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Whatever It Takes Safely and Efficiently

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No access? No issue ...

Richard and the team took our company motto, 'Whatever it takes, safely and efficiently' to new heights recently when faced with the task of completing slope protection with no access. What an uplifting sight!



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Thommo's tooling efforts make an impression

IT'S A BIG 'thumbs-up' for QCCS' Dustin 'Thommo' Thompson this month, who's gone the extra mile in upholding QCCS' founding principles regarding Company Equipment and Ownership.

Project Supervisor Luke Geiger has nominated Dustin's efforts for recognition: 'Without instruction, Thommo has taken on the responsibility of maintaining the tooling and consumables containers on site at our German Creek job.' Luke tells us Thommo has taken on duties that include receiving and checking deliveries; storage and placement of tools and new stock; monitoring usage and weekly reporting of materials/equipment requiring re-stocking. 'The fact that Thommo has taken this upon himself and without letting it disrupt his daily duties shows that he takes pride in his work, has consideration for his team

and tremendous respect for the company's assets', says Luke. We wholeheartedly agree! Dustin was presented with a \$50 Bunnings gift voucher in recognition of his inspiring attitude. Go Thommo! •



Congratulations, team!

THE RESOURCE Industry Network Chairman's Awards honour the region's achievements and enterprise demonstrated by local businesses across six categories. This year, QCCS proudly took out the winning gong in the 'Connecting in the Community' category. Craig says, 'I would like to thank all QCCS team members for your continued contribution. It's through those efforts that QCCS is able to assist the programs that we do.'

Also honoured at the awards dinner was our very own Leanne (Lil) Carter, a finalist in the 'Standing Out From the Crowd' category. 'Congratulations to Lil for making it to the final three in a highly contested space—it's a significant achievement to make it to the finals,' says Craig. Cheers all! •



Building '5S' finesse

By Kris Lemm

THE SYSTEM known as '5S' can be used pretty much everywhere—offices, warehouses, at work or home, to make workplaces more efficient, neat and professional.

THE FIVE 'S's:

SORT - When in doubt, move it out

SET IN ORDER - A place for everything and everything in its place

SHINE - Clean and inspect it or inspect by cleaning

STANDARDISE - Make rules, follow and enforce them

SUSTAIN - Make it part of daily work and it becomes habit.

QCCS team members Jonno Drayton, Scott Mitchel, Ronan Murphy, Wayne Klein, Ben Elsmore, Harry Pearce and myself recently undertook training to demonstrate how a workplace can run smoother with 5S.

We had five attempts at building five trucks using about 200 pieces of Lego ranging in size, shape and colour; plus instruction manuals with the pages out of order.

In round one, we had 15 minutes to plan and 15 minutes to build the five trucks. This didn't go too well! We got two trucks 20 per cent built; we then had to place the jumbled Lego back into the container and start again.

In round two, we planned our task better, sorting the Lego into colours and laying out the single pages of instructions across six tables so we could put all parts in the correct place. This took most of the 15 minutes planning stage, we then had 15 minutes to build the five trucks. We completed one-and-a-half trucks—gaining efficiencies just by sorting the Lego first.

Third, we again had 15 minutes' planning then 15 minutes to build. We split up into groups, one person removing pieces not required, three people sorting colours and three people placing the Lego at the correct location. With 15 minutes' planning we built two-and-a-half trucks.

By planning and allocating people to specific tasks we doubled the work done in the same amount of time.

Fourth, we fine-tuned all the above in 15 minutes of planning, but we also had all parts put in the correct order of assembly. Doing that before building began, we built four-and-a-half trucks.

The fifth and final attempt to build all five trucks was a success.

We had planning of the trucks sorted so that every piece of Lego was positioned so all it took was a simple push and the Lego parts were together. We had people situated at each station of what looked like a production line. We built all five trucks in about six minutes—15 seconds quicker than the previous record, held by BMA management!

5S training proves that when a work area is set up correctly with everything in its place and everyone working together it will flow smoothly, be clean, organised and very efficient. We've now implemented the 5S system in our store-room at Berth 2, making it 100 per cent clean and effective for our project. We've given ourselves more room to move, with everything clearly labelled and placed. It took two men about a day and a half to sort out and will gain us hours of efficiencies. 5S is a simple system which, once established, will pay off if sustained over time. •



Sky's the limit in sinkhole job

RONAN & crew recently completed this high-precision job pumping sinkholes with a 48m concrete boom pump. •



Culvert operation

THIS culvert replacement was completed by Ronan and the team in Blackwater as per schedule, in record time—on a 36-hour rail closure—working alongside Riley and the team from All Surface Civil & Mining. Great work, men!•





Rail jobs rolling on

LEFT: Richard and crew created a causeway for a rail client needing access to electrical power station controls. 'Basically, it will be used in the wet season to cross drain due to water volume,' says Richard. BELOW: A 6m causeway extension slab poured by Ronan and crew as part of a rail job in Gladstone. ●

FROM THIS...

...TO THIS

BEFORE

AFTER



Rainforest renewal

A GLORIOUS green backdrop was on display during this concrete renewal at Cameron's Creek by Richard and crew. ●



A good cause

No challenge too great for causeway crew

By Richard O'Neill

SPRING Creek causeway was a challenging remediation job due to the high level of water at the time of construction works. The Causeway was damaged during Cyclone Debbie; the high flow of water causing part of the slab to be washed into the creek. Step 1: To manage the flow of water we had to source three special water pumps to manage the inflow before we could begin. Step 2: Rock breakers demolished the old slab and removed spoil. A concrete cradle was then poured for two 600mm pipes crossing the Causeway to manage the flow of water. Step 3: We backfilled and compacted over the pipes

with client design-specified material. With the preparation complete, we set our formwork, completed slab reinforcement to the client's requirement and poured the causeway slab. After curing and stripping formwork, the team then completed the last stage of remediation works. Excavation and shaping of rat walls were completed with the digger, dowels installed into the slab, mesh placed and rat walls poured, completing works to the client's specification. All in all, a demanding job—but nothing our crew couldn't handle. The results, as pictured, speak for themselves. ●



QCCS connects with League community



QCCS WAS represented at the launch of this year's State of Origin campaign, with dignitaries including Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk attending along with ex-players including Petro Cioniceva and Steve Renouf. In a joint Government and NRL initiative aimed at further engaging with regional communities, representatives from all over the state attended the five-day event at Brisbane's South Bank precinct. Craig, who travelled to Brisbane along with Cutters CEO Troy Rovelli and Chairman Steve Dowden, says, 'It was awesome to be able to interact with current players, ex-players and other clubs of the Intrust Super Cup teams who came along on the launch night.' •



Team helping keep coast clean

By Shaun Grayson

AN ESTIMATED 6 million-plus tonnes of litter ends up in the world's oceans and seas each year, with marine debris listed by the Australian Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 as a key threat to marine life. The local coastal clean-up is about being proactive and everyone playing a part in preserving the health of the region's coastline and marine fauna—now and for future generations.

Any manufactured or processed solid material washed, blown or disposed of in the coastal environment is considered marine debris. It's harmful to humans, wildlife, aquatic habitats and the visual amenity of coastal communities.

With the first of many community beach clean-ups completed, we were glad to see there was no impact to the environment from our projects in the area. 100 per cent of all rubbish retrieved was general rubbish which is a great indicator for QCCS' environmental/eco footprint as a company.

The beach clean-up demonstrates QCCS's commitment to both the environment and the local community.

Keep up the good work guys! •



KEEPING IT CLEAN: Mathew Rundell, Mick Finucan, Dean Tass and Gordan Rickard.