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Busby Group looks toward a one-stop shop for mining

WHEN Patrick Busby joined forces with his brother Ray in 2003, he did not envision that their new-found business would become a nationally recognised and multi-million dollar organisation.

Patrick began his career with a civil engineering degree before going on to work for Goldings, and then the Rockhampton City Council as a works engineer.

While in these positions, Patrick had extensive experience in a wide range of engineering specialisations, including mine rehabilitation, duplication of the railway lines for Queensland Rail, construction of dams and tailings dams, construction of a flying fox for Ensham Mine, fuel facilities and workshops.

After 12 years in the

employ of others, Patrick decided to branch out on his own with the purchase of a business with his brother Ray.

Based in Rockhampton, the Busby Group now encompasses five different arms – civil and mine construction, transport services, house removals, demolition and plant hire.

These days, Busby Contractors is managed by Patrick together with Kevin Surman and Don Stephen who are also experienced in earthworks and mining construction.

Further to these three, there are two other company directors, Michael Busby, a valuer who runs the house removal division and Raymond Busby, in charge of the transport division.

The group has up to 100 employees at any one time, with about 50 of these employees operating in the construction division.

During the years, the

group has completed construction projects in a wide range of central Queensland towns including Rolleston Mine, Minerva Mine, Springsure; Ensham Mine, Emerald; and Broadmeadows Mine, Moranbah.

“Busby Contracting undertakes a wide range of civil works, including engineering, project management and construction,” Patrick said.

“To date, although the company is still growing, a lot has been achieved.

“Some of these achievements include various projects from building roads, bridges, culverts and other drainage structures, structural concrete work, to earthworks, subdivision construction and the project management of civil and mining operations.”

Despite the current global crisis, Patrick said the construction side of the business had not slowed

down.

He said it was a great industry for people to get into.

“The mining industry is still creating many new jobs despite what is happening globally,” he said.

“There will always be hiccups in the domestic market and we just have to deal with them as they arise, but Queensland has never looked better.

“There is a trend to provide a one-stop shop for the mining industry and we are intent on expanding our divisions through natural expansion and acquisition to provide these services where possible.”

Patrick said the next decade would bring an interesting time in the construction industry.

To find out more about the Busby Group log on to www.busbygroup.com.au



GOING STRONG: Busby Contracting undertakes a wide range of civil works, including construction and project management for civil and mining operations *PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED*



NEW JOBS: Patrick Busby started in civil engineering.