

# Project: Vision Australia



Designed to empower employees with low-vision, Planex's steel lockers paired with customised Braille lock numbering and acoustic treated Linea sliding door cabinets introduced a flexible personal storage solution at Vision Australia.

## Project introduction

Located at 454 Glenferrie Road Kooyong, Vision Australia's lush green interior uses sensory design to assist people with low vision to feel more empowered within the workplace. With a workforce made up of visually impaired employees, designers Hot Black Design deliberately used colour throughout the building to provide visual differentiation and practical navigation solutions.

Planex was engaged to supply a customised locker system in a range of green coloured powder coats featuring Braille numbering for visually impaired employees. Linea sliding door cabinets were also specially designed to match punch pattern acoustic panelling featured within the space.

## Vision Australia

Vision Australia are a not-for-profit organisation and a major participant and partner in the blindness community. The leading national provider of blindness and low vision services in Australia, Vision Australia support people to live the life they choose, helping them to achieve their potential. Supporting more than 27,500 people of all ages and life stages, and circumstances, Vision Australia create equal opportunity so people who are blind or have low vision can get an education, get a job and be as independent as they choose.

Ron Hooton CEO of Vision Australia describes why Planex was selected for the project, "Vision Australia employs over 100 people who are blind or have low vision, that's 15% of our workforce, so our open plan move required lockers that are accessible to all. It was a real pleasure working with Planex to customise lockers with braille embossing, as a local manufacturer, they were able to be far more responsive than an off-shore option."





### Project Milestones

- : Custom-built steel locker featuring Braille numbering for employees with low-vision
- : Lockers powder coated in different colours across multiple levels to aid low-vision navigation
- : Locker joining system enables fast assembly and the ability to reconfigure and reuse
- : Locker provides better flexibility than traditional locker storage
- : Linea sliding door cabinets featuring custom steel punch pattern perforations to match building
- : Colour used throughout building to provide visual differentiation to aid navigation
- : Mutually beneficial collaboration between Planex, Hot Black Design & Vision Australia

### Conclusion

Vision Australia required steel lockers with a custom Braille numbering system and acoustic treated sliding door cabinets featuring matching perforated fronts to compliment the punch patterns featured within the buildings existing joinery.

Planex's xLocker2 system and Linea sliding door cabinets provided Vision Australia with a unique personal storage solution for flexible learning environments in a range of powder coat finishes. Complimented by a customised Braille numbering system, staff were empowered with a flexible personal storage solution.

The only Australian locker and sliding door cabinet to receive AFRDI Blue & Green Tick Level A Platinum certification, xLocker2 and Linea incorporate sustainability from concept to manufacture. Made in Melbourne using over 95% locally sourced materials, xLocker2 and Linea are manufactured in an ISO14001 and ISO9001 certified production facility from 100% recyclable BlueScope steel, is designed for disassembly and VOC-Free.

### Planex

Specialists in adaptive steel furniture, Australian family-owned furniture designer Planex manufacture storage and locker systems designed for evolving workplaces.

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