

Welcome...

to the May 2012 issue of the Dirt Digger.

In this issue we will look at:

- The rollout of 12d Model 10, plus its new features
- 12d Model International User Conference 2012
- 12d's new General Manager
- 12d Model International Innovation Awards \$15,000 prize pool!
- Project Heyford Hill Roundabout

This will be our last Dirt Digger before the 12d User Conference so don't miss out on your chance to attend - register online today at www.12d.com/aus/conference.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Dirt Digger, and we look forward to any feedback you may have.

Regards.

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Stop Press!

It's the news you've been waiting for...

12d Model 10 will begin its rollout to customers with a current Maintenance Subscription from June. Our programming team is adding the finishing touches to the Release Version as well as major enhancements to MTFs, Boxing, and the all-new Snippets, that have occurred since the 'What's New in V10' Seminars...stay tuned!

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Stop Press again—12d Synergy

Following numerous client requests, we have been building an engineering document management and collaboration system, called 12d Synergy, that knows all about 12d Model. We will be giving a sneak preview of 12d Synergy at the 12d User Conference.

12d Model International **User Conference 2012**

The 12d Model International User Conference will be held on Sunday 29th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st July 2012 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) and registrations are coming in thick and fast.

The 12d User Conference consists of three days on 12d Model 10, future 12d directions, user papers, and more.

The Conference will be an excellent 12d educational tool with the bonus of talking and mixing with the developers of 12d Model, 12d Model training, sales and support staff, and experienced 12d Model users.

The theme for our fourth Conference is 'Bringing it all together' which follows on from our previous themes:

- '12d Closes the Loop' (2005)
- 'Taming the Electronic Model' (2007)
- 'Banishing the Drafting Demon' (2010).

and also encapsulates 12d Model 10 as the platform to cover all areas of Civil Engineering, GIS and Surveying.

The ever popular Birds of a Feather, where we break into three technical streams - Design, Surveying and Drainage/Water - will be packed with



























detailed presentations on using the new features in 12d Model 10, making this a fantastic opportunity for all 12d Model users to up-skill.

The Industry and 12d booths will again be present with staff and equipment on hand to demonstrate and answer questions on all areas of 12d Model.

There will be a variety of User papers on interesting 12d Model projects and techniques. This is your chance to see how other groups, large and small, are using 12d Model.

Our Welcome Event and Conference Dinner are good opportunities to socialise and network with other 12d users, developers, trainers, support and sales staff.

Accommodation - block bookings are again being run by OzAccom - email conference@12d.com for further information.

Visit www.12d.com/aus/conference for more information on this exciting upcoming event and to register online.

Note: Conference sponsorship opportunities are still available at a reasonable price. Please contact us at conference@12d.com for more details.

New General Manager in Sydney

We are delighted to see 12d Model's adoption growing globally. To assist with this growth, we have appointed a new General Manager in 12d's Headquarters in Sydney (the first of our three Sydney offices) - Mr Joel Gregory.

After six successful years promoting 12d Model in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Joel has joined the growing 12d HQ team to share the knowledge he has gained and help with the continued expansion of 12d globally.

One of Joel's first initiatives has been the creation of the 12d Model International Innovation Awards.

"Visiting clients around the world, I have been consistently impressed by the innovative use of 12d Model on a wide variety of projects. I wanted a way to highlight our clients' innovations and 12d's International Conference was the perfect platform to launch our inaugural Innovation Awards," Joel said.

Joel will be presenting prizes to the winners of the Awards at our 12d Model International User Conference this coming July.

Dr Lee Gregory will continue to be our Managing Director for all 12d offices, and looks forward to enjoying more success as we continue our growth.

12d International Innovation Awards 2012 - \$15,000 prize pool!

The closing date for 12d's inaugural International Innovation Awards is fast approaching and to those who haven't yet entered, please remember to get your entries in before Thursday 11pm (AEST) on 31st May 2012 for a shot at the \$15,000 prize pool.

We have been impressed by the diverse entries that we have already received.

Recently, through many interesting conversations with users, we have realised that many of you are still unclear as to what is expected and why you should enter the Awards.

We have found that people are getting stuck on their own interpretations of the word 'innovation', feeling as though they have to have done something revolutionary to be eligible to enter.

An innovation (from a 12d perspective) can be:

- a small or large project or idea
- as simple or complex as you wish
- any way that you use 12d Model to resolve your unique challenges
- utilising one or multiple project disciplines
- local, regional or international entries are welcome
- a small part of a project or an entire project
- simply how you use 12d Model with its existing functionality
- customisations to 12d Model.

You can even enter old projects, as long as 12d Model was utilised.

Finally, how your entry is presented also plays a role in how successful you may be. We have seen a few entries that were not going to be submitted, as the entrants considered them too simple. The entries that were sent through measure up well against the complex entries because of how they have been presented, and the way in which they highlight the value that 12d Model adds.

Screen shots, videos, project files and simple explanations of the background, methodology and outcomes all play a role in submitting a winning entry.

Ultimately we would like to recognise as many entries as possible through publishing them via the 12d communication channels. We would like to thank all those who have submitted their entries, thereby supporting this initiative and the growing future of 12d Model

For more information, clarification or any queries about the Awards and entries, please email innovation@12d.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INNOVATION ENTRIES

We recently found that due to technical issues a small number of emails have not come through to us via the innovation@12d.com email address. If you have submitted an entry and have not received a confirmation email, then contact us ASAP on simon.tokic@12d.com or call +61 2 9970 7117.

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Heyford Hill Roundabout (UK)

Significant traffic congestion at the Oxford bypass bottleneck, and the need for improved access to the Sainsbury's Supermarket site, led to the commissioning of an important project - a massive new roundabout. Independent transport consultancy Mayer Brown won the tender for this project, and elected to use 12d Model as their design software.

The proposed roundabout entailed the re-alignment of the existing roundabout and adjoining 'A' Roads, with the A4074 alignment being restricted by the existing railway overpass bridge to the South of the Oxfordshire site.

Traffic analysis and Site Surveys were carried out prior to design work being started. This initial work was critical in assessing how Mayer Brown could increase efficiency while reducing design development costs.

The new proposal entailed additional lanes being 'cut' through the centre of the Heyford Hill roundabout to ease congestion, thereby providing a 'through route' for the A4142 onto the A4074 (Southern Bypass Road). The roundabout was re-aligned to cater for additional lanes, as well as the incorporation of signalised junctions to assist with traffic movements .



12d Model was used to design the layout so that the proposal could be constructed accurately. The need to adhere to the UK's 'DMRB' K-values meant that the vertical design became 'somewhat challenging', as they had to tie in with existing roads, drainage, and crossfalls, while maintaining a design path that complied with the standards, without compromising the efficiency of the layout.

As with most design projects... for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction'. Despite changing the roundabout dynamics, the existing drainage network had to be retained. This meant that cambers had to be designed to fit with both gullies and vehicle paths without adversely affecting the rideability around the roundabout.

The solutions evolved from utilising superalignments, modifiers, and additional 'forced break' superalignments - all within 12d Model. While conventional design tries to utilise the application of templates from centrelines, Mayer Brown found that the optimal approach varied depending on which junction they were at. In some cases, the split carriageways assisted with deciding on template use, while others were best suited to superalignments being used as kerb alignments. Forced contours were used to enhance the final surface finish.

The implementation of a specific design strategy, incorporating chains was critical to the success of delivery. Due to late changes, the 'chain setups' allowed for a practical resolution and efficient delivery of product This was of further assistance in delivery of the visualisation at the conclusion of design works.

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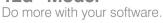
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