**FROM DRAB TO FAB: TRANSFORMING THE LABORATORY ENVIRONMENT**

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Renovating laboratories is not a new phenomenon. We each go through the spruce up process with varying degrees of success. Some of us end up with exciting, colourful spaces while others regret the entire process. So what is it that makes some processes successful and others awful? The establishment of QUT’s new Science and Technology Precinct lead to the removal of several buildings home to Mechanical and Civil Engineering Laboratories. As a result, a significant redevelopment project was undertaken in an attempt to consolidate these entities into an existing laboratory facility. This project represented more than just a bricks and mortar build, it triggered a transformational change within the entire laboratory environment.

This poster will showcase the $7.5 million redevelopment, which involved the transformation of 30 year old Medical/Mechanical/Civil Engineering Laboratories at the Queensland University of Technology into modern, state-of-the-art learning faculties. The poster will provide a visual tour of the laboratories, highlighting the metamorphosis from their original form into their present leading edge status.