

## PROFILE: Bill Rhodes

William (Bill) Rhodes is a Piacentini & Son Long Server and is the Hub Bay Leader at the Picton Workshop.



Bill was born in Colac, Victoria in 1977, the 2nd child in a family of 5 kids.

He attended Colac Primary School, then following the tragic death of his Dad in a motor accident, the family moved to WA to be closer to his Mum's family. They settled in Bunbury where Bill went to Newton Moore High School for his secondary education.

Bill began his Heavy Duty Mechanic apprenticeship in 1995 at Bunbury Holden where he worked for 10 years.

In May of 2006 Bill started work at Piacentini & Son and was assigned to

Vince Ciallella who reckoned he was "greener than grass."

Apart from a couple of months in Collie, Bill has spent all his time at the Picton workshop.

His position in the Hub Bay is pretty consistent which he says suits him fine. He loves the workshop atmosphere, enjoys working under Swells, Robbo and Chock and appreciates the friendship and camaraderie of his workmates.

In his spare time, like a lot of Piacentini & Son employees, Bill likes to tinker with cars. He is a Holden tragic and has 7 Holdens, with models ranging from 1971 to 2004.

Bill has an 11 year old son, who he is also hoping to get hooked on Holdens.



Pictured at left: Bill behind the wheel of one of his seven Holdens!!!



**"Bill, you are the 'Go To Man' for anything to do with Hubs, and also if anyone has a problem with a Holden. You definitely keep the wheels of this Company turning!"**



## 80th BIRTHDAYS

**Congratulations and Many Happy Returns to:**

Piacentini & Son's Longest Serving employee, Colin Resta (left) who celebrated his 80th Birthday on 17th May.

In his 62 Years with the Company, Senior Supervisor Colin, who knows the ins and outs of the operation, has been responsible for training many of the current senior staff and supervisors, e.g. Colin, Brad and Kim Piacentini, Bill Baljeu, Vince Dilallo and David Lotti to name a few. Colin celebrated this milestone with about 20 close family and relatives (there would be no place big enough to hold all his friends and acquaintances!!)

**Colin's wife Joyce has shared his journey for the last 62 years. Thank you Joyce, for sharing him with us, and we hope we can share him for a lot more years!!**

Piacentini & Son Long Server, Ray 'Jock' Arthur celebrated his 80th Birthday in March with a 'Western Party' at Moorlands. Fun was the order of the day as his family and friends reminisced over a great life.



Pictures, above, Jock, centre with the Piacentini/Panizza family, left, Jock sharing the candles with Thomas Piacentini and right, "GUESS WHO", Jock: 1965 Featherweight Boxing champion!!!

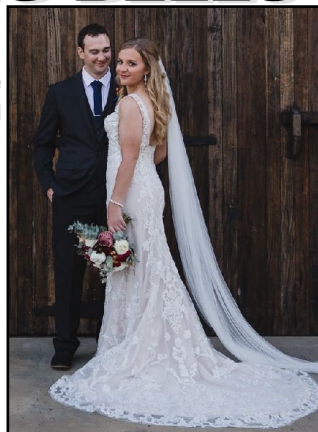


## WEDDING BELLS

**Congratulations to:**

Piacentini & Son employee Chris Forknall who married Catherine Jones on Saturday 28th April.

Family and friends joined the couple for the wedding service and reception which were held in the beautiful grounds of Old Broadwater Farm in Busselton.



## NEW ARRIVALS

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

John Emerson  
Tegan Rafferty  
Karyse Lee  
Jamie McSwain  
Blair Elder  
Darren Leard

Picton  
Picton  
Picton  
Premier  
BHP Exploration  
Picton IT

a girl  
a girl  
a girl  
a girl  
a boy  
a girl

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



# Piacentini & Son

## MINING & EARTHMOVING

# THE CUTTING EDGE

AUTUMN / WINTER 2018

### FOREWORD



by

COLIN PIACENTINI

Welcome to the mid year edition of the Cutting Edge. The year seems to be flying by which is always a good sign as it shows how busy we must be.

Earlier this year we were all very proud to see the Piacentini & Son designed and constructed Panther series II Low Loader, completed and sent off on its journey overseas. What a great effort by all who worked on this project.

I am also pleased to announce that we have been awarded two new contracts, Image Resources at Gingin and Iluka Resources at Cataby.

