



Employee Newsletter



BHP Safety Award

Recently Marty and his night shift crew achieved a significant milestone in reaching 685 injury free days on the PYD Westcliff Project. This is a significant achievement and is something that all operations should endeavor to replicate. Marty believes that the result has been achieved by using risk management tools to stop and assess each risk before taking on any job no matter how often it's been done. This is a great example of a crew who has made a commitment to each other to not tolerate any unsafe acts or work practices and to look out for each other's well being. Here's Marty's story.

My name is Martin Wilton and I am PYD night shift supervisor at Westcliff Colliery in Wollongong. I started as a clean skin in January 2005 before moving to night shift in 2006. Before starting in the mine I worked as a landscaper for 25 years. My dad worked as a fitter at Coal Cliff Colliery for 33 years until the mine closed in the early 90's, and I think that this rubbed off on me a little; also a lot of my mates work in the Illawarra Coal Fields.

I am supervisor of between 12 and 16 men; they do different tasks - HT work, CH4, panel,



mega bolting, rib support, canning and other O/B service work. I am very lucky to have such a good bunch of blokes working with me. We all get on well with each other and the guys don't mind who they work with on this shift.

We have achieved 685 total injury free days on night shift and this is only possible from the hard work all the boys have done regarding safety. They all do safety reporting with Base, Take 2, Hazard reporting, Task Analysis, and 103's on equipment.

BHP thought that this achievement made by night shift should not go unrecognised, so on the 13th September we were presented with a trophy and a cheque for \$100 for the charity of our choice. The presentation was made at the races at Kembla Grange Race Course in front of BHP employees and management. Our charity of choice is the Renal Ward at Wollongong Hospital.

I have been an active member of Australian Surf Live Saving, competing in surfboats throughout the country. Also I enjoy surfing and I have played and coached rugby league in Wollongong for many years.

We are lucky to have great surfing beaches in the Illawarra and last month I competed for Westcliff Mine in the Coal Mine Surfing Challenge at East Corrimal. This event was to raise much needed money for charity. Coal mines from all the southern coal fields entered teams. It was a great success.



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CEO REPORT - Tony Caruso

Welcome to our September Newsletter. As always I like to start with a wrap up of our safety performance and since the last newsletter we have had an indifferent couple of months with 4 recordable injuries in August and to date only 1 recordable injury in September. September's performance demonstrates that a recordable injury free workplace is realistic but when you think that we were doing the same jobs over these two months it demonstrates that our safety is very dependant on our decisions and actions.

Promoting safe behaviour at work is a critical part of the management of health and safety, because behaviour turns systems and procedures into reality. On their own, good systems do not ensure you won't get hurt, so the level of success is determined by how we 'live' the systems. Statistics indicate that in 80 to 90 per cent of all accidents our behaviour is an important link – the link that often brings many pre-existing factors together in a negative event.

Over the next two months your managers and supervisors will be continuing to focus on behavioural safety processes, focusing on identifying and reinforcing safe behaviour and having the courage to challenge the safety and work practices of one another. Across this organisation we have a very mature workforce with a genuine interest in its well being so it stands to reason that you and I can have the biggest influence on our own safety.

I would like to recognize the efforts of Marty and his night shift crew at PYD's Westcliff project who recently achieved 685 injury free days and also Allan Russell's outbye crew who have just passed 5 years LTI free on the Moranbah North operation. An excellent effort on both counts and a lot to be learnt here on how these people approach their work.

On the operations front the businesses are all performing well.

DRE continues to be very busy and Cap Mining has introduced an afternoon shift to meet the demand for their services. PYD has secured a 2 + 1 year contract with Westcliff and Mick Doyle is making inroads into the Hunter Valley market with a drill rig and handful of guys. Interest in PYD's services in the Hunter is increasing nicely. Mastermyne continues to lead the industry in providing contract services and as a result we have a number of new projects being looked at. The Head Office staff are continuing to impress with the professional way in which they have taken on new roles as a result of the integration of the group businesses. Well done everyone.

To finish off we welcome back Chelsea Ivory, our Corporate Services Manager, who recently took some time off to tie the knot. Congratulations Chelsea and Andrew and best wishes from all of us.

