

Profile: Michiela (Kylie) Sorgentano

Michiela Sorgentano (Kylie) is a 10 Year Long Serving Piacentini & Son employee based at the Jacinth Ambrosia site in South Australia.

Kylie, one of 4 children, was born in Perth at Swanbourne in November 1965. Her Dad was in the Army and her primary education spread over varied postings. Kylie's secondary education until Year 10 was back in Perth at Iona. Her father then retired from the Army and the family settled in Carow and Kylie spent the next year studying business at Moora.

After finishing her education, Kylie began work in Carnamah at Reynolds and Son General store. The next 20 years were spent working for CBH during the grain season and a wildflower export company in the off season.

March 2007 saw the start of a new career when Kylie took a job as a Machine Operator with Piacentini & Son at Eneabba, and as is often the case, 'the rest is history!'

In the 10 years that have followed Kylie has worked from Eneabba to Cataby to Ravensthorpe and is now at Jacinth Ambrosia (JA) in South Australia.

2007 must have been a good year for Kylie as she met her partner Wayan who is a policeman in Denpasar, Bali. They have one child, an adopted son who will be 7 in January. She and Wayan also sponsor the education of 8 Balinese children.

Kylie works a 2/1 roster and splits her leave alternately, spending one week with her family in Legian and the next leave in Mandurah where she spends time and cares for her 77 year old father.

When asked why she likes working for Piacentini & Son, Kylie said that right from the start it was like being part of a family and she has made lifelong friends. She also feels that working with young ones keeps her young!!

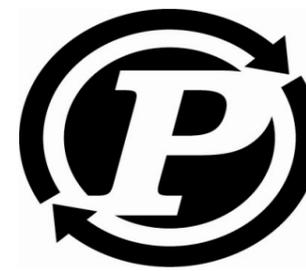


Kylie was delighted and very grateful to be part of a group of female employees escorted by Anne Piacentini to Singapore for a long weekend as reward for service. She found it great to finally put names to faces and had a wonderful time. Kylie also celebrated her birthday on the trip. **Many happy returns, Kylie.**



Kylie, second from right, with, from left, Morgan Tomlinson, Helen Harris, Anne Piacentini and Sarah Wallis, enjoying the sights of Singapore

Anne Piacentini, who escorted the girls to Singapore said, "Glad to have you as part of our team Kylie, your caring nature and dedication is much appreciated at Piacentini & Son.....and an extra plus, plus: you are a terrific travelling companion!!"



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FOREWORD



by

COLIN PIACENTINI

Welcome to this Christmas edition of the Cutting Edge. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of 2017, it seems only like yesterday that we welcomed in the New Year.

I would like to thank all employees for your continued dedication. A very successful Long Service Function was held recently with over 110 people attending. I thank all Long Servers for their continued service.

In September we welcomed another baby grandson, with the arrival of Brad and Tegan's little boy, Myles Colin.

Kim and John have recently attended a mining conference in Hong Kong, where they felt a positivity towards the future in the industry, and touched base with most of the Company's mineral sands clients.

Each Christmas I remind you all to please stay focused, especially on the road.

Be aware of and avoid all risks, drink driving, tailgating, speeding: it takes only one seconds inattention between a safe trip and a tragedy.

In closing, I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year. Enjoy your break and see you back here in 2018!!

HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

TAKE A MOMENT FOR CHRISTMAS SAFETY

"Merry Christmas" everyone. Christmas is here in a few short days and there is lots going on. "Did that present we ordered arrive on time???"

So, this is when it is especially important to take five seconds for safety.

When you find yourself working away and your thoughts running wild with all the plans and activities of Christmas, **STOP!**

Take those five short seconds to look around and come back to the present moment.

Look for a hazard in the middle of your activity. Are you standing on a ladder? Are you in an awkward position or about to trip on something lying on the floor?

Hazards do not go away!

Only our awareness of the hazards goes away. And when we ignore hazards, we tend to get injured.

Christmas injuries tend put extra stress on everyone. Imagine yourself sitting around the Christmas table in a leg cast because you fell off a ladder or tripped over something.

Unfortunately, these stories are more common than all of us might admit. Injuries at Christmas seem to magnify how many people are affected by an injury to one person. How many people count on you each day to come home safely?

1000 DAYS INJURY FREE

In August 2017, the team at Kwinana attained the milestone of 1,000 days Injury Free.

The 24 hour a day, 7 day a week project includes unloading bauxite trains, and 980 Loader operation to maintain the bauxite feed to the Kwinana Refinery. In addition to this, Alcoa's light vehicle fleet are maintained onsite with support from the Myara Maintenance Workshop.

This is a milestone that we are all very proud of, and would like to congratulate all involved. The team has proven to be proactive in creating and ensuring a safe work environment and were awarded Piacentini backpacks in recognition.

Well done to the team at Kwinana on achieving this awesome result, congratulations, keep up the great work!



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NEW TRADESMEN

CONGRATULATIONS BRAD & TEGAN COLIN RESTA

NEW ARRIVALS

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Reece Gunnell (HD Mechanic) & Cody Denholm (Electrician), on successfully completing their apprenticeships and becoming a fully qualified Tradesmen.



Cody Denholm (left) with Supervisor Ian Bowkley.



Reece Gunnell (left) with Supervisor Justin Rosman.

"Well done to you both, and we look forward to you both being here with Piacentini's for many more years to come".

