

## **WGENEWS**



## A word from Johan

## We're breaking out the champagne, with two great reasons to celebrate...

This month we're celebrating our 10 year anniversary! The Brisbane WGE office has been open since 2005, when we decided to meet strong demand for local engineering services. It's been an eventful decade- check out what's happened (and see what a decade has done to some of our long-serving team) on the back page.

Another big win is the announcement that WGE has been accredited as an Aon Hewitt Best Employer- for the 4th year in a row. We're very proud of this amazing accomplishment as it's a true reflection of our focus on people and culture.

This unique culture impacts our clients and projects as well. As a firm we hire people not only for their technical capability, but equally as importantly, for their passion and cultural fit.

We're engineers with personality. This creates great client relationships with high levels of engagement, good communication and ultimately results in excellent outcomes.

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#### QLD's retail development trend

Queensland is experiencing an abundance of retail developments in locations varying from its rural towns to coastal towns and city locations.

Developers have identified investment opportunities in locations where the local citizens have shown strong interest in having a central retail hub. Retail centres are seen as a way to build and support local communities and it's exciting to see an array of outstanding shopping centres being developed.

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## Industry trends



Building a successful shopping centre that will attract the best tenants and high traffic is a complex job, requiring experience in:

- Staging development in order to ensure trade and "feet through the door" for existing retailers
- Planning for tenancy mix, operational flexibility and future proofing
- Building services and utility infrastructure

WGE's retail team are experts at new and redeveloped retail centres, having worked on numerous projects with leading developers including AMP, Colonial First State, Westfield and Stockland. We're currently involved in major QLD retail projects including:

- Stockland Gladstone West Mall redevelopment
- QIC Robina Town Centre
- Willows Shopping Centre
- Stockland Kensington
- Stockland Jimboomba





#### **Willows Shopping Town redevelopment**

Willows Shopping Town is a major regional shopping centre located in the south-west of Townsville's CBD. The project included refurbishment of the existing Willows shopping centre and food court, and development of a new mall to increase the centre's GLA by 12,500m² to 37,448m². An energy simulation exercise was carried out to determine the most cost effective insulation and glazing systems in compliance with the Building Council of Australia.

#### Stockland Gladstone West Mall redevelopment

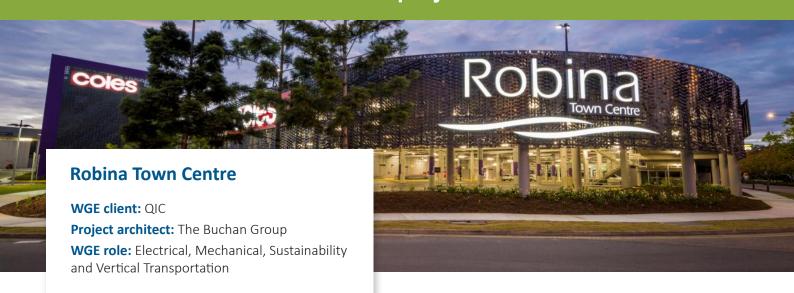
Stockland Gladstone is the only major shopping centre in the region, located 500km north of Brisbane. WGE is providing electrical and mechanical services for the planned \$160 million upgrade of the West Mall complex. The staged development will see existing majors Kmart, Coles and Target moved to new sites without halting regular trading. The centre's retail space will be increased to approximately 45,000 m² to include a food court, restaurant precinct and 101 specialty stores.

#### Stockland Jimboomba Village Shopping Centre

Jimboomba Village is located 50km south of Brisbane in "one of the strongest performing growth corridors" according to Stockland<sup>1</sup>. Adjacent to the existing shopping centre, the brand new greenfield retail development is planned to include 22,000m<sup>2</sup> of floor space incorporating the 2 majors, Woolworths and Big W, as well as a new food court and specialty shops. WGE is providing electrical services on the new development, including power, lighting, communications, dry fire and site infrastructure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.stockland.com.au/assets/crs2012/property-portfolio-2012.pdf

### Feature projects



The redevelopment and expansion of the southern end of the Robina Town Centre (approximately 22,000m²) incorporates a number of specialty stores and restaurants.

The new Coles store is one of the first in Queensland to be designed to the Coles "Next Generation" scheme.

The project was completed over three stages. WGE's involvement included mechanical and electrical specific Revit design of the expansion including AC, ventilation layout and mall feature lighting.





Cambridge Residences at Laver Drive in Robina is a new master planned residential development incorporating 400 apartments across four modern towers. The residences will feature naturally ventilated corridors, large terraces, secure underground parking and lifestyle facilities including a pool, gym and landscaped gardens.

