



The Inside Story - Issue 11



Projects Queensland turns 25 by Managing Director Brad Dunne

In 1989 I started building a future in cabinet making and set up in a 4m2 laundry at home in Chirn Park - what was I thinking? We grew out of that laundry to a tin shed, by 1991 we moved to a local factory and in 1995

we had a 250m2 factory with six cabinet makers – WOW, we had businesses, designers, architects and homeowners as clients.

I want to thank the great men and women whom have committed their careers to our company with many approaching ten to fifteen and some over 20 year milestones. We have seen births and marriages, families established, children start and finish school, shared personal tragedies and cried and supported each other through it all. I particularly want to thank our families for without your commitment, patience and support our dreams may have remained out of reach.

Thanks especially to our wonderful clients, partners and suppliers for their faith in the company and to our consultants and professionals that have mentored and guided us along the way. Cheers to 25 years as we raise our glasses to the next 25 and with my heartfelt thanks to all involved with the company.



Managing Director Brad Dunne &
General Manager Manuel Pena

“I’ve worked with Projects Queensland for over 13 years, with emphasis on international high-end projects. I congratulate them on achieving 25 years in the business and wish them many more.”

- Stephen Kim, Architect, Stephen Kim + Associates Ltd, Hong Kong
Stephen has successfully completed projects for Louis Vuitton, Bvlgari and Zegna throughout Asia/Pacific

The foundations of Projects Queensland were laid in those early years with talented people and great customers and this continues today - with our most important and strongest asset our people. Over the years our team has come together sharing a passion for quality and attention to detail and been duly recognised for the high standard of projects delivered to Australian and international clients, architects and designers who have engaged our fit-out services.

We faced our challenges together, we laughed, played and above all believed and took on projects that at times seemed impossible but all along we supported each other. Through our continuous drive for perfection we have gained some of the world’s most iconic retailers as long-term clients while remaining fiercely loyal to our local market.



Louis Vuitton expands - Queens Plaza Brisbane



Long-time client, the luxury global brand Louis Vuitton (LV) appointed Projects Queensland to refurbish and expand their Queens Plaza store. The expansion significantly increases the footprint and the construction team was led by Project Manager Josh Turner.

Josh Turner said the luxurious refurbishment and expansion of LV's Brisbane boutique was a major project and includes the original Edward Street space, with additional retail, VIC salon and office spaces. "The store design is a first for Australia and part of LV's latest global strategy," observed Josh Turner.



This new store design was created by LV's in-house architects based in Paris. "Our highly regarded relationship with LV started on the Gold Coast in 1992 and we are proud of our continued relationship with this acclaimed global brand," said PQ's managing director Brad Dunne.



Grosvenor Apartment, Brisbane



Another Edward Street first – not a luxury store – rather a luxury apartment refit. A close collaboration between designer Samantha Ritch (COX Architecture), PQ's Andy Wingate and the client was established for a total refit of this apartment, one of two on level 24. PQ also built the custom designed furniture including the beds.

“ I am pleased with the outcome and confident that this close collaboration between designer and building contractor has provided a living environment that will be enjoyed for years to come. ”

-Samantha Ritch

Ms Ritch said PQ responded to refinements in the design brief throughout the course of the project, value adding at every opportunity through thoughtful detail resolution.



Gucci makes a move in Melbourne

Gucci entrusted PQ to deliver their temporary 415m2 store at 18-20 Russell Street in Melbourne's CBD. Craig Stewart was project manager and site foreman was Troy MacNaughtan. (Craig also built Gucci's 700m2 flagship store at Westfield Sydney). Delivery time for Russell Street was 28



days observed Craig. "We worked with Gucci's site representative Mr Joseph Vu from Gucci Singapore to produce an on-time delivery," he said. Italian wall fixtures formed part of the build and the floor counters were manufactured by PQ. Gucci's new 500m2 CBD presence is under construction at 161 Collins Street. PQ assisted Gucci staff for the overnight transfer from the closed Collins St Store to Russell Street. The temporary store will operate until the October move to the new 500m2 store at 161 Collins Street.

