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# Welcome

Expansion and the pursuit of new market segments require time and comprehensive planning, starting with a thorough – and totally objective – assessment of an organisation's current performance and positioning within its particular industry.

At Buxton, our journey commenced in 2009, shortly after I assumed control of the company. A comprehensive market research program – conducted by an independent external agency – to ascertain how the company was perceived in the marketplace was the starting point.

Over the ensuing years the expansion process has been all-embracing, focusing on every aspect of our operations. This included the development of a strategic business plan that announced our short to longer-term objectives coupled with the recruitment of highly qualified and experienced industry specialists to complement the skills and expertise within the existing Buxton team.

Although you can never hope to achieve a 100 per cent report card it's very gratifying to know we've met nearly all the overall benchmarks we set in 2009, then reviewed – and modified – in 2011 and 2014. Our penetration of the \$50 million-plus market has increased significantly but certainly not to the detriment of projects of lesser dollar value we built our reputation on.

The years of planning and hard work are now beginning to bear fruit. Piling has commenced on the \$112 million CV Apartments in Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East and soon the site will have one of the seven tower cranes bearing the Buxton name on building sites across Melbourne.

Not a bad effort when you consider our first one went up at Sandy Hill in Sandringham a little over four years ago!

Finally I would like to pass on my sincere thank you to Peter Fitzhenry who has worked with me over the past 18 years to provide this magnificent publication. Thank you Peter.

**Andrew Briggs, Managing Director**



Peninsula Kingswood Golf Clubhouse



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## Clubhouse combines traditional with contemporary

According to Michael Jeffreson, Partner and Design Director at Demaine Partnership, the world-class clubhouse at Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club is a fusion of warm traditional-style clubhouses with contemporary design.

“It’s a higher-end country club model incorporating a pitched roof, porte cochere, cathedral-style ceilings, transition zones such as wide verandas and alfresco dining areas to create a serious sporting facility with a resort-style ambience.”

The facade combines stone cladding, render, natural timber and aluminium with some areas of double-glazed electrochromatic – smart glass – windows which provide broad vistas of the course while adjusting automatically to restrict the entry of solar rays.

The interior décor is elegant and welcoming while sixteen self-contained units located on both level one of the clubhouse and in on-course lodges are equal to a five-star hotel.

A stand-alone sports centre linked to the clubhouse by a covered walkway has a 25-metre solar-heated pool, gymnasium, change rooms and outdoor deck with views to a lush garden.

“We’ve worked with Buxton Construction on a number of high-profile golf clubhouses and have always found them to be totally professional with good ongoing dialogue. Most importantly they consistently deliver a top quality product,” Michael Jeffreson said.

## Major golf clubs form new entity

The task of amalgamating two major metropolitan golf clubs – Peninsula and Kingswood – has been a massive project spanning more than three years, says Heath Wilson, General Manager of Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club.

After extensive consultation, in August 2013 members approved the merger to form a new club that would be safeguarded against the mounting operational and financial challenges that are inherent in the golfing world today.

“As well as the practical aspects such as negotiating the sale of the Kingswood course and the planning and redevelopment program at Peninsula, we needed to be sensitive to the needs of members of both clubs and very mindful of staff issues,” Heath explained.

In order to keep disruption of members to a minimum during construction, Kingswood will remain a fully functioning golf club until April 2018, operating concurrently with the recently completed 18-hole south course at Peninsula.

One of the prime objectives of the merger is to create a private club offering a range of exceptional facilities for members with a limited number of external functions. “We believe Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club will be the equal of any in Australia and have a strong financial buffer to secure its future,” Heath Wilson said.

Commenting on the appointment of Buxton Construction, Heath said, “They’ve got the golf market covered and were streets ahead of the competition with their scope and timing but, above all, fully understand that golf has to go on during the construction process.”

# ESD initiatives for Bargoonga Nganjin library

Designed by Group GSA Architectural, City of Yarra's new Bargoonga Nganjin library and community hub at 182-186 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy incorporates a range of existing council services.

It also includes a maternal and child health centre, playgroup areas, council customer service area and community meeting spaces as well as a full commercial kitchen and rooftop garden.

The three-level development features a facade of recycled brick and etched polished concrete complemented by a series of perforated brass panels which provide the essential shade for ensuring the building is energy efficient.

"Additional environmentally sustainable features such as solar panels and a water storage tank contribute to the building's achievement of a six-star Green Star rating; the highest environmental rating awarded by the Green Building Council of Australia." City of Yarra Coordinator of Capital Projects, Andrew Griffin said.

The Bargoonga Nganjin library is one of the major infrastructure projects undertaken by the City of Yarra and Andrew Griffin says the council is delighted with the outcome.

"Buxton Construction more than justified council's decision to award them the contract. Everyone from the Managing Director down has gone above and beyond to deliver a first-rate community facility that will serve the people of Yarra for decades."

Coordinator Building Projects, City of Yarra,  
Andrew Griffin

Project Design Director Alex Marefleet – formerly with GSA Architectural – is delighted with the outcome. "You're indeed fortunate as an architect if, once in a while, you are involved in a project such as this where you have a great client, a builder who really cares about the result and a team of supportive consultants."





