

Inventory Tracking – Parliament House Case Study

CLIENT OVERVIEW

The Parliament House Art Collection (PHAC) holds approximately 6,500 works and has an active acquisitions program. Unlike other large collections managed and maintained in the cultural sector, the majority of the PHAC is at any one time on display in Parliament House or on loan to other institutions. Artworks are located throughout the building in both Member's and Senator's suites and general circulation areas and as a result of project work, building maintenance, preventive conservation and parliamentarian suite changes they are frequently moved around the building.

CHALLENGES

The previous location tracking and stocktaking of works in the PHAC is undertaken manually using hard copy records to update a collection management system database. DPS sought for a RFID based solution which will integrate with its existing Vernon Collection Management System (CMS) in the Australian Parliament House environment. The purpose of implementing an RFID system is to automate collection management processes improving the access, identification and control of the Collection.

SOLUTION

RAMP, through its partnership with Smarttrack RFID, implemented its Smarttrack RFID solution which enables the Art Services at Parliament House to quickly and efficiently track all of its items as they move around.

RESULTS

- Improved accuracy
- Timeliness of location updates
- Reduction in manual handling of works for stockage
- More regular audits
- Improved security of the collection