Escada at \$100m Homebush outlet

Escada's highly visible factory outlet of 100m2 has been completed by the Projects Queensland team of Josh Turner as Project Manager and Troy MacNaughtan as site foreman. The store is located within Sydney's leading factory outlet at DFO Homebush featuring 126 stores. Escada is a valued previous client of Projects Queensland. The design of this store is light and airy and features a great 'show window' display Josh said PQ built during construction. Escada's store at Chadstone Shopping Centre, the biggest in Australia and this store is their first factory outlet. "Escada is one of the world's leading womens-wear brands and present in 80 countries," explained Josh. The design was produced by Escada's in-house architects and Josh worked with Rebecca Jackes, Head of Escada Retail operations.



BUPA Aged Care

Construction giant, ADCO Constructions contracted PQ to supply joinery components for 150 rooms for



this facility - included were 108 bedrooms and the kitchen. Manuel Pena said PQ's Stewart Campbell oversaw the progressive installation of all the joinery components manufactured by PQ at Molendinar.

Designed by architects Jackson Teece,

www.jacksonteece.com, the facility offers low and high care, dementia specific units and with extra hotel style offerings. "It was rewarding to be working with ADCO again following the Abedian School of Architecture project at Bond University - we appreciated the assistance received from ADCO's Contract Administrator Jarvis Robertson and Project Manager Clay Hart in facilitating the delivery of our contract," said Manuel.

The construction laminates and the quality build of the cabinetry specified by Jackson Teece will provide long-term serviceability for BUPA. Over the next three years BUPA Aged Care plans to invest more than \$200 million in new developments in Australia.



Staff milestones



25 YEARS
Managing Director
Brad Dunne



15 YEARS
Project Manager
Russell Baker



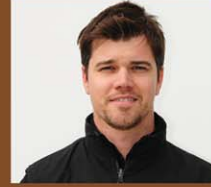
15 YEARS
Senior Estimator/
Project Manager
Craig Stewart



25 YEARS
General Manager
Manuel Pena



15 YEARS
Admin Manager
Sandra Lysaght



14 YEARS
Project Manager /
Estimator
Josh Turner

The PQ family continues to grow

There must be something in the water at Projects Queensland. Since our last newsletter in March, three of our team members got married and two more have welcomed new babies.



Chloe & Kane

Our Design/Admin/Marketing assistant Chloe Fogarty married her partner of 13 years Kane Fogarty on Saturday 22nd March with a ceremony in Buderim and reception in Noosa on the Sunshine Coast.

Our Managing Director Brad Dunne was married shortly after, tying the knot with his partner Sharon on Saturday 19th April on picturesque Pandawa Beach in Bali.



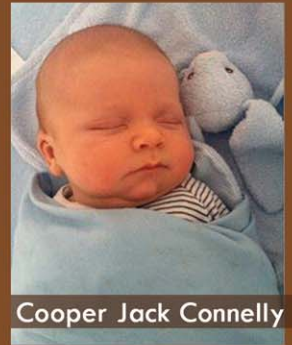
Josh & Beth

The wedding celebrations continued with Project Manager/ Estimator Josh Turner marrying his long time partner Bethanny in Casuarina on Saturday 10th May.

True to Brad's sentiments on our cover on the team growing together an sharing in the big

life moments, our delightful Russell Baker kept Josh and Beth's guests entertained as Master of Ceremonies, with PQ's Craig Stewart as one of Josh's groomsmen.

On the baby front, Foreman Troy Connelly and his wife Amy celebrated the arrival of their son Cooper Jack Connelly on 11th May.



Cooper Jack Connelly

Most recently, the latest addition came when Senior Estimator/Project Manager Craig Stewart and his wife Shelby welcomed daughter Nyah Rose Stewart into the world on 16th June.



Nyah Rose Stewart



Brad & Sharon

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