Rooftop Garden Bargoonga Nganjin Library



Bargoonga Nganjin Library



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Bargoonga Nganjin Library

# New faces

To meet the needs of our burgeoning business we have recruited these highly experienced construction specialists who each brings with them a set of skills that complement Buxton Construction's expert team.

We extend a warm welcome to our ranks and wish them every success with their careers at Buxton Construction.



**James Thomas**  
Project Manager



**Stephen Harper**  
Senior Contract Administrator



**Clayton Porter**  
Senior Contract Administrator



**Frank Freskos**  
Contract Administrator



**Sam Harlen**  
Site Manager



**Meagan Marks**  
Receptionist

# Buxton graduate program promotes excellence



Buxton graduates

Buxton Construction makes two positions available each year under its graduate program. Appointed for two years, graduates spend the first year in the estimating and cost planning department, then work on site for 12 months.

For more information and to apply:  
[buxtonconstruction.com.au/careers/](http://buxtonconstruction.com.au/careers/)

“Graduates gain exposure to a variety of tasks within the industry in a short space of time, enabling them to learn more quickly and obtain a high level of work experience under some of the industry’s most respected and experienced leaders.”

Director, Buxton Construction, Andrew Hume

# A change of guard



Peter Fitzhenry

After more than 18-years’ association with Buxton Insite, Peter Fitzhenry is passing the baton to Metric, our marketing consultants. During that time, Peter – who developed the Insite concept – has interviewed countless clients, architects and consultants, and written hundreds of articles.

“It’s been a remarkable journey, which I’ve been privileged to have been associated with. I have witnessed first-hand, the planned and orchestrated growth of the company with its profile being raised, allowing Buxton to successfully compete on larger and more complex projects while maintaining its reputation for commitment and quality,” Peter said.

# New York-style development for Richmond

Buxton Construction is working with Blueprint Projects – developer of Sandy Hill in Sandringham and CV near Camberwell Junction – on the preliminary planning of a mixed-use development in Swan Street, Richmond.

Designed by Watson Young, the project, which includes the demolition of an existing building and relocation of high voltage power lines, comprises a two-level basement, ground floor retail and 28 two and three-bedroom apartments over five levels.

“The New York style apartments will feature brick and patterned steel screens to the facade to sit harmoniously with Richmond’s industrial-style heritage.”

Director, Watson Young, Colin Watson

As it has done during the developmental stage of Blueprint’s other projects, Buxton is providing a balance of buildability issues with creative and engineering values to ensure the finished product ticks all the boxes for quality, design and value for money.

“We’ve had a long association with Buxton on Blueprint Projects’ developments and have always been delighted to work with the team. They have highly qualified people you’d expect a successful builder to have but what sets Buxton apart is their culture and pleasant, can-do approach, nothing’s too much trouble,” Colin Watson added.

Although Watson Young’s focus is heavily on commercial, the practice has considerable experience in residential design ranging from major renovations and extensions to single dwellings and multi-storey apartment complexes.



## Congratulations

Buxton Construction attaches great value to staff loyalty and outstanding performance, preferring to promote from within wherever appropriate.

We are delighted to announce the promotion of two long-time members of the Buxton team who have each made a significant contribution to the company’s success; Belinda Proud and Peta English.

Belinda, who joined Buxton in 2005 as Receptionist, progressed through various departments and has been appointed to the newly-created position of Marketing Officer where she combines her duties with a senior administrative role.

Peta also joined Buxton as Receptionist in 2008 and has gained broad experience across the board. Late last year she was promoted to Assistant to the Managing Director where she works closely with Andrew Briggs and the executive team.



# CURRENT PROJECTS

## CV APARTMENTS

A \$112 million, 146 apartment development in Hawthorn East consisting of two residential towers, four-levels of commercial tenancies and five-levels of basement car parking.

**Client:** Blueprint Projects

**Architect:** Elenberg Fraser

**Interior Design:** Hecker Guthrie

**Structural/Civil:** Adams Consulting Engineers

**Services:** Simpson Kotzman

**Building Surveyor:** Reddo

**Quantity Surveyor:** Rider Levett Bucknall

## BAYSIDE MASONIC

\$18 million four-level building developed by Freemasons Victoria, Gardenvale.

**Client:** Freemasons Victoria

**Project Manager:** Nash Management Group

**Architect:** The Bunchan Group

**Structural:** Webber Group

**Services:** The O'Neill Group

**Building Surveyor:** Gardiner Group

## NORTH FITZROY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Construction of a \$13 million three-level library building in North Fitzroy.

**Client:** City of Yarra

**Architect:** Group GSA

**Structural:** Bonacci Group

**Services:** BRT Consulting

**Environmentally Sustainable Design:** Cundall

**Building Surveyor:** PLP Building Surveyors & Consultants

## THE RESERVE APARTMENTS

\$36 million construction of 120 premium apartments in Sandringham – Stage 3 of the Sandy Hill development.