GROUP SAFETY REPORT - By Anthony Aisthorpe

I would like to welcome Damon McGuire to the role of Safety Officer at Moranbah North. Damon joined Mastermyne as the Control Room Operator at Crinum East and had proven his ability in a very short period of time. There was no doubt that we would fill that role from within as Damon had what it takes.

I would also like to welcome Ross Dewson, who is the Safety Officer for DRE Electrical.

Damon and Ross will get some intense Cultural Safety training and compliance training in INX over the next 3-4 weeks and this will see us move the Mastermyne Cultural Safety drive another step further.

Congratulations to Michael Blackmore who has recently taken up the role as the Workplace Health and Safety Officer for Capricorn Mining. Michael has developed very quickly over the past 2 months as a result of the coaching, mentoring and Management support he has received in this new role.

Capricorn Mining this month has had extensive training in Take 5's and Safe Act observation training. For DRE Electrical, Ross will be looking over Lake Lindsay, Riverside, Hay Point and the Mackay work shop facilities.

Cultural Safety development across the Group continues to be demon-

strated at the highest level in the Group. The CEO and Senior Management have been visiting all sites and presenting SAFEWORK presentations to all Project Managers. This is another initiative in ensuring our workplace injury rate is minimised.

It was great to see the PCR room delivered out of the DRE workshop injury free. Good work Rodger in working with the crew to make sure they were aware of all the hazards.

It was great to see the teamwork in action at Westcliff with the PYD Dayshift Crew working safely together to build a stopping. Great stuff! Thanks to Darren and the crew.

CAPRICORN MINING GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Derek Culligan

The safety of our staff here at Capricorn Mining continues to be of the highest importance. Our weekly safety meeting has had a great impact in the workplace and it is pleasing to see all of us identify and act on potential hazards. Developing this proactive safety culture is the only way that we can reach our goal of zero harm. Michael Blackmore has been trained up as our WHSO, and has been doing a great job in developing our systems and culture. Like the rest of the Mastermyne group we are also working on maximising the impact that our managers have on safety in the workplace. This is one of the key aspects of our new HSEC business pillar.

The new financial year has started off very well for the business. Our Fabrication business is in full swing and we have been increasing our workforce so that we maintain our high level of service to our clients. We have also introduced an evening shift for the first time in the business which is a great indicator of the demand for our products in the marketplace.

Two recent initiatives have really started to pay dividends; steel stock holding and our new profiling machine have combined to improve work flow and reduce lead times for our clients. It is always good to see the benefits of investment in technology, an area where Capricorn Mining is always keen to lead the way.

Our range of consumable products (hanging brackets, Calcium Chloride and mine mesh) continue to be in high demand. We are also seeing marked interest from NSW clients as they become

more aware of what we can offer them from our NSW base. Our offering of vendor managed stock has also been of interest in both states. The value of Capricorn Mining managing stock levels on behalf of our clients is appreciated in the industry, and is a key service that we are able to offer all our clients.

On the HR front we have recently welcomed Jayne Baxter to the

company. Jayne has started in the role of Personnel Officer and we look forward to having her with the business into the future. It was also good to have the experience of Darryl Crane return to our consumables manufacturing. Jordan Hubner and Dean Mitchelmore have also recently joined the manufacturing team as we continue to grow our business. Gavin Welsh has made a welcome return from illness. Even though it was a brief stint away, I know that both the company and our clients are very pleased to see Gavin back to health and back in the business. I would also like to extend our congratulations to Brett and Rebecca on their new addition to the McPhan family – Oliver Brett McPhan. Oliver arrived just too late for our last newsletter!

The outlook is very good, and we anticipate continued high demand for our products well into the next quarter. It is always good to see a strong order book and a healthy business. The next quarter will also see us strengthen our engineering team and look to focus on some key areas of expansion which I hope to be able to report on in our next newsletter.



CAPRICORN MINING EMPLOYEE PROFILE - Madelaine Crigan



Q1. What is your role at Capricorn Mining?

Administration

Q2. How many years have you worked for Capricorn Mining?

Going on 18 months.

Q3. What influenced you in choosing this career?

I pretty much came straight to Cap after finishing Year 12 at school.

Q4. What is your favourite job at work?

Helping out Gav with stuff, it's always a good laugh.

Q5. What is your least favourite job?

Chasing up customers for various things.

Q6. What would you consider your best achievement in this industry?

Probably helping out organising our stand for QME.

