

TITLE

 Art Gallery of NSW – Asian Gallery

ROLE

 Cost planning, tender assessments and post contract administration

INDUSTRY SECTOR

 Commercial, Housing, Retail & Leisure property

client

Art Gallery of New South Wales

project cost

\$15 million

date

Jan 2002 to March 2003

location

Domain, Sydney, New South Wales

project team

architect

Johnson Pilton Walker

m&e consultant

Steensen Varming

quantity surveyor

Currie & Brown

fire & hydraulic consultant

Warren Smith & Partners

project manager

Root Projects Australia

structural & façade

Ove Arup



The Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW) is currently undertaking its next major expansion of facilities which includes providing a new Asian Gallery and a new Restaurant and Function area on Level 4, a new Conservation facility and Gallery space on Level 5 and an expanded and refurbished Café on Level 3.

The impact of this work on the facilities it offers the public and its own operational needs is significant and will have a major impact on the service it can offer to the public.

The building is being designed by Richard Johnson of Johnson Pilton Walker who is one of the leading Architects in Australia and was recently appointed by the Sydney Opera House to carry out the refurbishment and alterations under the guidance of Jorn Utzon.

Currie & Brown commenced its involvement in the project at its inception in 1996 when a budget of \$15 million was established to carry out the scope of works. Over the intervening time until the commencement of construction in early 2002, it has cost managed the project and expect to complete the project within the original budget of \$15 million with no adjustment in scope.

In carrying out a cost management role on this project, Currie & Brown has had to cost plan alterations and extensions to a major public works building and work closely with the AGNSW staff to ensure the operational needs of the Gallery and the impact on the public are fully costed as well as managing the cost aspect of the design and implementation of the project.