Off the Wall

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We can't believe that 2014 is almost over and it's time to wish our valued readers Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We had our Christmas dinner on the 28th November a little earlier than our normal office closure day. This was because Jack our Operations Manager was leaving for a 2 month holiday in America and Canada.



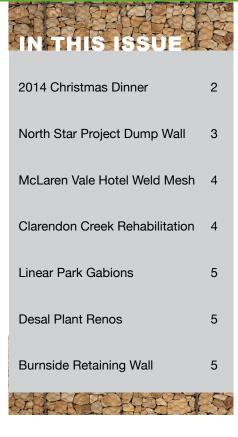
Our office will close on the 19th of December and we will return back to work on the 5th January 2015. In the meantime watch out for our new website to be launched just before Christmas. The new responsive design will mean you will now be able to view our website easily on mobiles and tablets.



The last couple of months many of our guys have been braving the heat again in North Western Australia working at the North Star Mine Site, where they have been building an 11.5m high Gabion dump wall (see photos page 3). This has been a huge project and we would like to congratulate the guys on a job well done!



We would like to welcome Marc Anderson and Christopher Ridge who joined us a couple of months ago. However we are sorry to say farewell to Ben Armstrong, who has worked with us for many years. We wish him all the best at his new venture working for Centina. Thank you Ben for all your hard work!







CHRISTMAS DINNER

2014 Christmas Dinner

On Friday the 28th of November we celebrated the end of year at Zucca, a Greek restaurant at the Marina Pier in Glenelg. Staff and their partners were served platters of gourmet and traditional Greek food. It was a fun night and it was great to meet some of the partners. The recent long hours, heat and dirty work conditions were soon forgotten even though It did seem a bit strange having to go back to work on the Monday. Check our Facebook page to see more photos!



























RECENT PROJECTS

North Star Project Dump Wall

We have just completed one of our largest projects at the North Star Mine Site in Western Australia, where we built a Terramesh Gabion dump wall 11.5m high x 87m long. The Gabion wall incorporated ParaGrid (two-directional geogrid made from high-strength polyester straps) laid between each Terramesh unit for additional soil reinforcement.

Fortescue Metals' North Star Magnetite Project, 110 kilometres south-east of Port Hedland will potentially produce up to 15 million tonnes of magnetite annually. The construction of this massive dump wall is critical to the whole operation of the mine and allows large loaders to tip iron ore into the crushing plant from above.

The conditions were extreme with temperatures around 45°c on a mild day! It's a fantastic effort from all who worked on the project and FMG and NRW are really impressed with our work. The senior engineer at the North Star Bulk Earthworks emailed Jack our Operations Manager "I just wanted to thank you and all the boys for the work at North Star. It was a great effort and done very safely. Please pass on to all the boys as half of them had flown out before I got to thank them".











RECENT PROJECTS

McLaren Vale Motel Weld Mesh

Prospect Contractors installed 18 weld mesh pillars as part of a feature fence around the McLaren Vale Motel pool.

Each bluestone rock was placed by hand and glass panels have been fitted between each pillar.

We look forward to seeing it all finished once the decking and landscaping are complete!







Clarendon Creek Rehabilitation

A home owner in Clarendon called us in to remediate the creek that ran through the backyard of their property. The frequent rain meant that at times there was water flowing through the area, resulting in a mud bath. The owner is very happy with the outcome and to have reclaimed quite a bit of land that was lost over the years due to flooding and erosion.









RECENT PROJECTS

Linear Park Gabions

Prospect Contractors recently installed a Gabion retaining wall to a bank that was slipping along the Linear Park walking track at St Peters. This will stabilise the land and provide future protection to the homes that are located along the track.





Desal Plant Renos

After installing Gabion weirs and Reno mattresses at the Adelaide Desalination Plant in 2010, Prospect Contractors were called back to Install additional Reno mattresses in front of additional headwalls.





Burnside Retaining Wall

The owners of a property in Burnside called us in to install a low, curved Gabion wall at the front of their home. The retaining wall was required to support the garden bed and prevent it from eroding and collapsing into the carpark.

The owners are very happy with the new retaining wall that compliments the original dry stack wall at the top of the garden area.

