

Off the Wall

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Happy New Year! After our end of year celebrations and a well earned holiday for all of us, we are back in full swing, ready for another busy year.

We have many new projects underway, local and interstate. We have also added to our equipment, a 5 tonne excavator with an enclosed cabin, which has turned out to be a welcome shelter from the heat and rain!

2010 Golf day

Our end of year Christmas party/golf day, was a huge success once again! After a round of golf, the Awards were handed out to those that had a certain skill, or talent in their field.

Then for a bit of a laugh, we had a go at a few "Minute to Win it" games, organised by Cindy with a helping hand from Paul's daughters, Brooke and Amber. As seen on the popular TV show, games such as "Bite the Bickie", "Stocking Filler" and "Separation Anxiety" proved a challenge for some!

Thank you again, to those companies who donated prizes.



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Out & About

Jed's UK trip

Jed Altschwager has returned from his exciting, two week, work exchange program, with Maccaferri UK, where he learnt "heaps of new techniques" and saw many interesting examples of "rocks in baskets".

Of course, plenty of sightseeing and partying played a large part of the trip also!



Tom's tattoo

Tom Haggett, visually shows his loyalty to his job as gabion installer, at Prospect Contractors. He has tattooed Maccaferri's original logo on his leg! The company Maccaferri, thought it was also worth mentioning, in their own worldwide newsletter!



Recent Projects

Blakes Crossing - stage 2

Stage 1 of Blakes Crossing has finished in record time. Completed, in just 12 days, for 1600m² of mattress, was an amazing effort!

Stage 2 of this project is up and running, with over 8000m² of mattress required, as well as numerous drop structures.



Gabion seating: Lightsview

We have recently constructed a Weldmesh seat in a zig-zag pattern, at one of the display homes, at the new housing development at Lightsview. What a great way to get the product out there, to the home owning public!



Lightsview

Gabion seating: Stirling

We have also recently built a gabion seat, around a pool and grass area, at a private home in Stirling. The project proved to be challenging, but the finished product and the visual effect, is stunning!



Stirling

Hitachi at Mallala

Hitachi, kindly invited Prospect Contractors out for a spin around the track in their stunt utes.

Paul, Cindy, Toby and Stubs ventured out to Mallala, for a few hours of high adrenalin fun.

Paul went around half a dozen times, at 150mph (around the corners!) He came back smiling (albeit with a lung full of burning rubber fumes!)

Cindy, however, bravely made it around once and may have gone for more, if her driver hadn't scared her off with a 360° burn out!



A few firsts

A few recent jobs, were a little more challenging, but were completed with 'flying colours'.

Block wall: Blackwood Park

We constructed a block wall, at Blackwood Park, which was a change from the usual Gabion wall construction, as the boys had to learn a new skill in stacking "Lego"



Pre-filled Gabions: Stirling Interchange

A confined, hard to reach Gabion wall, installed at the Stirling Interchange, was our first use of pre-filled Gabions that were lifted into place with an excavator. We decided that it was safer to 'drop' them into place, as the usual method of building the wall in position, had the problem of the wall collapsing.



Dryandra Drive, Belair

Another location for a wall, that proved hard to get to, was at a private house at Belair.

The project involved using a mixture of Gabions and weld mesh together, to create an entertainment area, as well offering the owners privacy from their closely situated neighbours.

We had very limited access and had to use a mini bobcat and excavator as well as try and not upset the owners' angry dogs!



The Moomba gas pipeline

Stationed at Compressor Station 4, in the middle of nowhere, our team set up camp for 3 weeks. We sent a convoy up there, with all our gear. We had to survive with no phone reception, no internet, and no alcohol! Accommodation was comfortable, with the walk-in freezer and pantry like a mini Woolworths!

The job involved protecting the existing pipeline from further erosion, using culverts and gabion armour over the pipeline.



Pt Malcolm

Our brief for this project, was to construct a retaining wall, to prevent erosion of the sand dunes and to stabilise the existing embankment. This would allow the extension of the bike track along the coast. The guys worked efficiently and produced a great standard of work, even though there were a few distractions occasionally!





Christmas Island Adventure

Toby and Luke did such a great job installing the gabion wall on the Christmas Island project, they want us back to do more.

The guys spent a month there, with plenty of surfing and partying in their time off.

One of the most memorable sights, however, was of the Red Crabs.

At the beginning of the wet season (usually October / November), most adult Red Crabs begin a spectacular migration from the forest to the coast, to breed and release eggs into the sea.

The quantity and size of the crabs that were everywhere, will be something that the guys will remember for a long time!

