



Boscotek Archive Storage Helps Take Australian History Into the Future

The National Archives of Australia chose Boscotek High Density Drawer Storage Systems for their static maps and plan storage upgrade at the Mitchell Storage Facility in Canberra.

In 1981, after the potential threats of flooding to the Lake Burley Griffin region, the National Archives of Australia, storing the nation's documented history, made the decision to move into the Mitchell repository in Canberra.

Documents and maps held by the National Archives weave together our country's history and plays an integral part in telling

the story of our nation. From details of the World Wars 1 & 2, to the architectural plans of historic buildings, the extent of documents held by the Archives totals hundreds of kilometres of storage space.

After 30 years of use, the Archives' mobile map storage system was nearing the end of its working life and a new and modern storage system that met the requirements

of the Government department was needed. Meeting these requirements would help to ensure Australia's historical maps and documents were securely and efficiently stored for decades to come.

Bosco Storage Solutions, Australian manufacturer of industrial storage and commercial office storage products was chosen to supply the National Archives with

their Boscotek High Density drawer storage cabinet range.

The Boscotek Industrial System was customised to suit the National Archives' large format cabinet specification. The total project requirement included 98 high density drawer storage cabinets of size 2.5m high x 1.5m wide x 1.1m deep. Each storage module contained 25 drawers, comfortably



Above: Original storage installation

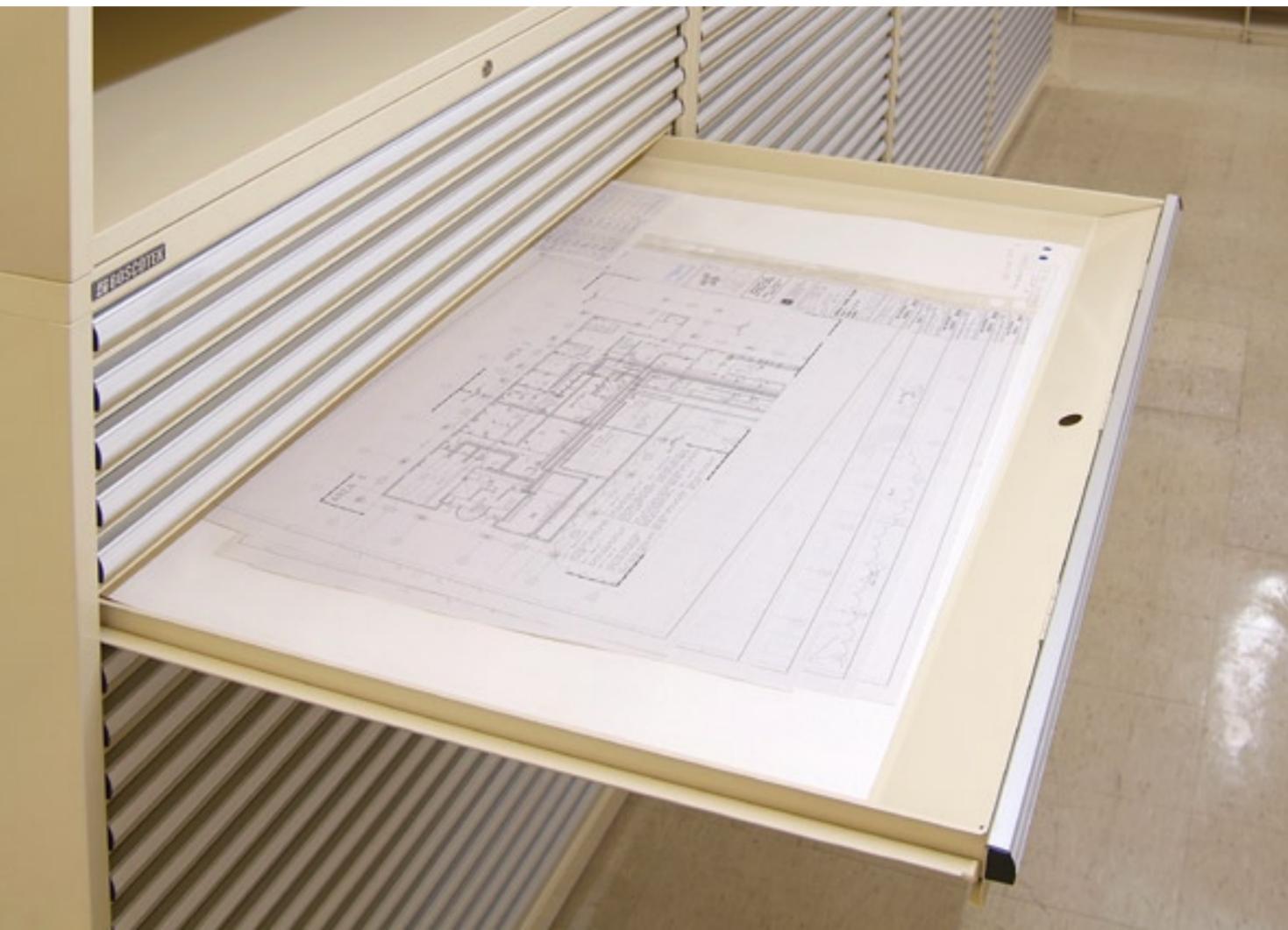




fitting A0 size maps and weighed over 900kg. This custom configuration allowed efficient and organised archive storage that was quick to retrieve with total map visibility for staff working in the archives. The specification required the additional feature of a specially designed rear hood and hinged front flap to protect the contents in each drawer.

An Occupational Health and Safety design feature was also provided with Boscotek's patented anti-tilt mechanism used in drawer storage cabinets, offering the Archives with a safety solution that prevented cabinets from tipping from multiple opened drawers.

Additional shelving storage units were also manufactured and supplied to mount onto each



of the 98 modular archive storage cabinets. These shelving units incorporated an open back to give the National Archives a span of 3 metres for units positioned back to back.

The completed project ran smoothly and was finished within the contracted period to the delight of the management at the National Archives, who were pleased with the product and it's performance.

Contact us for your next archive or map plan storage installation or upgrade. 📧

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