Q7. What has been your most memorable moment working at Capricorn Mining?

The Christmas party and most social club event are pretty memorable...

Q8. What has been your most embarrassing moment working at Capricorn Mining?

There have been a few blonde moments... but coming to work on a Monday after a big weekend at Airlie Beach and having completely lost my voice. I still had to answer the phones and I could only really make out a squeak.

“HAMBO’S” DEPARTURE

In late September one of Mastermyne’s founders and favourite sons was put out to pasture.

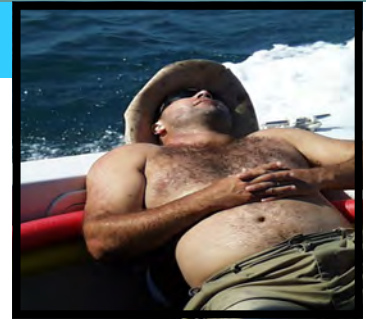
When Hambo and I kicked Mastermyne off in August 1996 we had \$3,000 between us, a second hand Landcruiser and Jim Skinner as our only other employee. It was back in the ‘work to rule days’ and as supervisors we were not allowed to operate machinery, Jim used to operate the machinery and Hambo and I used to walk in the mine at the start of shift and out of the mine at the end of shift. The first contracts we won were tasks that no one else was prepared to do cleaning and concreting under conveyors was a specialty.



After about 6 months we were developing a good reputation as a ‘can do’ contractor and we needed two crews. At this point we split up with one of us working dayshift and one working nightshift. After 12 months with our reputation still strong we won work at a second mine and we each ran one site. We would catch up by phone at all hours of day and night.

Our business has grown in the 10 years since then to be the premier underground contracting company in the industry, and now Mastermyne Group includes DRE, PYD & Capricorn Mining and we have the most talented and committed team of any contractor in the industry.

Hambo always had a passion for the land and three years ago we started a process which would allow Hambo to pursue his dream of being able to work the land. Part of this succession planning process was to put people in positions in our organisation who could and would run the business so Hambo



would not be required in the business on a day to day basis. We are at that point now.

Hambo will remain as the second largest individual shareholder in the business and will sit on the board of directors for ‘The Mastermyne Group of Companies’.

On behalf of everyone at Mastermyne, I wish Hambo, Mel, Sarah, Lucy and Alice a happy, healthy and prosperous life on the land.

Andrew Watts

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT - By Anthony Aisthorpe

Recruitment has again been strong across the whole Group. There is so much happening at the moment in all areas of the group. The HR team has now centralised the recruitment processes and is providing assistance in the recruitment activities for Capricorn Mining.

Suggestion Boxes have been sent out to all sites so please give us your comments on how we can improve the business.

Matt and Steve went to Broken Hill earlier this month to present Mastermyne and the opportunities that are available to a large number of underground miners in that area. As the company continues to grow the search for skilled miners takes us further afield.

Again opportunities are presenting themselves as we are able to move people across the group. Examples

of this are DRE Electrical staff working with Mastermyne in underground electrical roles.

Just a reminder to all employees across the Mastermyne Group that the Employee Assistance Program is available to all employees and their families. This service is provided by Mastermyne to all employees free of charge. Mentor Services can be contacted on 1300 727 308.

New Starters are:-

Michael Powell	Mastermyne Kestrel Project	David Pobar	DRE Electrical
Leslie Crosby	DRE Electrical	Geoffery Edensor	Mastermyne Dendrobium Project
Mauro Rossi	Mastermyne Dendrobium Project	Nat Graham	Mastermyne Dendrobium Project
Robert Arrol	Mastermyne Kestrel Project	Ben Buikstra	Mastermyne Dendrobium Project
Carlos Watton	DRE Electrical	Brad Callaghan	Mastermyne Kestrel Project
Carmel Luck	Mastermyne Mackay Office	Steve Phillips	Mastermyne MNC Projects
Jarvis Alstron	Mastermyne Oaky North Project	Dean Kennett	Mastermyne MNC Conveyor Project
Daniel Livingston	Mastermyne Kestrel Project	Bernie Strohfeltd	Mastermyne MNC Conveyor Project
Tom Beets	DRE Electrical	Peter Simpson	Mastermyne Kestrel Project
Angelo Aitonean	Mastermyne Crinum East Project	Phil Burgess	Mastermyne Dendrobium Project
Lee Hokins	Mastermyne MNC Drivage	David O'Reilly	Mastermyne Kestrel Project
Andrew Taylor	Mastermyne Oaky North Project	Darryl Crane	Capricorn Mining
Ben Muller	Mastermyne Crinum East Project	Jordan Hubner	Capricorn Mining
Andrew Trist	DRE Electrical	Dean Michelmore	Capricorn Mining
Hayden Rawson	DRE Electrical	Jacob McLaughlin	Capricorn Mining
Kayanne Balderson	Mastermyne Kestrel Project	Jayne Baxter	Capricorn Mining
John Plaza	Mastermyne MNC Conveyor Project	Robert Neagle	Capricorn Mining
Kev Crosby	Mastermyne MNC Conveyor Project		

