

# Off the Wall

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Welcome to our 10th edition of *Off the Wall!*

We have had many local projects recently which is a nice change for many of the boys. Recently however, we commenced a large project at Kapunda in South Australia's Barossa Valley. It's not too far from home but the boys are enjoying their stay at the Kapunda Caravan Park during the week.

There have been a few staff changes since our last newsletter. In the office we were sad to say goodbye to Ashleigh who has moved to Perth for a year to further her studies, also in teaching! Eden has slipped into her role as office manager with ease and we welcome Brooke who will support Eden in Administration and HR. Welcome also to Luke and Stuart to our construction crew.

We are also sorry to see Alex Bubner go after being with us for 3 years, having accepted a new job at Lucas Earthmovers. We would like to thank "Twiggy" for the years he dedicated to Prospect Contractors and wish him all the best in the future.

Happy travels to John who is off to America for a month to visit the Coachella Music Festival and Las Vegas!

## Gabion & Weld Mesh Seating

The use of Gabions in seating is becoming increasingly popular. Here is a selection of projects that we have recently done. The Gabions can then act as a retaining wall as well a functional seat or simply as an interesting feature in a garden.



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Curved weld mesh with concrete seat



Gabion retaining wall with timber slat seat



Gabion feature wall with timber slat seat



L-shaped weld mesh with concrete seat

# CURRENT PROJECTS

## Barossa Flood Recovery

Prospect Contractors have designed Gabion walls in conjunction with Remo Contractors which will offer a long-term solution to the local flood problem for the Barossa Council. Gabions will be installed around pipes and head walls to reinstate roads and areas badly eroded by past flooding.

The first wall has been completed and this major project in the Barossa Valley will be continuing for many months to come.



## Blackwood Park Stage 9

As part of a large on-going project, Prospect Contractors have recently installed a 175m long Gabion wall at the lower end of new housing blocks. PVC sleeves have been incorporated into the Gabions to allow for a fence to be installed to the top of the wall. This required skill and determination to get all the sleeves straight and square. Well done to all the guys involved in this job!



## Waterproofing the West

Leed construction subcontracted Prospect Contractors to install Gabions and Renos to new wetlands at the West Lakes Golf Course. We are installing 50m<sup>3</sup> of Gabions, creating a U shape wall, with Reno mattresses located at each pipe entrance to the wetland basin. We are also installing PVC sleeves within the Gabions to allow for fencing to be installed. Once completed, the wetlands will form a vital part of the City of Charles Sturt's Water Proofing the West – Stage One Project. It is a project that will harvest, treat and store stormwater in specific locations. It will then distribute the recycled stormwater through to certain areas of the western Adelaide region.



# RECENT PROJECTS

## Masonic Homes Entrance Wall

We have just completed a new feature wall to the entrance of the Masonic Homes retirement village at Somerton Park. The spacing between each Gabion panel had to be precise to allow for the steel mesh feature panels to be fitted in between.



## Mitcham Retaining Wall

Prospect Contractors recently designed and installed a retaining Gabion wall in a back garden at Mitcham. The 1.5m high retaining wall will also be a feature wall around a swimming pool which will be installed in the next few months. We look forward to seeing the finished result!



## Railway Creek Gabions

It always seemed to be raining on us at this project at Mt Barker. This didn't stop us though as our boys, with gumboots on, made steady progress as they installed multiple Gabion walls in Railway Creek. The Gabions are used to protect the banks from erosion and to allow for a solid foundation for a foot path along the top of the creek.



## Gabions - Strong Foundations

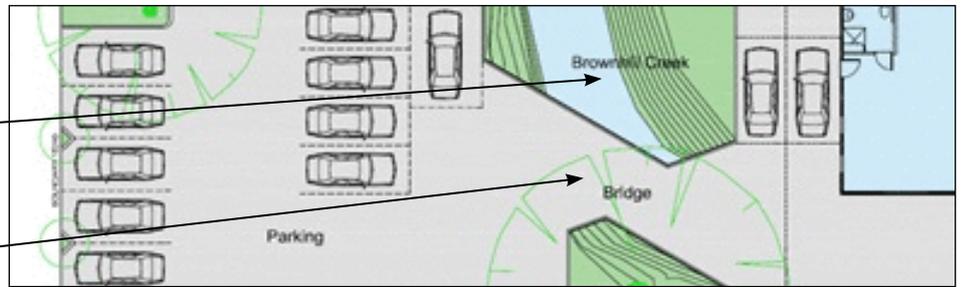
Prospect Contractors recently designed and installed Gabions as a solution to an environmentally challenging problem at Hawthorn. The owner of a newly built commercial building required entry to parking behind the building but access was limited because of Brownhill creek that runs through the back of their property.

Gabion walls were required to stabilise and protect the banks of the creek to enable a driveway to the carpark to be built over the top. We also had to work around and protect an existing "tree of significance" which meant extra care had to be taken around the tree roots. The owner was particularly happy with the result. A great job by Jed and Pete!



Plan showing where Gabions were installed.

Carpark driveway constructed over the Gabions.



## Out & About

### Work Benefits!

There are usually a few perks when working on projects away from home but this has to be one of the best! While staying in our client's holiday house at Greenbanks, the boys enjoyed a spot of fishing and knee boarding! We were invited back to construct additional Gabions, providing a new boat ramp that will incorporate a hydraulic boat launcher and timber decking.

