aim of SAHMRI to enable and foster a positive interaction between academics, researchers and investigators from a wide variety of disciplines to ensure that research follows through to tangible health and wellbeing benefits for the wider community.¹

The new \$200 million Health and Medical 'Flagship' Research Facility will be built alongside the new Royal Adelaide Hospital in the city's west end, located on North Terrace in Adelaide, South Australia. The Integrated Design Team, led by architecture firm Woods Bagot, consulted with the research community, health sector and universities for their ideas and input into the building design.

The new Institute will bring top researchers from different fields together in a new world class facility. The Institute will ensure a clear focus on health and medical research activity in South Australia, help recruit and retain leading research teams, attract increasing levels of national and international funding, and enhance collaboration between different stakeholders.

It is intended that the SAHMRI will be an independent centre that will be integrated into the greater health system, while facilitating connectedness and working with a broad network of nodes of the Institute. These nodes will be set up at related universities and teaching hospitals to capture specific expertise and develop complementary areas of research, ultimately enhancing the collaboration with clinicians and academia.

The SAHMRI will form part of a wider precinct that will be frequented widely by the public. Apart from enabling state-of-the-art research, the Institute will also help to demystify research and make it tangible for the wider community through welcoming, engaging and interactive public spaces and programming. The Institute aims to spark curiosity and interest in science by catering for different interests, carefully balancing topics of general public health and complex, high-end research. The facility will equally generate pride among its users and the community.

The SAHMRI is due for completion December 2012

Presenters Biography

Mark Kelly, Woods Bagot's Global Leader of Education, Health and Science, has over twenty years of experience as an Architect and Designer in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Mark has a broad range of design skills specifically in commercial, leisure, residential, education and specialist buildings.

Also as Global Director of Sustainability, Mark leads our global studio advancing our knowledge in the area of ESD, with his key interest and belief in the potential of the future.

Mark has been the recipient of many industry design awards and is currently working on several high profile projects with a highly sustainable agenda.