

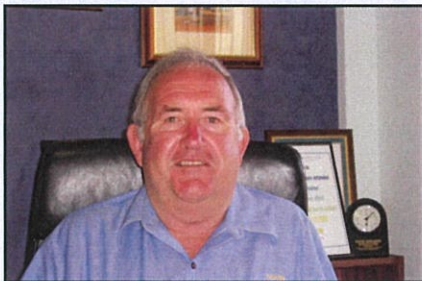


# Piacentini & Son

## THE CUTTING EDGE

SPRING / SUMMER 2018

### FOREWORD



by  
**COLIN PIACENTINI**

Reflecting on this column, I am amazed, as always at this time of year, how quickly the time has flown.

2018 has been very busy for us, with new contracts and engineering projects, and I offer a HUGE **Thank You** to all staff and employees for the great effort that has been put in over the last 12 months.

As a Company we have a strong commitment to training, currently having 52 apprentices across the trades and also a large number of trainee operators. We are very proud of the processes we have in place to train and the high standard of results we achieve. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to transfer knowledge and the support of our training.

We have also had a restructure of operations management to meet the demands of the new projects and future projected projects, and would like to extend a warm welcome to Mulu Desta to Piacentini & Son as our General Manager of Mining.

*Again, as always, as we prepare to take a break to celebrate the Xmas/New Year season, I wish all of you, and your families, a safe and happy holiday. Please take extra care and stay safe.*



### HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS



#### New Safety Advisors

A warm welcome to our newest safety advisors. Amy Skender and Linda Rasmussen have started at Image Gingin, Shane Skinner has started at Iluka Cataby, Norma Hoyle has started at Eneabba, and Ben Kozisek has started at Boddington.

Each brings a different and diverse range of skills and experience into the business and have all settled in well at their sites!

#### New Risk assessment Tools

We have been working hard over the past few months to update and improve our risk assessment tools.

The new Job Hazard Analysis or JHA and Take 5 books are now in circulation and training is ready to be delivered at each site by the safety team.

The new tools and use should streamline the risk assessment process and help us continue to create a safer workplace.



"I know you've got friends in mining Santa, but we need to talk about this!"

*From all at HSE we hope everyone has a fantastic break and quality time with your families over the Christmas period. Please drive carefully and for those working, stay safe and enjoy time with your family and friends.*

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# Iluka Cataby

Progress has continued at a hectic pace on the Iluka Cataby Project. Since the commencement of bulk earthworks on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the monthly material movements have increased, to just under 1 million cubic metres in October.

Our current workforce is 105 personnel, which will steadily increase to approximately 150 as we introduce two dozer trap mining units and commence night shift operations for both the ore mining and overburden removal.

Female participation in the workforce is 16% and our indigenous content is just over 5%.

The Project team is headed by Donny Rowson and Peter Mudge with Margaret Orr and Shane Skinner completing the HSE activities, and Ross McGuire and Jamie Sheffield taking on the onerous task of training a relatively new workforce on the large and varied fleet of equipment required to complete the bulk earthworks.

Neesha Murray and Brooke Calegari complete all the administration and data input duties as well as the demanding task of controlling the Camp bookings in conjunction with the Camp provider.

*Piacentini & Son Compound and office facilities*



The site is spread over approximately 12 kms and is adjacent to the Brand Highway which has sensitive issues around noise and dust, which are closely monitored by Iluka.

Earthworks have commenced for the construction of the new workshop and washdown facilities, which will hopefully be finished in the New Year. This will provide excellent facilities for our mechanical workforce which is supervised by Troy Fogarty and Dan Potgieter.

## BOONANARRING MINE SITE (Gingin)

Civil work commenced on the Image Resources Boonanarring Mine site, 20km North of the Gingin townsite in April 2018.

Mining began in June 2018, followed by a rapid ramp up in production to November's target of a combined 1,000,000 BCM of material to be moved.

Piacentini and Son designed and built Wobbler Feed Unit, Sandgroper 9, was delivered and installed at the Feed Preparation Plant (FPP) in September 2018.