THROUGH THE YEARS.....

Welcome to the family, Myles!

From our longest serving employee with 60 years under his belt, to our newest arrival Myles Colin Piacentini.

Over the past 60 years Colin Resta has been there to help welcome each new generation of the Piacentini Family.

Congratulations to Brad, Tegan, Amber, Tom and little big sister Maggie on the arrival of your new baby son and brother!!



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It is good to be receiving contributions but we would love to see more, so if you have any ideas for the next newsletter contact the Picton office on (08) 9780 8900 or email us at:



NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to the following employees who have celebrated additions to their families since our last edition:

Ben Palmer	Ravensthorpe	a boy
Krishna Subramanian	Picton	a boy
Byron Hodder	Picton	a boy
Nathan Jones	Picton	a girl
Ben Dawson	Newman	a girl
Brad Piacentini	Picton	a boy
Will Dangerfield	Myara	Twin Girls



Please be sure to inform the office or your supervisor of new arrivals as the Company loves to welcome them with a gift.

Long Service

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Long Serving employees who have received awards since our last edition. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, it is greatly appreciated.

10 YEARS



15 YEARS



25 YEARS



LONG SERVICE FUNCTION



Over 100 Long Serving employees, Management staff and their partners enjoyed an evening of GREAT food, company, music and celebration at the annual Long Service Function held on Saturday 18th November. A change from a week night to Saturday evening to enable all Long Servers from more remote sites to attend, saw an increase in those attending and a much later end to the evening.

An excellent evening was enjoyed by all and awards were presented to those employees attaining Long Service status.



Clint Walker Memorial Award



Braydon pictured with Clint Walker's family, from left Dad Max, Clint's wife Rebecca with children Corey and Amelia, Mum Beth, sisters Janelle and Naomi, Kim Piacentini and Austin letto.

The 2017 Clint Walker Award, which is presented annually in memory of Piacentini & Son Long Serving Employee Clint Walker who began his apprenticeship in 1999 and lost his battle with cancer at the end of 2011, has been awarded to **Braydon Mortimer**.

Braydon is an apprentice Fitter/Machinist and has been deemed by supervisory staff to show excellence as an 'all rounder' With the high standards shown by Piacentini & Son Apprentices, the choice is always a difficult task.

Congratulations Braydon, You are a worthy winner, keep up the excellent work!!

South Australia - Jacinth Ambrosia



Work at the Jacinth Ambrosia site has commenced, and the team are conducting the following works :

Wall raise on the 3A and 3B walls on the tails storage facility. Site are currently removing over burden and carting to TSF, setting up MUP pad for the MUP to be placed into position to commence mining on the 10th of December.

The team are relocating ore into the current ore block to be mined , but first they will need to set up haul roads, bunding and signage around site, buttressing of the 3A dam wall, dust suppression on site, and set up of go bays.

The setting up of the workshop and yard area is also in progress. There are currently 62 people, 30 various machines overall, supporting ancillary equipment, and LV's, onsite.

This is almost full capacity, which is expected in mid December, to meet the scheduled start up date.

Karara Export Terminal

On the 12th of September 2017, a significant shipping milestone of 40 million tonnes was reached with the sailing of the MV Nicole from the Karara Export Terminal.

Since 2013, Piacentini and Son have been operating out of the Mid-West Port Authority for Karara Mining Limited.

Although there have been numerous challenges and a number of Media news articles reporting Karara's possible financial difficulties the project is still steaming forward.

Karara are now planning to increase annual export tonnes which will bring benefit to the Mid-West for all of Karara major contractors and suppliers.



Photo 1 MV Nicole departing the Mid-West Port - Courtesy of Rhett Bradley (Karara Mining Limited Shipping Superintendent)



'Singapore Fling'

Another wonderful time was had by the female employees who accompanied Anne Piacentini on the trip to Singapore, in recognition of their service.

The 'girls' were rewarded by experiencing the "Black Friday " sales (an American tradition the 1st Friday after Thanksgiving) and the stunning Singapore Christmas lights. Breakfast with the Orangutans at Singapore Zoo, Sentosa Island with its Light Show (Wings of Time) and Universal Studios, and the Gardens by the Bay were just some of the highlights of an extremely enjoyable laughter filled long weekend.



Anne sends a very big "THANK YOU" to all the ladies for their great company.

Pictured above from left, Michiela (Kylie) Sorgentano, Rebecca Sheehan, Helen Harris, Anne Piacentini, Morgan Tomlinson and Sarah Wallis, enjoying the Singapore skyline.

2017 AFL GRAND FINAL



Joined by CEO John Tombleson (standing in for Brad Piacentini, who was welcoming baby Myles) the ever reliable Tour leader Bill Ward escorted eight employees to this years Afl Grand Final.

Played between Richmond and Adelaide, the determination of Richmond, who had not won a Grand Final since 1980, won out on the day and they defeated Adelaide by 8 points.

As usual, the boys had a great trip, beginning with the parade, drinks after at the Woolshed at Docklands, the Moonee Valley Races at night, pre game breakfast at Crown, the big game, and finishing with Sunday lunch at Tokyo Tepinyaki.

Pictured left from left, Steve Mansell, Neil Hulston, Bruce Bradbury, Gary Knoll, Robbie Mei, Michael Dell'Agostino, Greg James, John Tombleson and Bill Ward.