

How Blue Connections helped Gadens embrace the Modern Workplace



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Peter Watson, Gadens

"With Aruba, we are now able to give our people, clients and visitors the ideal modern workplace.

Gadens is a leading, independent Australian law firm – with offices in two of Australia's key economic hubs, Sydney and Melbourne.

The Sydney office moved to new premises at the MLC Centre in July 2019, and the Melbourne office moved to an exciting, brand-new site at Collins Arch in the Melbourne CBD during the middle of the COVID pandemic.

As part of its new fit out and state-of-the-art IT environment, Gadens wanted the ability to improve segregation of our networks, and have more advanced management over the network and WIFI infrastructure. We didn't have WIFI across all areas of our Melbourne and Sydney offices at that point in time. We had limited guest WIFI, but it didn't allow us to take full advantage of the portable devices our people use on a daily basis. It was something that was high up on the priority list from our staff. We wanted to give our people the option to collaborate more, move around and have a more modern workplace.

Blue Connections has helped us source a number of our major infrastructure purchases over the years. We have had a relationship with Blue Connections for over 10 years, and so it made sense that we continued with them for this project too – they understand what it is we need and want in a solution like this."



Michael Kopp, Blue Connections

"We have been supporting Gadens for 10 years now. With Paul and Tim's consultation, Blue Connections designed the solution that was the best fit for Gadens, particularly around wireless; to leverage their recent investment in Windows 10 notebooks and tablets.

One of the things we helped Gadens with was wireless capacity planning to ensure that they had sufficient coverage. We literally got down to the detail of looking at floor plans and mapping wireless coverage on the floor plans before they even got access to the building. And that ensured their wireless coverage was sufficient for when staff did come into the office. Gadens ended up going with Aruba switches, Aruba Central and the instant access points.

Paul set up the environment for Gadens, and we were even able to do this remotely to reduce project costs.

By doing that, it gave Gadens the ability to add on additional sites quite easily, because of the way Aruba Central is set up. We did the hard yards at the start and adding additional sites now is easy. We showed the Gadens team how to implement the solution remotely then the Gadens team could implement it for their Melbourne office and they knew what to do.

Gadens operates nationally. They can now add sites using Aruba Central. They're using the latest access points and switching. It's all state of the art. It's enterprise level networking at two core sites, and they've got the centralised management which gives them the flexibility to increase the Aruba footprint across all sites."

Gadens, Level 13, Collins Arch, Melbourne



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"The key benefit of this approach was that it meant we could more easily implement the Melbourne equipment when the time came. The Melbourne solution was built off the infrastructure and configuration that was already present in Sydney.

The implementation process was relatively smooth, overall it was fairly quick and easy to get it all working.

All our testing has been positive. I have no reason to doubt that it will work well once staff return to the office. Our new offices have more meeting rooms and open working spaces, and so we wanted to be able to give users the ability to unplug, roam wherever they want and still have connectivity to the network.

There are features in the equipment that make it easier to configure, manage and secure – which has made administration of them far easier.

Aruba has helped Gadens to have the modern workplace we know our people, clients and visitors deserve."

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