

It's been an exciting and fast moving 3 months for all of the guys on site and for us in the office. The guys have been extremely busy working on projects all over the country. Some are trying to beat the heat in northern WA and Queensland, while others are still feeling the cold down in Victoria.

As there have been many new projects we have been busy recruiting lots of new additions to the PC team. We are very happy to welcome our new employees: Daniel, Jamie, Michael, Nathan, Ross, Peter, Simeon, Tim, Luke and Chris. A very important addition to our team is our new Administrator and HR manager, Ashleigh Crichton. Ashleigh has taken over from Cindy, who has moved on to further her teaching career. We will all miss Cindy and wish her all the best on her new adventure.

Award Winners

Prospect Contractors - Master Builder of the Year 2011!

On Friday July 19th Paul, Ashleigh, Cindy, Sue and the Geofabric team attended the Master Builders 2011 Building Excellence Awards Dinner. It was a fantastic night and we are very proud to announce we were presented with two Building Excellence Awards for our work on the Adelaide Desalination Plant Creek Rehabilitation Project.

We were honoured to be awarded the title of Master Builder of the Year – Specialist Contractor 2011 and to be given the Award for Excellence in Civil Construction.

Congratulations to the team who worked on the project and a special mention to Jack Rogers who supervised the project from start to finish.

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Tom Koutsantonis, Minister for Mineral Resources Development presenting Paul Mysiszcew with the major award of Specialist Contractor of the Year 2011



Cindy Fishwick, Paul and Sue Mysyszcew and Ashleigh Crichton at the Master Builders Awards



Cindy, Ashleigh and Paul accepting the Award for Excellence in Civil Construction



Creek bed before

About the winning project

Last year Prospect Contractors installed a series of stepped weirs for Leed Engineering in a severely eroded creek bed at the Desalination Plant in Lonsdale, South Australia.

Gabions and Reno Mattresses were installed to decrease the overall gradient of the Creek which will lead to a decrease in the water flow velocity. This will lead to the establishment of native vegetation and will limit further erosion, preventing entry of unwanted sediment into the ocean.

The 28 installed weirs make up the longest series of Gabion weir structures constructed along a creek in South Australia with a total rehabilitation area of 34,000m².



Judges comments:

"Prospect Contractors is to be commended for their outstanding level of workmanship. They demonstrated expert attention to detail as well as outstanding technical ability."

"The project was undertaken and completed within tight timelines and provided a cost effective and eco-friendly solution without detracting from the natural environment."

"The judges were extremely impressed with their innovation and the level of pride demonstrated in their work."

CCF Earth Awards - Finalist

We are also happy to announce that the Adelaide Desalination Plant Creek Rehabilitation Project was awarded a Finalist Certificate and Plaque in the South Australian Earth Awards - Category 1 (project value up to \$1 million).

To be considered for the award we were required to prepare an extensive submission following a detailed set of criteria. The three main sections that had to be included were: Construction Management, Environmental and Social Management and Project Management.

The Civil Contractors Federation appreciated the time we took to prepare the entry and our availability to present to the judges and discuss the project with them.



Out & About

Local news cover story

We were very happy with the front cover photo and double page story on our Dunstan Grove project in the local *LookEast* magazine produced by the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters. Last year we removed the existing concrete-lined creek structure at the Dunstan Grove/Linde Reserve and installed Reno mattresses and Gabion walls. Large rock beds and water pools were added, creating a wider and more natural creek system.



Staff training

As we started to prepare to send the boys to work at the mines in QLD and WA we discovered that getting them approved for site compliance would not be as easy as we initially thought.

Each mine site has its own very strict compliance, training requirements and policies.

15 guys completed their Working at Heights Certificate (we even had to fly some back from Karratha specifically to do this training so they could continue working on the project). Tom and Jack completed a VOC for their Skid Steer/Excavator ticket. They also successfully obtained their HR Truck Licence.

Last month we also flew a trainer down from Queensland for 3 days so the boys could do their General Coal Induction Certificate, with some also completing their Supervisor Certificate in Surface Extraction Operations.

Jed, Jakob and Simeon successfully completed their Defensive Driving course as required by the Moranbah Coal Mine so they are now permitted to drive on site.

Current Projects

Woodside's Pluto Project

After many client delays work has finally commenced on the 5m high Gabion Walls in Karratha. We have flown 9 guys up to Karratha and sent an excavator, container, Ute and Troop Carrier on a Road Train with 2 trailers.

Unfortunately when the Troop Carrier that was to be used to transport everyone to site everyday arrived in Karratha, the guys were informed that it was not allowed to be used (due to sideways seating arrangements). The guys had to catch the site bus to work every day until another Ute was driven up. The Troopie was then driven all the way back down to Adelaide which was a costly exercise. Luckily it was approved by the Moranbah site in Queensland where it is currently being driven around by Jed, Jacob and Simeon.



After that first initial hiccup the guys settled in well enjoying the fine, sunny 30° weather.

They have been working very hard on a 13 day roster and are making steady progress on the first wall. They said it sometimes feels like they are working on another planet (like Mars) as there are red rocks everywhere! Harnesses are being used up to 5m off the ground. The rules and regulations are extremely strict but so far they are passing with flying colours!

The accommodation provided by Woodside is about 30 minutes away from the mine and houses around 2,500 workers so is quite a different experience for the guys. Many of them are enjoying the facilities the accommodation has to offer including multiple gyms, a swimming pool and all you can eat meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. What more could a guy want?

On their one day off a fortnight they guys have been enjoying having a few cold beers at the local pub. Some of the boys including Pete, Toby and Tom have also been fishing and snorkelling.



Mount Victory Road, Halls Gap

Work is well underway at Halls Gap, Victoria. Two Gabion walls have been built into the mountain side, stabilizing the roads after flood damage in January. Another two walls are currently being constructed and more Gabion work will also be needed later in the year.

A water inlet and outlet has been installed, taking any future heavy rain fall safely down away from the road. Alex has done a great job stepping up to Lead Hand as Jed has left Halls Gap and is now supervising the Anglo Coal Project in Queensland.



Anglo Coal Mines

Prospect Contractors have been contracted by MCG Civil to build a series of weirs in a man made dam structure at the Anglo Coal mine in Queensland. Included in this project is a 1m high freestanding double faced wall that will be 900m long!

After all of our equipment arrived on site in Moranbah we were faced with new hurdles to overcome in order to comply with specific safety standards. Jed has done a fantastic job organising everything from getting role bars installed in the vehicles to ensuring correct size and type of stickers were put on all of the plants.

The project is well underway with everything now running smoothly. In the next few weeks Ross, Daniel and Tim will also be heading up to Queensland.



Kapunda Retaining Wall

The few guys left in Adelaide have been keeping busy working on a project at Kapunda in the Barossa Valley. A stepped retaining wall was built at the pictured private residence. The wall was constructed to retain the land that houses three large sheds and rainwater tanks.

