

APG Homes.

Custom office storage solutions.

ABN Constructions is part of the ABN Group, West Australian Group of companies leading the way in the residential building market. Ranked 1st in the Housing Industry Association's 2006-2007 Housing Top 100 list, and 59th in the 2007 Business Review Weekly list of the top 500 private companies, the ABN Group has established itself as an industry heavyweight.

When ABN Constructions and a second home builder, APG Homes relocated from two office buildings into one in Osborne Park near Perth, Dexion Balcatta were approached by the interior design company, Marshall Kusinski, to assist with the challenges presented by the office storage fit out.

"We worked closely with the designer, on the storage requirements for the project, with the key requirement being flexibility, the storage solution had to be flexible and cope with the expected growth of the operation," said Bruce Dewar, from Dexion Balcatta.

"So, we came up with a new concept, a Personal Storage Unit (PSU), which is designed to be a mobile personal storage unit with a tambour on top, with two levels of lever arch filing and two mobile pedestals all in the one complete unit," he said.

"We worked closely with the design company and the customer on the design of the PSUs which incorporates a white board at the back, a bit like a desking system, so an employee's storage can move from desk to desk as the business grows," said Dewar.

Dexion Balcatta also consulted with both ABN and APG on a colour code filing system to better store all their documents.

"So, they moved out of lever arch filing into a colour code method which increased their filing space and efficiency by about 60% and the ongoing usage of filing will cost less per annum," said Dewar. "In effect, the customer is getting more storage at a lower cost."

Approximately 100 members of staff were relocated into two floors of the new building with Dexion Balcatta responsible all the storage systems, the tambours, the new Personal Storage Units and static shelving requirements.

"Over a four month period, we worked closely with the key stake holders in each of the divisions for both APG and ABN, on the design concepts for the filing and storage requirements and we worked out a method of colour coding for each department," said Dewar.

Redesigning and reengineering products for projects like this is bread and butter for us. A lot of architects and designers work with us because we can offer a complete office storage



package. We not only manage the storage requirements, but, a big part of the business is the document control and colour coding consultancy as the two work hand in hand,” he said. “So we are able to talk to customers about the filing and storage consultancy in the one package, which makes it so much easier for them.

Dexion Balcatta worked closely with the designers on the look, feel and functionality of the storage units and once they were happy Dexion Commercial manufactured the units specifically for the project.

“The customers are very happy with how the project was handled. It was on time on budget and in full and they are especially happy with the amount of time they are saving with the new storage and filing systems,” said Dewar. “If there is any mis-filing the files are found in seconds compared to the previous system where a missing file may never be found again.”



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