WGE has been involved at Cambridge Residences from DA approval through to detailed design with construction expected to commence in August. The project involved the structural design of the first 2 towers (being 6 and 9 storeys plus basement levels), extensive bulk earthworks on the sloping site, as well as foundation works, stormwater detention, flood compensatory earthworks and roadworks. Construction will be completed in two stages across the four towers.

### Feature projects

# **Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability Facilities Project**

**WGE client:** Lendlease **Project architect:** BVN

WGE role: Electrical, Dry Fire, Mechanical and

**Vertical Transportation** 

Subject to Parliament approval the new Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability Aircraft (Growler) facilities will be operational in Australia in 2018 with RAAF Base Amberley in QLD as the main facility.

WGE's mechanical, vertical transportation, electrical and fire detection services are heavily involved in design documentation for the Defence bases in QLD and NT.

The high security facilities will include new squadron headquarters and hangars for the fleet of twelve EA-18G Growlers, as well as high-tech workshops, offices, car parks, flight simulator facilities and flight lines.

As Defence engineering consultants WGE operates within stringent security restrictions and the team is working closely with numerous key stakeholders to ensure the complex project is handled with appropriate sensitivity and adherence to Defence requirements.

The Growler facilities incorporate highly technical specifications in order to maintain the world-class electronic warfare system. The multi-stage project design plans are complex and integrate critical machinery and technology, including humidity and environmentally controlled aircraft workshops and the Tactical Operational Flight Trainer (TOFT) flight simulation.

Australia will be the only country in the world, other than the United States, operating Growler capability.



**WGE client:** FKG Group **Project architect:** FKG Group

**WGE role:** Electrical, Fire Protection, Hydraulics, Mechanical and Sustainability

Quest Apartments Toowoomba was a unique project completed by developer FKG Group and WGE in June 2015. The 74 room hotel offers a variety of superbly finished rooms including 1 bed studios and 1 and 2 bed suites.

The project involved the partial demolition and restoration of the century-old Church of Christ, transforming it into a stunning lobby and entrance for the Quest Apartments. The church is no longer heritage listed but provided complexities when integrating the hotel services with existing works. The modern six-level apartments are built on a greenfield site at the rear of the church.

## **Current project snapshots**





#### Regis, Chelmer

**WGE client:** Regis Aged Care **Project architect:** PDT Architects

**WGE role:** Acoustics, Civil, Electrical, Fire Engineering, Hydraulic, Mechanical, Structural

and Sustainability services



#### **Eagle Farm Racecourse Pedestrian Tunnel**

WGE client: Brisbane Racing Club / Racing Queensland

**Project architect:** Populous

WGE role: Electrical, Fire Engineering, Hydraulic and

Mechanical services

Photo courtesy of Populus.



## Caboolture Hospital - 32 bed Ward Refurbishment

**WGE client:** Queensland Health **Project architect:** Peddle Thorp

**WGE role:** Electrical, Fire Engineering, Fire Protection, Hydraulic and Mechanical services



#### **Belmont Shooting Range**

WGE client: Department of State Development,

Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)

Project architect: Mode Design

**WGE role:** Civil, Electrical, Fire Engineering, Hydraulic, Mechanical, Structural and Sustainability services

## 10 year anniversary



Check out what's happened to our team in the last 10 years!

Brisbane Office Manager Johan Sadie in 2005 & 2015 - same moustache, different colour!

#### 2015

Acoustics section is opened in Brisbane.

At June 2015 the office is at 44 people, with the team growing by over 25% in the last 12 months!

#### 2013

Ashely Holm is promoted to Electrical Section Manager.

#### 2010

Brisbane office won the Sunshine Coast Hospital project worth \$2 billion.

The Structural section is introduced in Brisbane.

#### 2007

The office rapidly expands over 2 years to 19 people in 2007

2015 - did you know the hard working team goes through a whopping 900 Nespresso. capsules a week?

#### 2014

Nigel Cooper is proud to be promoted to Mechanical Section Manager.

#### 2012

Martin O'Connor, Structural Section Manager, joins the WGE Brisbane team.

#### 2008

WGE Brisbane's Civil section is launched. Mike Prior moves to Brisbane to head up the new Civil team.

#### 2005

WGE opens the Brisbane office with Johan Sadie as the leader. Brisbane Electrical is the first section, with Hydraulics and Mechanical a few months later.

10 amazing years of growth in









Check out the changes in Mike Prior, Civil Section Manager, over 10 years. 2005 - chose to his shave head. 2015 that choice is taken away!







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