

Off the Wall

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Welcome to the latest edition of **Off the Wall!**

2015 is racing along and we've had a really busy start to the year, with many large and small projects well underway.

The **Royal Adelaide Hospital**, **Ridge Park** and the **Aspire** projects are continuing and with the start of extra work at the **Smith Creek** project and another large project at the Campbeltown Recreation Centre, we've employed some extra guys to our construction crew! We would like to welcome Daniel, Jarrah, Michael, Sean and Brennan. Welcome back also to Nick and Ross!

Follow Us On Houzz!

With the continuing success of our TV commercial, there is quite an interest in Gabions for the home. We have discovered an exciting new way to promote our domestic work to all home owners who are looking on the internet for ideas.

Houzz is a web site and online community about architecture, interior design and decorating, landscape design and home improvement. It's great for people who are building or renovating and who want to collect and save ideas for future reference.

Click on the button below to join us in the Houzz community. If we have completed a project at your home we would love it if you could write us a review!



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Gabions blend so well with the natural environment that this local koala at the Ridge Park project felt at home, giving the guys on site quite a show!

CURRENT PROJECTS

RAH Aboriginal Garden Wall

We are currently installing a 52m long Gabion wall at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital development. The Gabions will act as a retaining wall along the edge of the Aboriginal Garden.

One very unique feature of the development is that the building (and the garden included) are “engineered to be effectively earthquake proof, and can continue to operate for days if completely cut off from outside services such as water and power.” (The Advertiser, February 15, 2014)

We are proud to be involved in such a high profile project and the finished wall will be a prominent landmark on our cityscape. Our construction crew were also proud to be awarded the “Best on Ground for Safety” earlier in the year.



Ridge Park Detention Dam

Work is progressing quickly at the new flood detention dam at Glen Osmond Creek in the Ridge Park Reserve, in spite of the heavy rain we have been getting. An 11.5m high and 500mm wide concrete core wall (with 6m of it in the ground) will be supported by Gabions on either side. The top row of the Gabions will be planted with suitable plants to soften the visual aspect of the structure, improving the recreational amenity of the park.

The new dam will reduce the risk of flooding to neighbouring houses along the Keswick Creek Catchment area. The dam will also collect storm water which will be stored in the underground aquifer for irrigation of Unley's parks during periods of dry weather.



CURRENT PROJECTS

Aspire Retention Basin

Work is continuing at the Aspire housing development at Evanston South, where we are installing around 150m³ of Gabions to construct a kidney shaped retention basin. This is designed to catch water from the creek where we installed Gabions in stage one. This will ultimately slow water flow, reducing erosion downstream as well as provide a natural habitat for bird life.



Smith Creek Gabions

After heavy rainfall continued to erode another section of Smith Creek, we were called upon to install additional Gabions and Renos within the creek. We have added 3m high Gabion walls as well as Reno mattresses to the creek bed. This will allow the council to harvest the storm water and divert it back into catchment ponds.



The Square at Woodville West

The Square at Woodville West is a new housing development where we're installing Gabion walls in and around the new housing area. The aim of the developers is to create a sense of community and local living. The entire neighbourhood is designed around a series of connected parks and gardens and will be a great showcase for our Gabion walls!



RECENT WELD MESH PROJECTS

Botanic Gardens Weld Mesh

We recently completed a project at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens where we installed a weld mesh Gabion fence. Glass rocks have been scattered throughout the sandstone as an interesting feature.

It's a unique design by Oxigen Landscape which is an extension of the Botanic Gardens Kitchen Garden Initiative. This initiative has supported the development of sustainable kitchen gardens in homes, schools and communities across the state since 2009.



Largs Bay Weld Mesh

Gabion bench seats are becoming very popular and are a practical solution for retaining walls as well!

The owner of a home in Largs Bay called us in to install a low weld mesh retaining wall as well as a group of seats in their back garden.

The seats will provide a perfect setting for a fire place which will be placed in the middle, making the area practical for year long entertaining.



McLaren Vale Motel

We finally got back to McLaren Vale to revisit the project we completed last year. The glass and timber panels are now in, which completes the Gabion feature fence around the McLaren Vale Motel pool.



RECENT GABION PROJECTS

Bately Ave Gabion Wall

The owners of a home at Hawthorndene were very impressed with the bluestone retaining wall we installed for them. They emailed us with a great review saying; "Liz and I would like to say how highly impressed we are in our dealings with you. We have now dealt with many trades on our house reno and good experiences stand out."



Happy Valley Retaining Wall

We have also received some wonderful feedback from a client at Happy Valley, where we installed a large Gabion retaining wall to the side and back of their house. The project was particularly challenging, in that the area was very narrow and access was restricted.

The home owners praised our work and emailed us this glowing review:

"My wife and I were extremely impressed with the quality of the work and professionalism of Prospect Contractors, particularly the on site leadership of their foreman Jed, whose management and communication skills were of the highest quality. Given that our land had many challenges due to the restricted area in which the wall could be built, Jed and his team did a marvellous job indeed.

All things considered, we would have no hesitation in recommending Prospect Contractors to anyone considering using their services."



Range Road West Gabions

We recently installed two Gabion walls at this property to help stop erosion and maximise the living and garden areas. The owners were also ecstatic with the outcome!

