

## **Merry Christmas**

The team at Projects Queensland extends season's greetings to our wonderful clients, suppliers, staff and friends, may your Christmas be a joyous one and the year ahead full of good health and happiness

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# The Inside Story - Issue 22

# **Tory Burch arrives at Bondi**

Earlier this year, Projects Queensland delivered the first of several planned standalone Tory Burch stores in Australia. The eponymous brand founded in 2004 by designer and philanthropist Tory Burch features extensive use of oak highlighted with polished brass elements, decorative wallpaper, and incorporates various floor finishes. The concept is designed to create the feeling of a home with several connecting rooms by way of cross beams creating portals, using rugs, tables and lamps to enhance the ambience.

The project was managed by PQ's Wayne Middleton in collaboration with 8Designlab's Caroline Leung and Elise Maynard from Bruce Allen Architects. "the nature of the design featuring timber moulds and recessed panels required precision craftsmanship on site" said Wayne.









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#### Piaget - Chadstone



In 1874, at the age of nineteen, Georges-Édouard Piaget set up his first workshop on the family farm devoting himself to making precision movements. Soon Piaget would be supplying components and movements to the most prestigious watch brands in Switzerland and by the 1920s the Maison transformed from being a manufacturer of movements to become a creator of luxury pocket watches and wristwatches.

Beyond the craftsmanship demonstrated in Piaget's creations featuring the thinnest cases, the collection also includes an array of the finest jewels.





This store at over 80sqm is a new concept and the first in Australia which proved a challenge due to the evolving nature of the project. Relying heavily on curves, wallpapers, subtle ambient lighting and stunning matt gold accents with the metalwork to create a luxurious environment in which to showcase stunning pieces.

#### **Ascot Project Management**

Ascot PM, the company entrusted with overseeing the delivery of two beautiful stores at Melbourne's epicentre of retail, Chadstone, has been around for seven years now and has a string of successes to its name. Led by Ben Eddy, the company specialises in high-end retail, commercial and residential projects.

The Sydney based company placed its trust in Projects Queensland for the build of the latest stores for iconic horologists Piaget and the Maison of Van Cleef & Arpels.

Seven years after its creation, Ascot Project Management is now firmly entrenched in the project delivery landscape with services including design development, construction procurement, contract administration and realisation.

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The Maison is synonymous with exquisite jewellery created by artisans at the Place Vendôme since 1906 and has been worn by Iconic figures such as Princess Grace of Monaco.

This latest boutique, located in Chadstone across 203 square metres of space highlights Van Cleef & Arpels Art Deco inspired design accentuated by soft touches including virtual windows, soft colours and lines.

The project, delivered by Craig Stewart also features a predominantly matt black timber floor, stainless steel highlights throughout and extensive use of fabrics and wallpapers evoking a subtle mix of richness and simplicity.







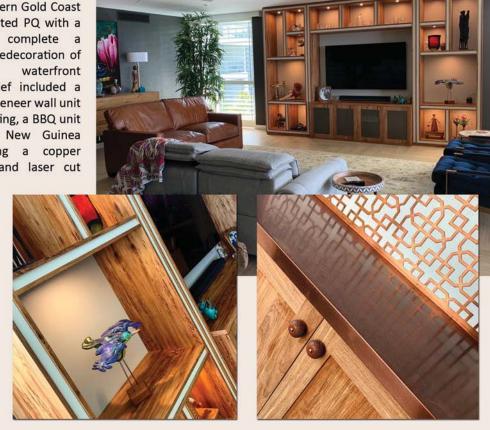
#### Runaway Bay Residence



Earlier this year, returning customer and Northern Gold Coast resident Lori contacted PQ with a new project to complete a Moroccan themed redecoration of beautiful apartment. The brief included a spotted blackwood veneer wall unit with integrated lighting, a BBQ unit made from solid New Guinea Rosewood featuring a copper sheet bench top and laser cut fretwork screen

cleverly placed over an existing reconstituted stone splashback.

Architraves were removed from the main bedroom and dressing room doors and replaced with shaped portals which were then finished in Moorish inspired patterns hand painted by a talented local artist. Together with the tastefully selected furniture and several décor pieces gathered over various trips, the result is a beautifully decorated rustic apartment that evokes a distinct North African inspired theme with contemporary accents.



#### The PQ family

### PQ in Motorsports



**Jasmin Collins** 

Age: 30

Role: Estimating Assistant
Family: 8 year old son Xavier,
partner Sasha and 2 step kids

Interests/Hobbies: CrossFit, being outdoors, sport, music

Career highlights: When I got my trade (cabinetmaking), certs in personal training, working at PQI, especially alongside JT

Favourite food: Mexican, but not too spicy Favourite holiday destination: Spain

Heroes: My grandad, Josh Bridges and Wonder Woman

Villains: Drivers who don't know how to merge

**Biggest Fear: Drowning** 

Anything else you would like to share with us: I have been welcomed to PQI by everyone with open arms and really feel a part of such a great team/family



Sam Gapes
Age: 20
Role: Apprentice
Family: One of three siblings

Interests/Hobbies: Having a cold one with the boys, anything related to the outdoors

Career highlights: Getting signed up with

Projects Queensland, playing representative

footy

Favourite Food: Cheesy garlic bread
Favourite Holiday Destination: Anything

tropical is always nice Heroes: Parents Villains: Bouncers

Biggest fear: Spiders or missing my flight again





PQ's association with motorsports has its roots way back in the early 1990's when Managing Director Brad Dunne and long-time associate Manuel Peña were gifted driving experiences by their partners. While not exactly Group A Touring Cars as they were then known, the driving experience in race prepared

HQ Holdens at Lakeside Raceway was enough to whet the appetite. During the late 90's PQ hosted legendary parties at the annual Gold Coast Indy 300 for staff, clients and associates and by then Manuel had started campaigning an Alfa Romeo GTV1750 in historic motorsports events. With several class wins, this season ended with Manuel winning the HRCC Queensland Championship for Group Sb.

Later, when the event became known as the GC600 after the departure of the Indy Cars, PQ supported local racer Steve McGregor in the Aussie Racing Cars for two years.

Fast forward 2018 and PQ has partnered with Volante Rosso Racing with driver Josh Hunt in the GT3 Carrera Cup series supporting the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation and Brad has taken up steering his Porsche Cayman in club sprints and more recently in Targa West with son Bennett as co-driver. This year's class C championship trophy at the WA Porsche Car Club went to Brad, in what was his first attempt. Its all in fun for the PQ men as there are no sheep stations up for grabs.





#### **Gold Coast Hospital Foundation**

Gold Coast Hospital Foundation is a locally-based community charity that promotes health and helps improve public health care. The Foundation's priority programs are those that help relieve poverty and distress of people in Queensland caused by illness or disease. Amongst its services The Foundation's Cancer Patient Transport Service takes the worry out of getting to treatment. The Foundation funds and manages a much needed bus service for local cancer patients. Operating from 6am to 6pm five days per week, this service makes almost 10,000 vitally important journeys each year.

The foundation also provides and supports many other services such as emergency accommodation for people who are struggling financially with loved ones in hospital, recognising that it can be a distressing situation for families who suddenly find themselves in a crisis situation, and do not have the financial means to afford accommodation near their loved one. If you would like to know more about the foundation, please visit

gchfoundation.org.au.



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