

Hi there. Let me welcome you all to the first edition of our Quarterly news letter. If you have any suggestions or submissions please contact Shelley

As we all know we have a number of group training apprentices doing a fantastic job. Cameron recently achieved a notable milestone moving from second year in his apprenticeship. Exposure to a wide array of jobs has rapidly increased Cameron's skill base, teamed with his excellent work attitude, we had no hesitation whatsoever in recommending that group training push him through his second year a little quicker, than his anniversary date of 5th June. Good luck Cameron with the final two years of your apprenticeship. The workshop helped Cameron harvest his skills which he is ready to put into action on site – so look out guys here he comes!

Congratulations go out to Daniel B who entered his gym's strongman competition and successfully bench pressed not once, not twice but three times 185kg. That's 407 pounds or more importantly it's the same as a 10.5m length of 150 pfc or nearly 50 lengths of 10mm round bar. If this is the cause of your positive work attitude and commitment, look out for a gym membership coming your way.

CONGRATULATIONS

- * Brett and Christine on the birth of their daughter Madison Rose. Born 1st February 2005. A baby sister for Joshua.



- * Adam on passing his Crane Truck Licence – Way to go!
- * Taz for the number of TCI sites recently completed
- * Craig H on becoming a permanent member of the Watkins Steel team, as of the 17th February 2005.
- * Dave W for the volume of structures he has punched out.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Daniel B

who celebrated his first year with Watkins Steel in February. Daniel started with our company on 24th February 2004 and has offered us a wide array of skills and who started with knowledge. Here's to many more Dan!

Yvette

Now a member of the Watkins Steel team for 2 years, Yvette joined the Administration Team in January 2003. She has taken Watkins Steel to a new level of efficiency and added her own brand of MOJO....

10 Years Service

Darren our longest standing employee who started with us 23 August 1994.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Please ensure that you turn your mig off when you finish every day and turn the gas off when the last welder leaves.
- Safety – Anyone going to work on a QUT or Griffith Uni site is to ensure they have read and signed the induction booklet.
- A reminder to staff to hand in your completed Bronco's Corporate Suite form with your top three preferences for games you would like to attend. Hurry places are filling up fast.

MISSING IN ACTION

Anyone looking for Daniel on a Tuesday will no doubt find he proves difficult to catch. Having re-enrolled in his engineering studies Daniel now attends TAFE all day Tuesday as well as Monday and Wednesday nights.

With two years down and only three to go the time will just fly by!

Daniel is an excellent example of being able to mix full time work and part time study and will deserve the rewards coming to him on completion.

Yvette will be jet-setting to a mystery location for her honeymoon from April 4-14. We wish you all the best and just so she doesn't miss us too much; we'll be sure to fax her through daily updates – we know how much she'll appreciate it.

A warm Watkins Steel Welcome to Stuie who has recently Seen the light and relocated from Melbourne to Brisbane. Stuie brings with him fresh new ideas and a high level of professionalism. A talented AFL player Brisbane can only hope that our Corporate Suite will give him a taste for rugby and urge him to pick up a ball and head for the try line!

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SPORTS CHAT

With the Footy season fast approaching, good luck to all of those involved with teams over the coming season. Watkins Steel will support any team that has an attachment with a fellow Watkins Steel employee so whether its raffle tickets or resources please let us know for future newsletters.

Good luck to Ray and his under 17's team this season. After watching a couple of games last year and the high standard with which the team performed, it was a pleasure to throw a barbeque for them at the end of last season. Let's hope it's another successful year.

Time for a change... Tony D has decided to grace a new indoor cricket team with his presence so be sure to look out for the Strathpine Burras.

Tyrone also deciding it was time for a change and has switched clubs and is now playing for Easts in the QRL. Guaranteed you have our support so be sure to let us know when and where you're playing.

Craig H deserves some recognition for modifying the goal posts for his Son's soccer team on his own time – Good on you Craig I'm sure the club greatly appreciated it.

Wattyl Paints Talk

On Friday 18th March at 2:30pm a representative from Wattyl will be presenting a talk on various aspects of Wattyl Paints. Topics covered will include: mixing; application and handling. All are welcome to attend.

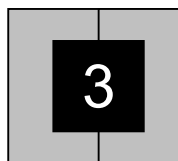
ODD SPOT

- ❖ Did you know that Brendan represented Australia in sheep shearing?
- ❖ Tony D, Brett and Darren are the only ones amongst us who have worked for Watkins Steel at both Eagle Farm (1997) and Northgate
- ❖ Sound travels faster through steel than water.
- ❖ The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has enough steel wires in its cables to circle the earth at the equator 3.5 times.

SAFETY FIRST

Number of Hours Lost

Starting next edition this section will play a key role in keeping you informed about the number of hours lost due to incidents in our workplace. Thus far we have already lost one day this month – lets work together to keep the numbers down with our sights set on zero.



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CIVIL WAR???

We doubt it will inspire any Cold Mountain remakes and we sure hope it doesn't end in such a high body count – but at Watkins the battle has begun.

Its North vs South as team leaders Taz and Dave go head to head to prove what their men are made of.

Taz and his terrific team working hard on the Northside are proving tough to top. This troop are tearing through their work and setting the tempo.

Meanwhile on the South side of the playing field we have Dave and his suburb society including two apprentices sustaining a sensational speed and spitting out stupendous stuff.

The challenge has been laid down – will North turn up the temperature and try to taunt their opponents with their tremendous talent? Will South simply submit or will they step up and show off their star quality sizzling with spectacular substance?

Well you'll just have to wait till next time to find out....



TEAM IN TRAINING

A reminder to our full time team about returning your completed Training Course forms.

This is an excellent opportunity to expand your skill base and a valuable step in opening up more possibilities for you at Watkins and in your trade.

With only a few forms returned we are eagerly waiting to hear from you; if you've misplaced your form please see Tony to obtain another copy.

Upon completion be sure to hand your form to Tony who will also be able to answer any questions you may have about training.

In April the Doggers course (a prerequisite for Riggers certification) will be available. Be sure to let us know if you'd like to attend and we will keep you updated with details.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Will the responsible Watkins Steel team member please come forward?

We can handle you sitting 80m up without hard hat or harness but where on earth is your Watkins steel shirt?

Come on boys it always pays to show company pride!