Congratulations also to two of Piacentini & Son's Long Serving employees who have recently celebrated their 80th Birthdays. Best Wishes to Jock, much loved member of the Piacentini/Panizza family and valued go everywhere/do everything "Gofer" man for Piacentini & Son, who celebrated his 80th Birthday in March, and Birthday Wishes to our Longest Serving employee, Colin Resta (62 Years of service!!) who turned 80 in May.

On a more personal note, I have long harboured a dream to bring a quality athletic competition to Bunbury and the weekend 27th - 29th April, saw the fruition of this with the inaugural running of the WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift. Well done to all involved.

### HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

**Over recent months we have seen 2 of our employees involved in providing assistance and first aid after road accidents. There may be more that we have not heard about and if there are, that's great!**

The 1<sup>st</sup> was Luke Vincent, pictured right. He was travelling home from Myara when he was early on the scene of a car accident. He calmly provided great advice, first aid and support to render the situation safe. The people involved took the time to write to Piacentini & Son to commend his efforts.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> was Gary McDonnell, at right an operator at Boddington who provided assistance including CPR during an incident on the Kwinana Freeway that helped save a life.



These efforts deserve recognition as it takes courage, skill and clarity and calmness to manage a serious incident well.

**Congratulations to both of these guys who have received public feedback on a job well done.**

**We at Piacentini & Son also thank you for your excellent community efforts!**

### GOODBYE, JOHN EY

After 10 years with Piacentini & Son, Project Manager, John Ey from the Picton Office began a new phase of life when he retired on the 18th May. With the purchase of a motor home, John, with wife Debbie and one pampered pooch look forward to new adventures.



John and wife Debbie

**Thanks for all your hard work John; we at Piacentini & Son wish you fair weather and safe travel.**

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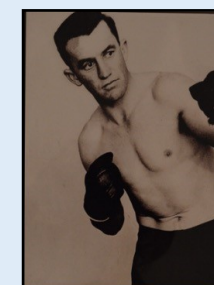
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## Panther Series II Low Loader

Piacentini & Son recently released the Panther Series II 360T Low Loader, designed, engineered and manufactured at the Picton workshop.

The innovative machine focuses on safety, ease of operation, reliability and serviceability.

It will improve safety on mine sites and has the potential to increase productivity and efficiencies which ensures the Australian industry is adapting and facing the challenges to meet needs in the current market.

The entire deck moves up and down by remote control to



allow mining equipment to be safely loaded and when lowering the deck, the rear wheels will lift entirely off the ground allowing for excellent stability during loading and unloading.

This loader is focused on safety by ensuring a smooth transition for the machinery from the ramp to platform which eliminates pivot points during loading and unloading.

The safety factor makes this machine unique, and in this industry, safety is of paramount importance.

Panther II is already on its way overseas where it will work on an international mine site.

***Congratulations on the excellent work done by all involved in the machine's design and construction.***

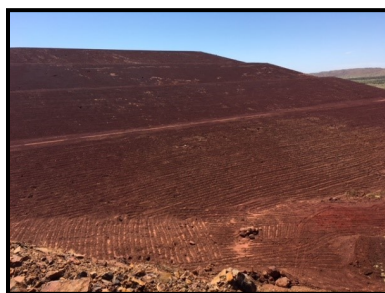
## TOM PRICE REHABILITATION PROJECTS

Piacentini & Son have successfully completed the rehabilitation of 3 very large waste dumps at the Tom Price mine site.

Earthworks commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and were completed on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018. During that time approximately 2 million cubic metres of material were shifted using dozers only.

Eight dozers were employed on the 3 waste dump Projects with a total of 11,500 dozer hours completed. Over 102 hectares of embankments were ripped and seeded consuming over 820 kgs of various seed varieties.

The MMW4 & Section 7 Waste dumps which were completed in early January already have very good coverage of vegetation on them.



MMW4 Waste Dump



MME Waste Dump

The Projects were completed with zero LTI's, MTI's & FAI's, which is an excellent achievement and great credit to the leadership of Paul Gregory, Michael Gray, Chase Oliver and Damien Fisscher.

## NEW PROJECTS

### Image Resources Boonanarring Gingin

Piacentini & Son have commenced Civil Works for the new Image Resources Mineral Sands mine at Boonanarring, 15 minutes north of Gingin.

The civil works involve construction of the Plant infrastructure pads, go-bay, roadworks and associated drainage facilities.

The onsite team has been under the leadership of Kevin Pears who has been joined by Paul Gregory, returning from his time in the Pilbara.