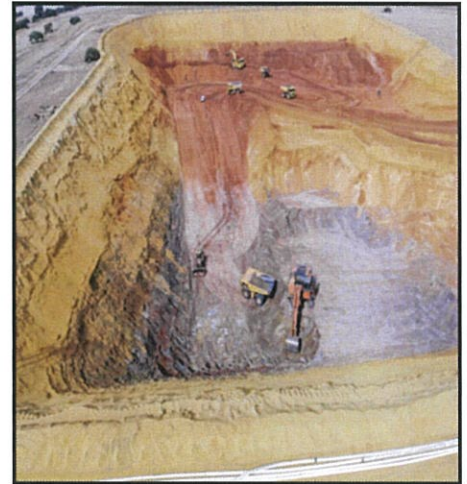
Commissioning of the Process Plant and FPP commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> of November

and is expected to be fully operational in late November 2018.

Current staffing level is at 90 and increasing to accommodate production requirements.

The mining fleet consists of Cat 785 & 777 dump trucks, Cat 657 and 639 scrapers, Cat D10 Dozers, Cat 16H Graders, Cat Watercarts, Hitachi 3600 Excavators and a Komatsu PC1800 Excavator.

Construction of the workshop facilities has commenced with construction scheduled for completion in early February 2019.



## GALAXY RAVENSTHORPE

The very abrasive nature of the rock type being excavated at the Galaxy mine site has created problems with the wear of the GET's on the excavator buckets. A collaboration between Komatsu and Piacentini & Son has resulted in a solution that is making great headway into improved production.

The trial of a "KVX" bucket on a new Komatsu PC1250 Excavator has significantly improved the expected bucket life, and the use of



*Above and left, Mark Ormsby with the new PC1250 and the new improved Excavator bucket.*

extremely hard steel (30% greater than conventional teeth) on the wear plates and bucket teeth has dramatically reduced wear and is proving a great success.

## Clint Walker Memorial Award

The 1st Year Apprentices have been under scrutiny by their Supervisors and mentors to judge the Fairest and Best for the Annual Clint Walker Memorial Award, which is awarded to the Apprentice who shows excellence in all areas and is given in memory of the late Clint Walker.

Choosing the most outstanding 1st Year Apprentice is always a hard task and was extremely challenging this year due to the large number of 1st year apprentices across all areas.

**Congratulations** to Trent Park, Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic Apprentice, who is the winner of the 2018 Apprentice of the Year.



*Members of Clint Walkers family, pictured from left, Dad, Max, sisters Naomi and Janelle, Mum Beth, children Amelia and Corey with wife Rebecca, Apprentice of the Year, Trent Park and Apprentice Coordinator, Paul Warner.*

**Congratulations** to the following apprentices who have qualified as Tradesmen during 2018.

*Pictured from left to right, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Benjamin Hynes, Dean Gardiner, Jayden Howard and Boiler Maker Welder, Lin Htet.*

**Well done !!**



# Long Service

CONGRATULATIONS to the **TWENTY** employees listed below, who have received Long Service Awards since our last edition.

## 10 YEARS

Brad Birrell  
 Ray Stewart  
 Neil Hulston  
 Paul Smith  
 Stephen Mansell  
 Angel Rescober (no pic)  
 Ba Zan (no pic)  
 Pepsi Kundi  
 Virgilio Tatoy (no pic)  
 Leigh Mason  
 Peter Perrin  
 Philip Brown

## 15 YEARS

Jamie Marchetti  
 Simon McQuade  
 Suzanne Preen  
 Cherie Herring

## 20 YEARS

Warren Marsh

## 30 YEARS

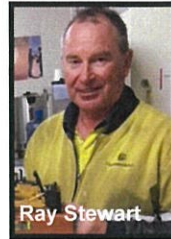
David Ryan  
 John Robertson

## 50 YEARS

Colin Piacentini



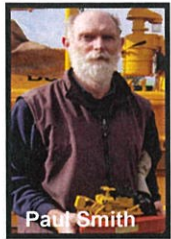
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Leigh Mason



