

The Inside Story - Issue 23



Latest project: Omega Brisbane

Omega, the watch brand worn on the moon, the iconic Olympic time keeper, the watch worn by James Bond, has opened its first flagship store in Brisbane on the corner of Elizabeth and Edward Streets. The project, which is a result of Omega's latest Global Retail Design Concept and located in a heritage listed



“It's an honour to be associated with such an iconic brand for their first stand alone store in Brisbane in the heart of Edward Street's luxury retail precinct.”

-Josh Turner, Projects Queensland

building, covers 282 sqm over two levels. The collaboration between retail architects BrookingHarper and Omega was delivered by PQ's Josh Turner as head of project and Jake McMaster as site manager.

The design skillfully retained the use of an existing staircase that was refinished to compliment the new concept which features soft finishes with light wood tones, fabric panels and brass highlights.



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A word from our Managing Director

Welcome to our Newsletter Issue 23. Nine years ago, we launched issue 1 in April 2011, our team producing this internally put such great effort into this and our circulation has just reached over 1000 People. It is with pride we try to create something of interest each issue and issue 23 is no different. Please enjoy the read and thank you so much being a part of our journey.

This year also marks another Milestone at PQI, this is our 30th year of operations from humble beginnings in 1989. We soon will move into our 5th Decade which is a great credit to the many Men and Women whom have made this such a wonderful company. My sincere congratulations and heart felt thank you goes to all those past and present.

Sephora opens in Parramatta

Synonymous with cosmetics and beauty products in general, this store for Sephora is our second for the brand and the 19th on the eastern seaboard.

The store was delivered in two stages and features the recognisable and striking black and white theme dotted with individual brands' colourful cosmetic offerings.

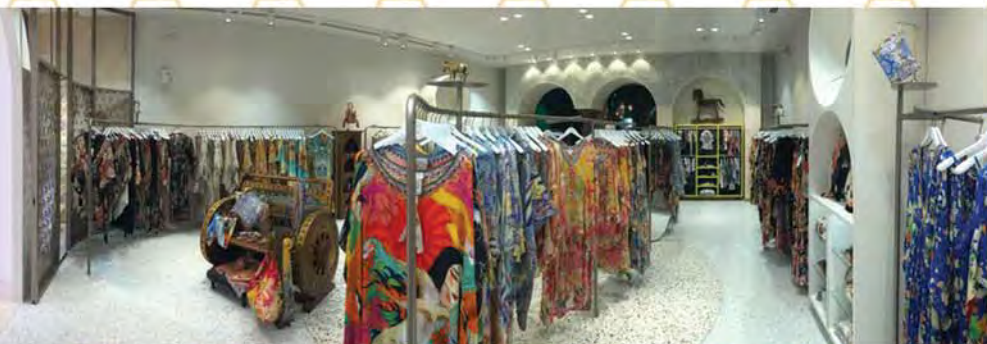


Camilla, Queens Plaza, Brisbane



This eponymous brand founded by Camilla Franks some 15 years ago has captured the imagination of the brand's followers far and wide with its distinct bohemian style.

Wonderful colours, exotic patterns and shapes and relaxed styles take you on the journey. The brand's new store is at Queens Plaza, Brisbane.



Chanel in David Jones, Sydney

This concession located in the iconic David Jones Elizabeth St, Sydney, flagship store is part of the newly turned out specialty ladies footwear floor on Level 7. The fitout follows the evolution of dramatic sharp contrast with black and white predominant throughout and accented with gold detail and is neighbour to many fashion brands. The store showcases the latest footwear collection from Chanel.

The brand's roots can be traced back to 1883 with the birth of Gabrielle Chanel on August 19th with one of the famous perfumes bearing the number in commemoration.

The project was delivered by PQ's Wayne Middleton with the collaboration of the drafting and production team and proved a challenge on a number of levels at the time.



Westfield Coomera

The ever-receding land corridor just north of the Gold Coast is home to Westfield's latest offering. This was a 'greenfield' development with years of planning and delivers a much needed shopping centre precinct for what is Queensland's fastest growing population area. PQ was engaged to deliver on various generic spaces including restrooms, column claddings and public space pieces alongside many other subcontractors engaged for the locally significant construction project.



Westfield
Coomera

The PQ family

Doug a rowing master



Doug Cryer

Age: 43

Role: Assistant Maintenance Manager

Family: I have been married for almost 16 years to my wife Ania who was brought up in Moscow. We have two Kiwi/Russian kids who now sound like Australians. Paula is 16 and Max is almost 15 years old. We are enjoying our new home on the Gold Coast.

Interests/Hobbies: I'm keen on my fitness and compete at rowing, training as much as I can in the mornings. I get out cycling in the weekends and enjoy walking our dog Lulu with my wife around the botanical gardens in Benowa where we live.

Career highlights: In 2003, after returning to NZ from marrying Ania in Moscow, the boatbuilding industry had collapsed so I entered the shopfitting industry and became self-employed in a new and rewarding career. Highlight would be building Chanel Bondi in 2007 and meeting Nicole Kidman.

Favourite food: Pork Spare Ribs!!

Favourite holiday destination: It was the Gold Coast but now I live here.

Heroes: One person that is inspiring me at the moment is New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. If we had more leaders like her this would be a better planet to live on.

Villains: Donald Trump

Biggest Fear: Public speaking

Anything else you would like to share with us: I've really enjoyed my time so far at Projects Queensland. Thanks guys.



Congratulations to our Assistant Maintenance Manager Doug Cryer who took out 9x gold and 4x silver medals at the New Zealand Rowing Masters late last year. Even more impressively, Doug's haul broke the record for the most medals won by a single competitor.

Doug rows for Griffith University on the Gold Coast competing regularly at Wyaralong Dam. He will compete this year in an 80km race in the Murray River to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and looks forward to returning to the New Zealand Rowing Masters.

2 Babies and a Wedding!

Congratulations were also in order recently for a number of our staff members who celebrated milestones in their personal lives. Apprentice Alex Bird married partner Hannah Crisp in November. Draftsman Ivan Aparicio and his wife Sandra welcomed son Ariel in November and Site Foreman Josh Hartley and his partner Charlee welcomed their first child, daughter Aliena in September. Welcome to the PQ family!



Ivan Aparicio

Age: 38

Role: Draftsman

Family: Wife (Sandra) and

2 kids (Indiana and Ariel)

Interests/Hobbies: Cars and motorbikes

Career highlights: Moving to Australia and finding a job as a tradesman

Favourite Food: Mum's food. I miss it.

Favourite Holiday Destination: French Polynesia

Heroes: Marc Marquez

Villains: Haters

Biggest fear: Getting bored

Anything else you would like to share with us: We are waiting for the ceremony to become Australian citizens.



Ariel Aparicio



Aliena Rose Hartley



Alex and Hannah Bird

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