MASTERMYNE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Allan Purse

Operationally our crews have had diverse challenges since our last newsletter. These include face road driveage, conveyor installations, panel relocation, shaft holing works and the retrieval of a "Down Hole Shaft" drill head.

Safety has shown improvement across our underground sites. Moranbah outbye crews recently passed 5 years LTI free. An outstanding achievement for these crews. We have set targets that are achievable and all sites are expected to meet these. Within our crews are new starters as well as experienced and safety focus individuals. I would like these men to please take the time to pass on their experiences in safety, and help our new starters to learn these without injury. Our next round of safety commitments will be rolled out in this next month to the management teams.

Recruitment has been challenging in this buoyant market. Continued growth at our projects, particularly at Moranbah, keeps our HR guys busy. A crew from Oaky North has transferred to Moranbah to kick off our belt works at this site. Our southern operation in NSW at Dendrobium

also has to contend with an extremely competitive labour market.

Kestrel safety performance is to be commended in this period. Our crews will move from driveage to Longwall relocation works in the near future. This is another challenge for our Kestrel crews both for safety and the new skills to be acquired.

Crinum crews recently finished the next Longwall install face to complete another milestone. Standards continue to be the standout at this site. With the completion of this Longwall panel the ongoing work scope is diverse and will provide variety in tasks for all involved.

Dendrobium is also mining in a face road. Our crews are remaining the benchmark for our client to compare their crews. To complete the face road a single entry driveage roadway will be required. These crews at this time are planned to relocate to mains driveage.

Moranbah driveage teams have been deployed to outbye duties, face road works and panel preparation. We also had people deployed in the client's production crews. We

continue to support the client in all facets at this operation.

Moranbah outbye crews recently were involved in the salvage of the shaft drill head which had been bogged for several months. Normal outbye duties were performed and completed to target and with no safety incidents.

Oaky North recently commissioned the client's next Longwall conveyor issue free. Outbye conveyor works are continuing at this site and the next Longwall drive head installation is due to commence.

Our people on the deputy training course continue to toil away. Please support these men as they move their career forward.

I would like to take the opportunity to announce that Barry Sloan has accepted the role of Business Development Manager for the Mastermyne Group of Companies. Barry has extensive underground experience at all levels of management. His technical mechanical background, good people skills and industry contacts will see Barry well placed to consolidate this role. Barry's role will encompass all the operating units across our Group.



Mastermyne

MASTERMYNE EMPLOYEE PROFILE - Damon Maguire

Q1. What is your role at Mastermyne? HSE Coordinator – Moranbah North Coal Mine - Previously as the Surface Controller (SCP) Crinum East.

Q2. How many years have you worked for Mastermyne? 3 Months. Prior to this, I worked for the Emergency Services as a Fire Brigade incident manager, and QAS First Aid Instructor. I have a background in teaching and extensive experience in education and training.

Q3. What influenced you in choosing this career? An interest in making the workplace safer and seeking out challenging environments. It's very easy to sit back and coast along, but there's a great sense of achievement in a job done well, and done safely.

Q4. What is your favourite job at work? Setting goals and objectives, and achieving beyond expectations. I am enjoying the support I give to crews and the role I play as part of the management team. I am looking forward to this role growing as the project expands.

Q5. What is your least favourite job? So far I've been very lucky. I take comfort in even the most minor of duties because I choose to work in the industry and I value the learning experience. Every job I've ever had started with mopping and sweeping. When you start at the bottom, there is nowhere to go but up.