**Client:** Blueprint Projects

**Architect:** Watson Young Architects

**Structural/Civil:** Adams Consulting Engineers

**Services:** ADP Consulting Engineers

**Building Surveyor:** McKenzie Group Consulting

## BLUECROSS SPRINGFIELD

A three-level, \$50 million residential aged care facility featuring 220 beds, dementia unit, cinema and community services.

**Client:** BlueCross

**Project Manager:** Currie & Brown

**Architect:** Billard Leece Partnership

**Structural/Civil/Electrical/Mechanical/**

**Hydraulic:** The O'Neill Group

**Landscape Architect:** Site Image Landscape Architects

**Building Surveyor:** PLP Building Surveyors & Consultants

## SWAN STREET RICHMOND

Design phase of a six-level mixed use development including 28 apartments over five levels, two levels of basement car parking and ground floor retail.

**Client:** Blueprint Projects

**Architect:** Watson Young Architects

**Structure:** Adams Consulting Engineers

**Town Planner:** SJB Planning

## THE BENSON AT ST PETERS CHURCH

A \$28.3 million, 33-apartment retirement living development linking with the heritage listed St Peter's Parish Church in Toorak.

**Client:** The Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Project Manager:** b.o.b Consultancy

**Architect:** Demaine Partnership

**Services:** Umow Lai & Associates

**Structural/Civil:** WSP Group

**Building Surveyor:** PLP Building Surveyors and Consultants

**Quantity Surveyor:** Prowse Quantity Surveyors

**Landscape Architect:** Tract Consultants

## HIDDEN VALLEY CLUBHOUSE

A \$10 million, new golf clubhouse and associated facilities.

**Client:** Arcadia Group

**Project Manager:** Robert Luxmoore

**Architect:** McIlldowie Partners

**Structural/Civil:** Calibre Consulting

**Services:** ADP Consulting Engineers

**Building Surveyor:** Reddo

## PENINSULA KINGSWOOD COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

A \$27.7 million, new golf clubhouse with accommodation and associated facilities.

**Client:** Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club Ltd

**Superintendent:** Case Meallin & Associates

**Architect:** Demaine Partnership

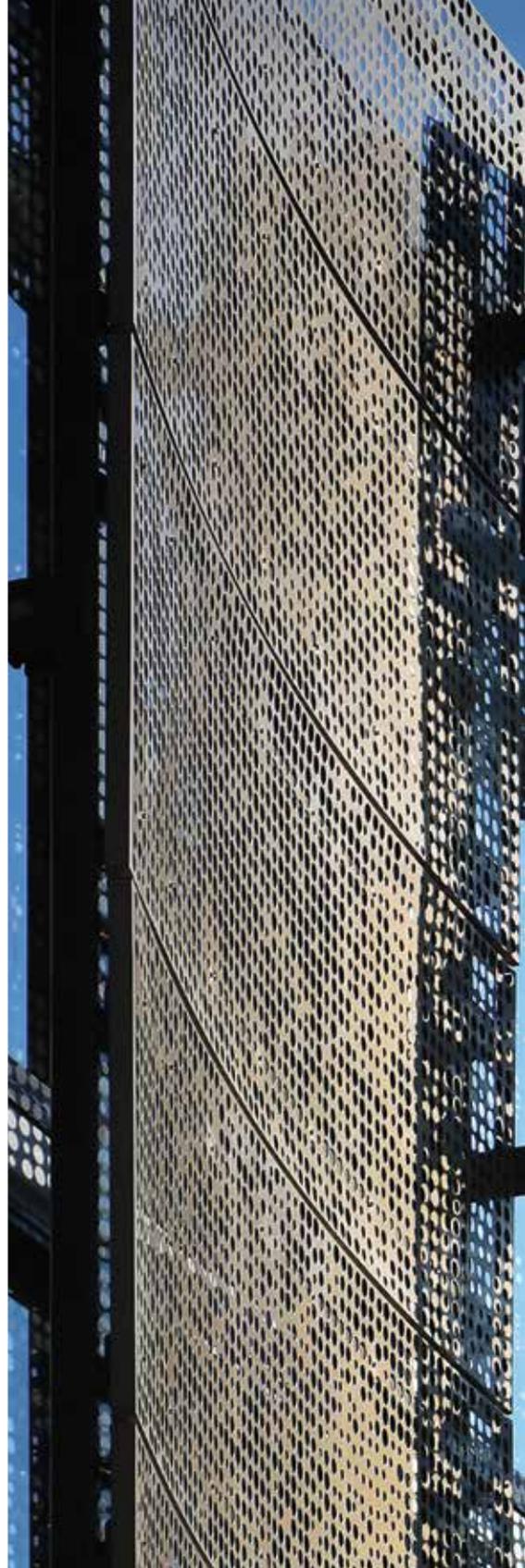
**Interior Design:** MBA Design Group

**Structural:** BG&E

**Services:** Irwin Consult

**Civil:** MA Civil Design

**Building Surveyor:** McKenzie Group Consulting



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