

Client Case Study



Australian Radio Network Turns to Provida for ERP Solution

Client Background

Australian Radio Network (ARN) is the largest owner of radio stations in Australasia with investment in 12 radio stations in Australia and over 111 in New Zealand. The Australian Radio Network owns and operates commercial radio stations in Australia. The network has a dual brand strategy with a MIX and Classic Hits music stream operating in nearly every capital city in Australia. Stations include Mix 106.5, WS-FM in Sydney, Brisbane's 4KQ and Melbourne's Gold 104.3.

"Provida approached our finance systems upgrade in an orderly and methodical manner. They helped us through a difficult period with our asset system and guided us to select a better solution."

Andrew Moberly,
Financial Controller ARN



► The Challenge

ARN has for many years used Sage Accpac's ERP solution to manage its back office finance function across all radio stations and corporate entities. ARN made a strategic corporate decision in 2008 to improve the efficiency of its Sage ERP software investment and in the process called in Provida to conduct the overhaul and upgrade of all systems to the latest Sage ERP versions and technology. ARN selected Provida to perform the enhancements due to Provida's proven methodologies and attention to detail. Provida Managing Director Steven Rider said "I look forward to a long term relationship with such a large and valuable client as ARN. I know my team is committed to doing the job we promised we would do."

► The Provida Solution

The solution was to upgrade all core accounting functions to the latest Sage ERP modules. Part of this process involved implementing a Sage asset management solution and replacing the electronic funds transfer (EFT) system with a more reliable and functional system. Provida followed its time proven upgrade methodology that included performing the test upgrade a number of times on a development server and allowing time for User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

► Achievements

Provida achieved a number of goals by working with ARN staff to put the company onto the latest fully supported Sage platform and stabilise the accounting system.

At a Glance:

Key Challenge: Implementing asset management across 14 corporate entities.

Key Achievements by Provida: Upgrading the core accounting software for 14 corporate entities on-time and on-budget.

Industry: Commercial Broadcasting

Solution: Sage ERP, Asset Management, EFT

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