

# The Inside Story - Issue 14



## Seeing red at Griffith University

Griffith University Vice Chancellor and President Professor Ian O'Connor assembled a team of creative academics and professional staff ([www.griffith.edu.au/redzone/meet-the-creators](http://www.griffith.edu.au/redzone/meet-the-creators)) to develop a platform to showcase the latest research and technology at Griffith. The Red Zone spaces are designed to provide interactive learning experiences for visitors to explore the University's expertise in science, health, business and the arts.

Griffith engaged a team from Cox Rayner, led by architect Michael Bailey for the design implementation with Schiavello appointed build contractors and Phil Harcourt overseeing the contract. A Griffith project team was deployed and the complex joinery and furniture contract was delivered by PQ with Craig Stewart taking the role as Project Manager.



**On the back of a complex brief PQ, Cox Rayner and Schiavello delivered state-of-the-art spaces.** ”

Emma Newton, Project Director, Griffith University

Red is Griffith's signature colour and the team have brought to life the Red Zone concept where visitors can immerse themselves in an exploratory adventure and *imagine the future* where the displays can act as a catalyst for new ideas. "The idea behind the Red Zone design was to not only tie in with advertisements and red themed branding of Griffith University, but to echo that short point of contact by creating a memorable and engaging space that stands out in visitor's minds," said Michael Bailey.

This complex project combined the skills of architects, trades-people, academics, audio-visual designers, marketing and IT professionals to design and create a space unlike any other at Griffith.







# From the General Manager's Desk

*Manuel Peña*

Greetings and welcome to our final newsletter edition for 2015. As the year draws to a close, it's important to take a moment to reflect on events worldwide and be grateful for what we have. At the same time, I'm pleased to look back on the many positive aspects of the past 12 months. Not only the completion of numerous fabulous projects but on the more human side of the business, three of our apprentices received recognition as apprentices of the year, one at state level and two at their respective training organisations which is a fantastic achievement. The latest inductee into that hall of fame is

Alex Bird in his first year. Earlier this year, two of our school based apprentices – Jesse White and Jack Nation - donated their time to a project in Cambodia, where they joined a number of other apprentices of various trades to assist with a community project, well done boys and kudos to you for doing so.



PQ's Russell Baker congratulates our apprentice Alex Bird on being awarded AITC 2015 Apprentice of the Year for Shopfitting and Cabinetmaking

Another major achievement this year has been the acceptance of national and state awards from ASOFIA for three of our projects which is something we are all very proud of.



PQ's Jayden Wood (centre) receives his ASOFIA QLD Apprentice of the Year Award from cricketing legend Matthew Hayden and Tom Brown from ASOFIA

I could write more however I have only been allocated this space!!...and with that, I'll wish you all a joyous festive season and a safe and prosperous year ahead.



## Birkbecks Jewellers

This year the Ford family, owners of Birkbecks Jewellers, on the eve of 100 years in business contracted PQ to fitout their new store at 253 Ferry Road. "We knew we had to deliver the Ford's something special to display their jewellery collections" said Manuel Peña. "After all, members of PQ have been long-time customers of Birkbecks and this was an opportunity to give something back to the Fords".

Birkbecks owners Julia and Liz Ford celebrate on opening night with PQ General Manager Manuel Peña and Project Manager Josh Turner



**At the launch party the universal comments on the fitout were: it's elegant, sophisticated and intimate.**

Julia Ford, Birkbecks Jewellers

"We won't need an upgrade for a very long time, the finishes and design will stand the test of time. We are so impressed with the service and quality of fitout that Josh, Manuel and the PQ team have given our Southport store," enthused Julia.

## Broadbeach Residence

Builder of upscale residences, Thomas Hughes Constructions awarded PQ a contract for the build and installation of high-end joinery at this Hedges Avenue home designed by Inarc Architecture + Design.

Inarc is an award winning practice located on Chevron Island.

The team of Josh Turner as Project Manager and site supervisor Troy Connelly worked to complete this joinery fitout to the complete satisfaction of the home owner, architect and builder. Josh said the suppliers and contractors, many with a long-term relationship with PQ, provided an exceptional level of service and delivery on this landmark residential project.