Q6. What would you consider your best achievement in this industry? Being appointed as HSE Coordinator Moranbah.

Q7. What has been your most embarrassing moment working at Mastermyne? Being suckered by B Crew Crinum East, into a 4am mad dash to the Crinum store to collect a essential part for the miner... a 6 Inch Snatch Reamer Extension. As I later discovered, this is not a component of any make of Continuous Miner, nor might I add the lads on B Crew. I still laugh when I think of it....They'll keep.



PYD MINING SERVICES GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Neil Parsons-Young

I would like to start with safety this week and congratulate Marty and his night shift team for their continued efforts in going 685 days completely injury free. This milestone has been acknowledged by BHP Billiton West Cliff Colliery with a safety award presentation at a shift team building event. Marty was presented with a voucher in the form of a donation to a charity of his choice and a trophy. See Marty's article in this newsletter for more information.

Unfortunately for PYD we did have 2 accidents since our last report. Both injuries were due to contact with grout and resulted in one lost time injury and one medical treatment. Again this shows that we must be vigilant in making sure we use our PPE and follow our SWP's to the letter to avoid any injuries in the future. We must now concentrate on ensuring that we go through to the end of the year with no further injuries.

Team PYD conducted an OHS&C meeting with the work force and part of the meeting was a presentation from the Illawarra Coal Occupational Hygienist Jen Hines. The purpose of the presentation was to discuss the hazards associated with respirable dust and its effect on the body. The presentation also included a lesson from a 3M representative who showed us all how to correctly fit a dust mask and other products that protect us

against respirable dust. The presentation was well received and a great benefit to PYD employees. It also highlighted the need to wear protection whenever you are exposed to airborne dust.

The umbrella agreement is now in full swing as supplementary labour continues to increase with scope to introduce 4 fitters and 2 electricians in the coming months. As manning continues to increase we will also take on the belt patrol work.

Production wise the LW 33 has started at West Cliff Colliery and most of the work force is again concentrated on the secondary support contract. Installation of megabолts is going well and ahead of schedule and work is continuing on down days in the LW TG to stand the last 3 pillars of tin cans. We are prepping our supplies and bolting gear to install megabолts in the recently driven LW33 recovery road. The majority of the ventilation work has been completed and we continue to seal the LW33 goaf seal stoppings.

Mick Doyle and his crew have started roof and rib support at Tasman Mine in the Hunter Valley. This will be a 4-5 week project to secure a fault zone. We continue to supply supplementary labour in development

panels. Discussions are underway with Abel Mine to provide additional labour in the future for development work. An up-to-date report will be provided in the next newsletter.

Manning continues to be a challenge for PYD and the industry as a whole. I am happy to report that the new starter training package has been conditionally accepted at West Cliff Colliery. This will result in the fast track and up skilling of new starters to the experienced miner rank. This is a great result for PYD and

should see the competency based program completed by new starters in 3-6 months. This will assist the PYD operation in meeting the requirements of the umbrella agreement contract.

In the coming months we plan to move our admin and project management team to West Cliff Colliery. This will bring all of the PYD Team operating from one site and should improve employee and client communication and processes.

Neil Parsons-Young
Operations Manger
PYD Mining Services



PYD MINING SERVICES EMPLOYEE PROFILE - Martin Wilton

Q1. What is your role at PYD Mining Services?

Nightshift Supervisor

Q2. How many years have you worked for PYD Mining Services?

4 years

Q3. What influenced you in choosing this career?

Father and friends worked in the mining industry.

Q4. What is your favourite job at work?

Canning

Q5. What is your least favourite job?

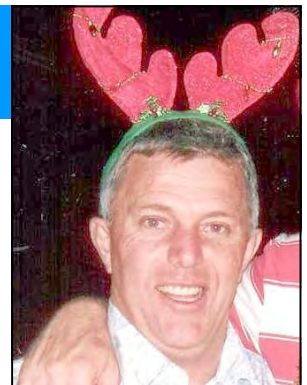
Aquacretting

Q6. What would you consider your best achievement in this industry?

Nightshift safety record 672 days
(1st September 08)

Q7. What has been your most embarrassing moment working at PYD Mining Services?

