

# The Australian High Commission

## Protecting a building of historical importance

Australia House is the oldest Australian diplomatic mission as well as being the the longest continuously occupied foreign mission in London. King George V laid the building's first foundation stone in 1913. However, due to shipping difficulties and labour shortages during World War I the completed building was not opened until August 1918.

BRAC were delighted to receive the privileged contract to strip out and replace the roof of this vitally important building. We completed the works on time, within budget, and to a high standard in keeping with the building's rich history.

### **BRAC: a trusted service for reliable results**

BRAC's challenge was to provide a replacement roof for Australia House without disrupting its day to day operations. It was vital to maintain a safe environment for staff during the building works. Working closely with the Forum Contracts, the clients managing contractor Brac planned the project down to the last detail to ensure scaffolding, materials and waste were delivered and removed in a smooth controlled fashion

BRAC were a natural choice for this project according to Managing Director of Forum Contracts, Clinton Forbes: "We have used BRAC for

many years and we trust them to do an exemplary job every time. The entire BRAC team shares our philosophy of providing excellent service to generate repeat business. I know I can depend on their judgement".

### **Exacting standards of workmanship for superb aesthetic results**

The project was delivered in 10 week stages. Throughout every phase BRAC ensured minimum disruption to staff with their flexible, courteous approach as Clinton explains. "BRAC allocate the same workmen to us time and again, so I know who is on-site and I can rely on them to get on with the job with complete confidence. They ran a tight schedule starting work at 5am in order to minimise disruption to our busy staff."

BRAC's Operations Director Lee Bradley personally supervised the project, ensuring that Australia House was in the safest of hands. "As always Lee's level of communication was great" says Clinton. "I only ever have to ask once if I need to revise any project details. He looks after us by providing clever solutions to the challenges that inevitably come with a large scale refit of this type. We have an excellent understanding developed over a number of years."



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