Stripping of the topsoil and overburden removal for the mining operation is scheduled to commence 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 which will create challenges establishing a workforce from around Gingin and surrounds, as there will be no on-site accommodation.

### Iluka Resources Cataby

Piacentini & Son have been awarded the Mining Contract for the new Iluka Resources mine at Cataby

This Project has been on the drawing board for a long time and it is great to see it finally come to fruition.

Mobilisation of the equipment, workshop and infrastructure is in full swing with topsoil stripping commencing on 9<sup>th</sup> May and overburden removal scheduled to commence before the end of May 2018.

In full swing the Project will employ a workforce of 130 and involve the movement of approximately 1.5 million cubic metres of material per month (Ore and Overburden).

Peter Mudge is the Site Supervisor and Margaret Orr is the HSE advisor for the Project.

## LONG SERVICE

***Congratulations to the following employees listed below who have received Long Service Awards since our last edition.***

### 10 YEARS

Stephen Nani  
Ian Bowkley  
Karyse Lee (no picture)  
Ben Dawson  
Arnel Oreste  
Gary Knoll



### 15 YEARS

Robin Myczka  
Bryan Combs

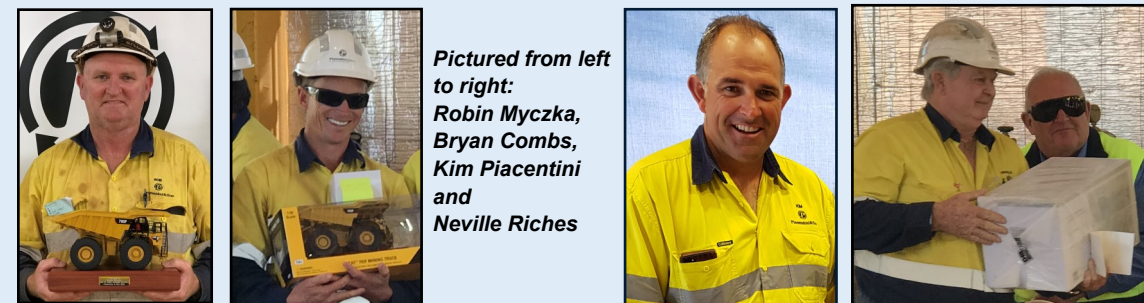
*Above from left, Steven Nani, Ian Bowkley, Ben Dawson, Arnel Oreste, and Gary Knoll.*

### 20 YEARS

Neville Riches

### 25 YEARS

Kim Piacentini



*Pictured from left to right: Robin Myczka, Bryan Combs, Kim Piacentini and Neville Riches*

***We also say goodbye to Neville Riches (pictured below), who is retiring after 20 Years of service; although Brad has told Neville to "Keep your phone turned on!!"***

## MYARA UPDATE

A BBQ was held at the Myara mine site on 4th May to acknowledge the successful completion of the first mining contract.

Colin and Anne Piacentini were in attendance and all employees were commended for their efforts over the past 4 years.

Several employees were also recognised for Long Service and special mention went to Neville Riches who retired after 20 years with Piacentini & Son.

It was also announced that Piacentini & Son will commence a new 6 year contract and we look forward to the future with confidence.



***Pictured, above: Myara employees enjoying the BBQ and left, Neville Riches with Anne and Colin Piacentini (Neville probably filling them in on what and where he is going in retirement!!).***



## WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift

The inaugural WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift, the brain-child of Colin Piacentini, was contested over the last weekend of April. Modelled on the world famous Stawell Gift held annually for over 130 years, in the town of Stawell in Victoria, the weekend was sponsored by local businesses and the Bunbury City Council. The racing event attracted top athletes who raced for substantial purses, with prize money of up to \$14,000 for the winners of the male and female 120 metre sprints. The weekend was voted a success and it is hoped it will become an annual event on the national Athletic calendar.

***Congratulations*** to Colin and his fantastic group of organizers; what a great opportunity for Bunbury!



***Pictured at the Q&A function held at Bayview Bar on the Friday evening, from left rear, Julian Stawell, direct descendant of the original founder of the world renowned Victorian Stawell Gift, 2018 Stawell Gift Winner, Jake Despard, Commonwealth Games athletes Jack Hale, Riley Day and Trae Williams, with Colin Piacentini and grandsons Thomas, Harry and James Piacentini.***