Running over mates crib box with Eimco



MOUNT KEMBLA MINING HERITAGE FESTIVAL

One hundred and six years ago 96 miners from the Mount Kembla Mine said goodbye to their families and went to work. Tragically, they never returned home. At 2pm on 31st July 1902 an explosion (that was heard kilometres away in Wollongong) ripped through the Mount Kembla Mine, killing 96 men and boys – every third breadwinner in the small village.

To this day, the event remains the greatest peacetime loss of life on Australian soil. Some men were able to scramble through ventilation shafts to emerge alive but the shock and devastation to the small community was catastrophic.

Every year, to commemorate this disaster, the Mount Kembla Mining Heritage Festival is held and includes a grand parade, family and



social history displays, vintage cars, a heritage cottage, a bowls day, an art competition, guided historic tours, market stalls and the Australian Coal Shovelling and Roof Bolting NSW Championships.

This year Mastermyne had only two representatives in the Coal Shovelling and Roof Bolting Competitions and even though they did not come away with the trophy, Col McIntosh and Noel Conneely put in a grand effort. They made it to the semi finals of the Roof Bolting Competition but were just piped at the post and missed out by just a whisker on making it to the finals.

Well done Col and Noel, you did us proud!

MINERS MEMORIAL DAY

The inaugural Miners Memorial Day was held on 19th September 2008 to commemorate the lives of more than 1450 miners who have died in mining tragedies since mining began in Queensland in the 1800s.

The 19th of September marks the anniversary of the worst mining disaster in Queensland's history, when in 1921, 75 miners lost their lives in a coal dust explosion at Mount Mulligan in far north Queensland.

Since 1921, a number of tragic mining incidents have occurred, including an explosion at Moura No 4 coal mine when 12 miners lost their lives (16th July 1986), an underground explosion at Moura No 2 mine when 11 miners died (7 August 1994) and in 1975, 12 miners were killed in an underground explosion at the Kiangra No 1 coal mine.

Hosted by the Queensland State Government, with support from the Queensland Resources Council and the major mining unions (the CFMEU and the AWU) the ceremony was held in Brisbane's Roma Street Parklands. The memorial service included a minute's silence at 10.50am in memory of those miners who lost their lives.

Mines and Energy Minister Geoff Wilson said Miners Memorial Day will pay tribute to all miners in all mines across the State.

Minister Wilson said "Miners Memorial Day will shine a light on the most important side of mining – the safety of the men and women who work in Queensland's mines."

MASTERMYNE GROUP OF COMPANIES JINGLE COMPETITION

*And the winner is.....***SHINAE GRANT**

Congratulations Shinae!

DRE ELECTRICAL OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT - Trevor Hyde

One of the downsides of our operations is the great distances we are travelling to and from site, travelling home and back or attending training or meetings. They all spell time on the road and the risks are always there. Wildlife, road conditions, mechanical failure, other drivers and the most controllable risk 'yourself', all play a part. Please make sure you put some thought into your trips and plan to be as alert as you can be on the road. Taking a quick look at tyre conditions, checking brakes, filling windscreen washer tanks, cleaning windows and having good wiper blades all contribute towards reducing your risk while being on the road. Always be aware of the conditions and drive to suit them.

Workfronts

Riverside - The crew has been ticking along nicely with preparation for the final shutdown well underway. A team effort on planning and ordering materials has placed us in a great position for the scheduled start of the 29th of September.

Workshop

It was a long haul but Roger and his team have completed the PCR room. There was a point when it didn't want to leave, even with two cranes and a set of skates. With a little perseverance and some kind words it finally slid out the door and was on its way. Well done guys! The finish on this machine is a credit to our company and a mark of the standard we set.

Please see the separate article on this project in this Newsletter.



Underground Electrical

We have opportunities for experienced underground electricians as well as surface electricians looking to move into this field. If you know someone or are thinking of it yourself, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us as we will gladly discuss the prospects. Michael Powell and Andrew Taylor have both come to us from outside the industry and are making good headway in the job.

Mastermyne Integration

You would have seen a change in the style of your payslip recently and the pay information should now be a little easier to interpret. The Mastermyne Corporate Services team recently rolled out the system across Mastermyne, DRE and PYD to provide greater security and confidentiality.

People

With our crews reaching their full quotas, recruitment has slowed down a little. We are pleased to have welcomed the following people to our operations:-

Mackay Workshop - Les Crosby gave us a hand for a couple of weeks.

Kestrel Coal - Michael Powell has joined us.

