



# The Inside Story - Issue 21

## NATIONAL INTERIOR FIT OUT AWARDS - PQI strikes gold

Craig Stewart and Josh Turner represented Projects Queensland Interiors at ASOFIA's bi-annual awards held in Noumea and were the recipients of two major awards. Gucci at the Gold Coast's Pacific Fair received the award for best interior fit out over \$1 Million and Chadstone's Moncler was awarded National Interior Fitout of the year.

This is Moncler's first store in Australia and PQI's Projects Director Craig Stewart, said "this is a great achievement for the team, especially considering the high standard of entries for the awards."



Projects Director Craig Stewart receives the Award from Rachel Oakley Laminex Customer Marketing Manager



# SEPHORA - Robina



The French founded beauty products chain Sephora had its origins in Paris in 1969, with the name coming from the Greek spelling of Zippora (Moses' most beautiful wife as it were!).

Amongst its products the brand features make-up, skin care, hair, bath and body, wellness and fragrances.

PQI was chosen for the Robina build, marking the fourteenth opening for the brand which came with the added challenge of multiple brand fixtures delivery to cater for the broad range of brands within the store.



# BVLGARI - Auckland

Bvlgari at DFS Auckland is the last of the three specialty brands delivered by PQI at the historic building housing the fully renovated T Galleria.

Being a heritage listed building, the team had to overcome several factors including weight restrictions on the existing Kauri Pine floors which necessitated the installation of 6mm aluminium plates under the carpet to spread the load across the floor.

The project was skilfully delivered by long time crew member and kiwi expat Michael Phillips with local back up from our kiwi connection.



# MAINTENANCE & WINDOW DISPLAYS

PQI has a dedicated maintenance team led by Jim Walker, supported by Michael Phillips, Doug Cryer, Len Andersson and a network of interstate contractors. The team attends to the many issues faced by our clients and can sometimes receive SOS calls at the odd ungodly hour however, like good scouts, they are always ready to do whatever they can to assist.

The team also effects window display changes for various clients, ensuring the presentations are first class to showcase the client's promotional programs. If you are thinking maintenance and don't have a go to person, reach out to Jim at [jim@projectsqld.com](mailto:jim@projectsqld.com) or Ph: 0433 690 660.

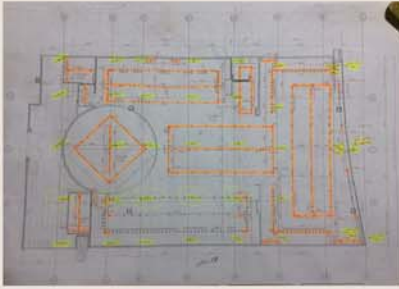


Paint touchups and repairing broken glass

# A PROJECT TAKING SHAPE

From site survey, to set out, to construction, the evolution of a project takes shape....a pictorial reference to the timeline journey of one of our projects highlighting site maintenance and the orderly manner in which we like to approach the journey. Careful and considered staging takes place to ensure a smooth transition between the many stages required to complete a successful project.

## Project Planning



## Project Building



## Project Fitoff



## Project Closure



# PQI HQ Revamp - Sneak Peek



Our current office space dates back to our move into 17 Geary Crescent, Molendinar some 20 years ago and with our growth has come the need for more space. Reconfiguration of the existing space along with an expanded mezzanine sees the revamp taking shape as we work around current projects with various team members contributing as time avails. We are all looking forward to the completed space and anticipate being settled in by the time the next newsletter comes around.



## the PQ Family



**Nick Davidson**  
**Age:** 47  
**Role:** Cabinet Maker  
**Family:** Jypsy the shorthair black cat  
**Favourite Food:** Roast Lamb  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Kneeboarding, Lapidary Gardening  
**Career Highlights:** Travelling around Australia when I was an apprentice  
**Favourite Holiday Destination:** North Stradbroke Island  
**Heroes:** Animal Welfare League  
**Villains:** Professional rugby player Paul Gallen



**Steve Morgan**  
**Age:** Not the oldest  
**Role:** Tradesman  
**Family:** Two wonderful children, Stephy and Matthew  
**Favourite Food:** Corned Beef  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Watching footy, drag racing  
**Career Highlights:** Being a foreman for many years and watching apprentices mature into tradies  
**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Gold Coast, it is all here!  
**Heros:** My two children and five grandchildren  
**Villains:** NSW rugby teams

## Hard Work Reaps Rewards

This is a great opportunity to introduce our newest (and oldest!) apprentice, John Bryce. John-B as he is affectionately referred to, has been part of the PQ team for many years. Originally employed as a fresh faced general hand some 25 years ago, John proved to be a reliable worker with a 'nothing is too much trouble' attitude which endeared him to all.

John left to pursue other opportunities including driving heavy machinery and not least of all starting a family – fast forward 20 years and John-B found himself at PQ once again and with that same 'can do' attitude. John-B's ability to skilfully adapt to various tasks has made it possible to set in motion the necessary elements to formally recognise his skills and move towards attaining a trade certificate – Congrats mate!



*Michael Gifford (left) of Gimbal Training with John Bryce (right)*

## J Team



Sometimes it just happens! Our recently completed signature project in Chadstone featured none other than from left to right, Jessie Bechaz, Jayden Wood, Jack Nation, John Bryce, Jake McMaster (site foreman) and Josh Hartley. The only one missing in the photo is, believe it or not, senior project manager Josh Turner!!