# TAG Heuer displays

# All systems go for Gold Coast in 2016



PQ was appointed by TVD to build and install shop-in-shop TAG Heuer display units within four Gregory Jewellers boutiques in the Western Sydney region.

Since 1967, Gregory Jewellers have been purveyors of fine diamonds and jewellery with a heritage of exquisite craftsmanship and client service with a diverse portfolio that includes the acclaimed TAG Heuer watches. PQ also installed joinery designed by TVD to the new TAG Heuer service centre on Pitt Street in Sydney.

The New Year is set to kick off with a bang for the construction industry on the Gold Coast. The next stage of Pacific Fair's \$670 million redevelopment commences in January for AMP Capital.

Works are also underway on the six-star Jupiters Hotel and Casino development for Echo Entertainment by Probuild. Multiple infrastructure projects are also underway in preparation for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. These include the Games Village at Parklands, Southport and the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct at Evandale Parklands, Bundall.

"It is great to see the construction industry booming again on the Gold Coast. There are so many upcoming opportunities not only for Projects Queensland but for hundreds of contractors in the region. It's an exciting time, and the community is really looking forward to the benefits that these developments will bring to the Coast." said PQ General Manager Manuel Peña.



## AITC Cambodia Project



Projects Queensland is incredibly proud of our two young apprentices; Jesse White (15) and Jack Nation (16) who recently took part in the AITC International Service Project. Joining a team of 40 volunteers who travelled to Cambodia, they put their skills as apprentice tradesmen to good use helping to build extensions to a rice shelter, construct housing and make repairs to a women's shelter.



Jesse White



Jack Nation

Together the volunteer team (organised by AITC and Ashmore Rotary Club) raised \$125,000 for the project which also provided food and clothing to hundreds of critically poor families. Thank-you to all those who donated to support this wonderful cause.





# Profile: The Polished Plaster Company

Project Queensland (PQ) is delighted to engage the services of the award winning The Polished Plaster Company. PQ's Manuel Peña said they have an enviable reputation for creating unique finishes with elegance, depth and interest.

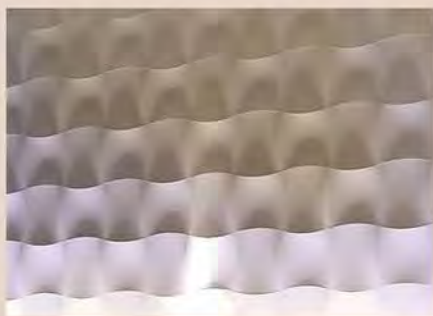
From the walls of Louis Vuitton in Brisbane and Perth to those of Gucci, Morrison, Salvatore Ferragamo and Burberry, WA based The Polished Plaster Company supplies luxurious plaster finishes for a host of prestigious commercial, residential and other retail projects.



**It is always a pleasure working with the organised and professional team at Projects Queensland.**



- Nigel Goldsmith, Director, The Polished Plaster Company



## Staff Profiles



**Jake McMaster**

**Age:** 32

**Role:** Shopfitter

**Family/Kids:** 1 dad, 1 mother, 1 brother and 1 fiancée, hopefully a mini Jake or Hannah won't be far away

**Interests/Hobbies:** baseball, waterskiing, motor racing. Any sport really.

**Career Highlights:** When I got my trade and winning the Phil Boron Memorial Award which is shopfitting apprentice of the year

**Favourite Food:** I can't go past Mexican and anything that is slow cooked, but the old 'there's a steak in every beer' is pretty good too

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Anywhere really, there's so much in the world that you couldn't just say one particular place

**Heroes:** I've learnt so much from my Dad, so he would have to be the one and the other one is Roger Federer

**Villains:** I'm going to have to say Megatron

**Biggest Fear:** Fearless

**Anything else you would like to share:** Live now, die later



**Josh Hartley**

**Age:** 18

**Role:** 2nd Year Apprentice Shopfitter

**Family/Kids:** Youngest of 5 siblings

**Interests/Hobbies:** 4x4 and camping

**Career Highlights:** I love building and travelling for work. Winning 2014 AITC Apprentice of the Year for Shopfitting & Cabinetmaking

**Favourite Food:** Sushi

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Sandon River (camping)

**Heroes:** None

**Villains:** None

**Biggest Fear:** Not really a snake man but don't mind spiders

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