



# UNSW, Canberra Library Project

## CASE STUDY

UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy required a customised storage solution to house and preserve its rare and valuable Special Collections. APC was awarded the contract based on our project management capabilities, as well our ability to manufacture and install within a tight deadline.



# Project Overview

## BRIEFING

The Special Collections are of national significance comprising of three million documents including the Australian Literary Collections, Military Collections and the John Howard Collection. APC was invited to present a proposal to store the collection in the Special Collections Wing in the Academy Library.

## CHALLENGE

The repository upgrade and shelving fit out was a project of high importance from one of the country's most highly-regarded institutions. The Special Collections are of national significance, comprising of 3 million documents and include the John Howard Collection, accessible on-site, in the prestigious John Howard reading room. Documents included the Australian Literary Collections, Military Collections and the ex-Prime Minister's Collection.

## SOLUTION

APC's storage solution required 2,500 lineal metres of record storage, purpose-built drawer plan cabinets, height-adjustable work benches for the specialised workroom and customised box trolleys and paper roll trolleys. The specifications stipulated APC also include mechanically assisted mobile shelving for easy access to the multitude of documents, with handy pull-out reference shelves for quick access by the Archivists.

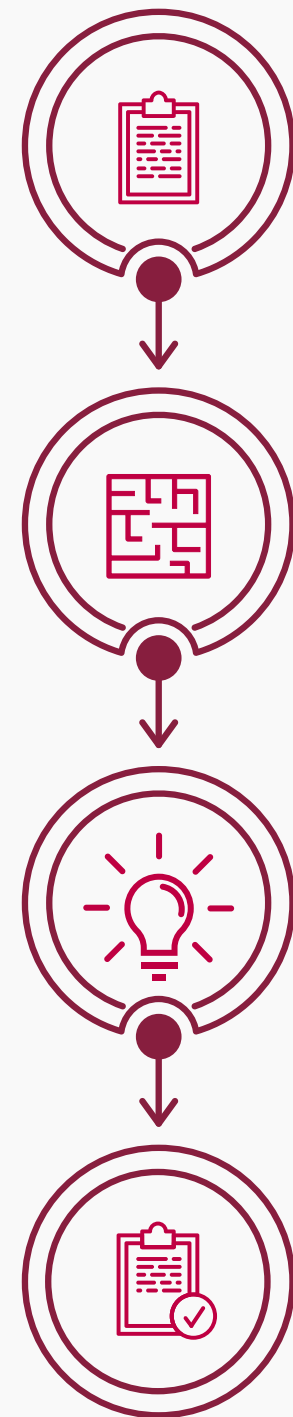
## RESULT

Our in-house design and engineering teams were heavily involved to ensure the system met the rigorous compliance standards of the library. Installation of the system was a complex process with work carried out while the Special Collections remained in full operation. Detailed planning by the project management team was required to fit installation around Special Collections staff and patrons.



*"This is a major landmark achievement for the Special Collections with our storage areas being both upgraded and expanded to meet national standards to house the John Howard Collection. APC listened to our requirements, helped us realise our visions and were wonderful to work with. I highly recommend them."*

ROSE HOLLEY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CURATOR - UNSW CANBERRA























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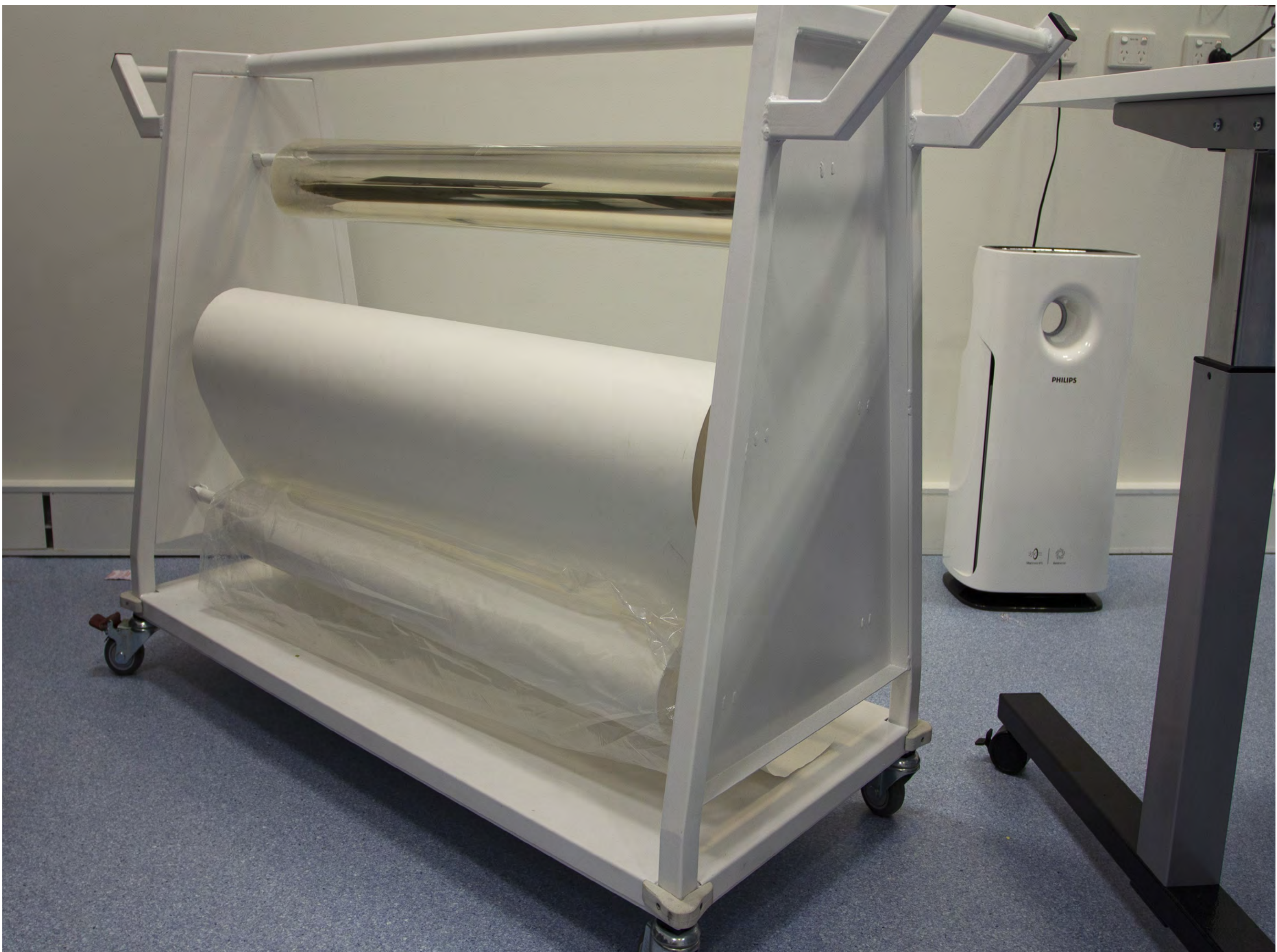
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