Oaky North - Andrew Taylor came on board.

Lake Lindsay - Andrew Trist, Hayden Rawson, Thomas Beets, Carlos Watton and David Pobar all commenced.

DRE ELECTRICAL EMPLOYEE PROFILE - John "Fruity" Baskett

Q1. How many years have you worked in the mining industry?

34 years, first employed by Utah Development Company, Blackwater mine.

Q2. What type of work were you doing before coming to DRE?

Cattle property work and contract boilermaker work with G&S Team Engineering and P&H, and whoever else would have me.

Q3. What made you choose a career with DRE?

Good and considerate attitude from Jake Hutchinson and camaraderie of fellow workmates on the job sites.

Q4. What is your earliest mining memory?

Second night shift at Blackwater Mine, when the temperature dropped to minus two degrees Celsius and the stockpile turned white with frost in the morning.

Q5. What is your favourite job?

Arc air gauging in the tub of a dragline

Q6. What is your least favourite job?

Working on night shift, doesn't matter what job it is.

Q7. What would you consider your best work achievement?

A hard question to answer, depends on your point of view. I'd say, staying healthy, saving for the future, being honest and respectful to all work mates, as I would like to receive in turn.

Q8. What was your scariest moment in a coal mine?

When asleep in the SMQ at Blackwater Mine, they let off a large overburden shot; the vibration from the shot shook the dongas like an earthquake and I ran up the hallway in my underpants yelling for everyone to evacuate before the place came down on our heads.



CURRAGH DRAGLINE 302 - POWER CONTROL ROOM (PCR)

DRE, in partnership with Bucyrus, recently constructed a new power control room (PCR) for DL 302 dragline at Curragh mine in Queensland.

Project Details

Manhours:	3200
Conception to completion:	12mths
Size of Room:	7.5mtr x 2.3mtr x 3.96mtr
Tare weight (shell)	3.5 tonne
Gross weight (built)	16 tonne

The following are some of the benefits in having the room pre-fabricated rather than retro-fitting the existing room, and these benefits re-enforced Curragh Mine's decision to have the room constructed:-

- Experience told us that the floor structure under the existing PCR required extensive modification to retrofit drive cabinets and MCC.
- Transformer structure on top of PCR needs to be built in situ. Electrical time is saved through efficiencies of a workshop environment and eliminating the need for complete removal of cables and equipment from the existing PCR.
- Blasting and painting is required as well as wall lining and flashing in a retrofit. This work is normally time consuming, costly and not always aesthetically appealing.



- Pre commissioning performed off site by engineering companies identifies any problems early during non-critical times.
- Minimizes risk of equipment not fitting into existing available space by working the room design to fit standard sized cabinets and panels.
- PCR is lifted onto machine in one go. This eliminates multiple crane lifts for individual equipment and reduces crane usage, which is usually at a premium due to mechanical requirements.
- Sealing of the room for fire protection pressure testing in the workshop is easier to achieve.

DRE Electrical has a workshop facility in Paget, Mackay, in close proximity to Bucyrus Australia and suppliers. We welcome engineers and other subcontractors to commission equipment and install fire systems and airconditioning systems into the PCR while on our premises. The client is also welcome to conduct progress inspections by prior appointment at any time during construction.

DRE Electrical has a team of people with vast dragline experience who know what works and what doesn't.

For more information contact:-
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JOKES

There were three fathers to be in a hospital waiting room, waiting for their babies to be born.

The first nurse comes out and tells the first father, "Congratulations you're the father of twins!" He says, "Great! I am the manager for the Minnesota Twins."

The second nurse comes out and tells the second father, "Congratulations you're the father of triplets!" He says, "That's cool! I work for 3M."

The third father opens the window and jumps out. The third nurse comes out, and asks, "Where's the third father?"

One of the other fathers said, "Oh he jumped out the window."

The nurse asks, "Why?"

He replied, "He works for Seven Up!"



What do you call 10 rabbits walking backwards?

... A receding hair line.

Why do tuna fish swim no further north than Townsville?

They don't want to end up in Cairns

Someone saw a blonde eating a Tootsie Roll Pop and asked her, "So, how many licks does it take to get to the centre of a Tootsie Roll - Tootsie Pop?"

Without a thought, the blonde replied, "Beats me, but it took almost the whole day just to lick through the wrapper."



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