Peter Perrin



Philip Brown



Jamie Marchetti



Simon McQuade



Sue Preen



Cherie Herring



Warren Marsh with Colin, Brad and Kim



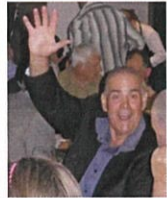
Robbo and Chock with Colin P



Colin with Kim, Anne and Brad

## Long Service Function

The 2018 Long Service evening was held at Vat 2 on Saturday 3rd November. Approximately 100 Long Serving employees, Management staff and their partners enjoyed a top night of wining, dining and dancing if desired. Thirty Long Service awards were acknowledged over 2018 with a total service of 450 years. **Congratulations and Thank You to all our Long Serving Employees.**



# PROFILE: Michael Dell'Agostino (Della)

Della was born in Bunbury on 11th March 1980, the eldest of 4 kids, 2 boys and 2 girls, and spent the first chapter of his life in Kirup, where his parents farmed sheep and grew potatoes, and where he attended the Kirup Primary School.

1990 saw the family move from Kirup to Binningup where they continued farming spuds, carrots and onions, and Della finished his education at the Harvey Agricultural College.

At the age of 17 Della did his apprenticeship as a boilermaker/welder at Ausquip Industries in Bunbury, where he stayed for 5 years; he then returned to the family farm before setting off to see the world.

Della travelled through Europe and in 2004 spent some time farming in Canada, then travelled through the Middle East before returning to Canada in 2005. On his return to Australia, Della headed to Exmouth where he worked offshore and also owned a small Boat Hire business.

In late 2009 Della returned to Bunbury and to Ausquip until September 2010, when through knowing Brad Piacentini, he took a job for three months to work on the Madagascar plant, and like so many Piacentini & Son employees, has never left! Initially a contractor, Della was made Maintenance Supervisor in July 2011.

In 2015, Della went to New Zealand to

commission the Piacentini designed and built Sandgroper mining unit and earlier this year travelled to Panama to commission the Company designed and built 360T Panther Low Loader.



On the family front, in September 2017, Della was married to Lisa. The wedding took place in the Ferguson Valley with the reception at the Ferguson Valley Hall. The couple became an instant

family, with 4 children between them; Emma 17, Deagan and Halle, both 10, and Dustin 8.

Farming is in Della's blood; he also loves to ride horses and in May this year the family bought a farm in Bengier, where they will run cattle and horses and cut hay.

In his spare time (???), Della is President of both the Dardanup Equestrian Club and the Dardanup Camp Draft Club.



When asked why he likes his job Della said he LOVES the challenge and especially enjoys the satisfaction of seeing the finished job go out the door. He works with a great crew of guys, particularly Austin (their relationship he likens to a marriage, they spend that much time together!!) and says he couldn't get better mentors than Robbo, Chock, Swells and Justin.

*Della, the general consensus is that, besides being a "red neck Cowboy", you are a generally all round good guy: easy going, fun loving with a wicked sense of humour; boisterous, good for a laugh, but definitely a great person to have on board in a stressful situation, hard working, great to work with and always keen to educate and encourage those under your supervision.*

***Della, It's great to have you on board!***

***Sounds like you are the perfect fit for Piacentini & Son.***

## SINGAPORE TRIP



Again this year, a group of our female employees have enjoyed the magic of Singapore. For some it was their first visit and they were not disappointed.

We spent 5 days taking in some of the wonderful sights that Singapore has to offer; the fabulous views from the Marina Bay Sands Hotel deck, beautiful Gardens by the Bay, the buzz of China Town and the eating of Chilli Crab.

The girls were fortunate to experience the "Black Friday" Sales and our cases all came back a little heavier than when we left.

***'Ladies, Thank You for your company and the many laughs that we shared': Anne Piacentini***

*Pictured left, from left: Tamarra Saunders, Helen Harris, Anne Piacentini, Sara Lovesio, Coralie Fulford and Sue Preen.*

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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: [email@piacentini.com.au](mailto:email@piacentini.com.au)



## NEW ARRIVALS

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

Chase Oliver	Tom Price	a girl
Ben Howard	Jacinth Ambrosia	a boy
Rohan Hewett	Cooljarloo	a boy
Brenton Bartlett	Cooljarloo	a girl
Graeme Scott	Picton	a boy
Eleanor Hawkins	Picton	a boy
Jarrad Dodson	Jacinth Ambrosia	a girl
Craig Nani	Myara	a boy
Win Tun	Picton	a girl
Damien Fisscher	Brockman	a boy

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

