

Monford's decade of delivery

CCF WA Member Monford Group, one of Australia's leading mining, resource and energy construction companies celebrates reaching its 10-year milestone.

What started as a minor concrete contract in Karratha in 2010, has since flourished into an award-winning business with a hard-won reputation for delivering complex, multi-disciplined projects in the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors.

The company has grown from that first project into a national construction powerhouse, with a 600-strong workforce and offices across Australia. It also provided founder and Managing Director Declan White with a unique perspective on how he wanted to move his business forward.

"Being on the ground for those first oil and gas projects gave me a lot of insight into the opportunities for a more efficient, client-focussed contractor," Mr White

said. "And while we are now a large construction provider in our own right, it's a philosophy that remains pivotal to our DNA".

This client-focused approach saw the company build a reputation for delivering complex infrastructure projects, picking up more and more work on some of Australia's most important export-earning resources projects.

These complex mining-infrastructure works paved the way for principal-contractor opportunities. One of such was the bulk earthworks contract at FMG's Solomon iron ore mine.

"It was an important first principal-contractor project for us because it demonstrated we were no longer just provider of sub-contracting services but

could deliver large projects on time and within budget, in our own right," Mr White said. "The company has a built strong culture of client-focused delivery, and the reputation we have built has attracted high-calibre people, many of whom have been with us since the very beginning."

With the resource boom winding-down, Monford has set its sights on future-proofing its business.

"When we began, the mining boom in Australia was exploding," Mr White said. "But the market was getting trickier and we knew we needed to innovate and diversify. Diversification and growth go hand-in-hand."

The company entered the Infrastructure sector in 2013 with several high-profile projects, including Perth's Stadium Train

Station, Northlink, Gateway WA and in New South Wales, the Wickham Transport Interchange and Picton Water Recycling Plant upgrade.

Finding that their agile approach transferred across sectors, Monford made the move into renewable energy and was the principal contractor on the Yarranlea Solar Farm in Queensland. In Merredin, they installed three hundred and sixty thousand PV panels, with twenty-two inverter stations - in just three months.

Monford also believes strongly that a commercial-focused company needs a community-minded heart. In 2014 the Monford Group created the Monford Foundation to fund projects initiatives that produce positive outcomes for Indigenous communities. It's also a supporter of the Clontarf Foundation, which exists to improve the lives of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

At the ten-year mark, Monford has set itself the ambitious goal of being Australia's most respected multi-industry construction company, a truly national business that partners with some of Australia's leading organisations to deliver world-class projects.



Monford employees on the Shoemaker Levy project located at Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation for First Quantum Minerals.



Monford Managing Director Declan White

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