

MEDIA RELEASE

ABN GROUP APPOINTS NEW PACT CONSTRUCTION GENERAL MANAGER

ABN Group has appointed Jason Thomson as its General Manager PACT Construction commencing in mid April.

Mr Thomson was most recently John Holland's General Manager Building, Southern Region – Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

Prior to this Mr Thomson was Regional Director at Multiplex in Western Australia, having joined Multiplex in 2007.

He has been a senior manager involved in the delivery of a number of iconic projects in Perth including Optus Stadium, Crown Towers Hotel, Karrinyup Shopping Centre and Fiona Stanley Hospital.

ABN Group Managing Director Dale Alcock said that Mr Thomson's immense building and construction experience, local knowledge and high energy will have a huge impact and driving force on PACT Construction's long-term success.

"Jason Thomson has proven himself as an outstanding construction executive, with a vast number of accomplishments," Mr Alcock said.

"He is a well-respected, hard-working and authentic leader who will use his exceptional business acumen and depth of construction knowledge to steer our team.

"We are excited to bring him on board and build on the success of PACT Construction."

PACT Construction's recent projects include the successful delivery of the \$57 million Bob Hawke College, and City of Belmont's \$37 million Faulkner Civic Centre soon to be completed in March.

After 16-years in operation, PACT Construction has proven itself to be an industry leader with iconic projects in major sectors including commercial, residential, education, aged-care and retail.

Outgoing General Manager Jason Kunkler will leave PACT Construction to pursue other opportunities at the end of March.

Mr Alcock said Jason Kunkler was leaving a fantastic legacy of successful projects.

"Jason Kunkler has made a significant contribution to both ABN Group and PACT Construction and has been a major contributor, and leader, in building a very successful commercial construction business, which is a credit to him."

"After 16-years with PACT Construction, Jason Kunkler has left a significant platform for us, and Jason Thomson, to build upon and I thank him for that," Mr Alcock said.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

PACT Construction

PACT Construction has delivered iconic projects that have overcome some complex design and technical requirements, restrictions in locations, and unique client briefs.

- Edith Cowan University's \$49.5 million five-storey Ngoolark Building on Joondalup Campus, which saw PACT tackle the design and construction of the wrap-around façade and gold glazing – a first of its kind for WA (winner of MBA Excellence in Construction Award WA - Best Education Building over \$20M)
- The iconic \$13.5 million retail project, the Camfield, was surrounded by the Optus Stadium site which required hourly coordination with Stadium site staff and weekly meetings for the Stadium Precinct (winner of MBA Excellence in Construction Award WA – Best Retail Building \$10-\$20M). This project was built in just 41 weeks!
- Successful delivery, two weeks ahead of schedule, of the brand-new government secondary school Bob Hawke College: a \$57 million project, representing PACT's largest education sector project. A total of 1,800 construction workers helped to deliver the entire school campus over 17 months.

Jason Thomson

- Jason Thomson was recently General Manager of John Holland's Southern Region Building Division.
- In his time at John Holland Jason oversaw projects including Flinders Gate Office Development, Youth Justice Precinct, Royal Hobart Hospital, Chisholm Road Prison, Calvary Hospital and Victoria Heart Hospital Melbourne.
- Over a 12-year career with Multiplex in Western Australia, Jason was responsible for overseeing the successful conversion and delivery of a portfolio of major construction projects.
- In the last four years at Multiplex, Jason was Regional Director and worked on iconic projects including Optus Stadium and Crown Towers.

Jason Kunkler

- Jason Kunkler was appointed General Manager, when PACT Construction was first established in 2004. Having launched the new business during a congested market, PACT grew as a refreshing alternative to other WA construction companies.
- Maturity of the business and trust built with commercial stakeholders, could only have been achieved through Jason's strong business acumen, efficiency in process, attention to detail and ability to influence.

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