

# CIVIL PEOPLE:

## What some in our industry do when not managing a site or putting together a quote

### MICK BOYLE - ABERGELDIE CONTRACTORS

Growing up as the eldest of seven in an immigrant family in Western Sydney, Mick Boyle's family didn't have much money. However, his parents worked hard to give their children a good education and also found time to help others in need in their community.

Mick founded Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure in 1994, which has now come to employ around 150 people and works on projects in a variety of areas such as Dams, Bridges, Mining, Tunnels and Marine Works. Since its foundation Abergeldie has shown a commitment to ensuring that it uses its resources and staff to help those less fortunate in society. This includes through abiding by its steadfast policy of donating at least 0.1% of annual turnover to charities, as well as through encouraging staff to participate in a variety of charitable activities under the Abergeldie banner.

Since 2009 this has included sponsoring the Vinnies Van in Parramatta and Penrith. This van is on the street every night of the week visiting the Homeless to provide them with friendship and help put dignity into their lives. The workers in the van provide food and referral services when necessary. Not only has Abergeldie provided sponsorship to the van, they have also had 20 employees volunteer on the van throughout the year.

In addition to this Mick has also participated in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout for the past five years and served on its organising committee. This period has seen the event go from raising \$100,000 in Sydney alone to raising over \$4 million nationwide annually. Further the business also supports Oxfam by providing 4 person teams to participate in the Oxfam 100km Walks in both Sydney and Brisbane. This year Mick participated in the CEO Sleepout in Sydney one night before getting on a plane to join the Abergeldie team in the Brisbane Oxfam 100km walk the next morning! For these events Abergeldie raised a total of \$14,000 for charity.

Mick believes that Civil Construction companies are in a unique position to help charities do their work. Abergeldie does this by participating in practical work too. This includes providing machinery (and the people to operate them) to a charity undertaking construction work. This not only helps in terms of the work that is actually achieved, but also saves charities valuable time in having to find tradies themselves.

\*Mick Boyle is Vice-President of the Civil Contractors Federation (NSW)

**"OFTEN PROVIDING MACHINERY AND OPERATORS TO A CHARITY FOR A DAY IS MORE VALUABLE THAN FUNDS, BECAUSE THE STAFF DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ORGANISING THE TRADIES AND CAN GET ON WITH THE WORK THEY ARE QUALIFIED FOR. SPENDING A DAY HELPING A CHARITY IMPROVE THEIR FACILITIES IS GREAT FOR ABERGELDIE TEAM MORALE"**

**"PEOPLE OFTEN TALK ABOUT THE LOSS OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN AUSTRALIA TODAY, BUT I SEE IT ALL THE TIME IN MY VOLUNTEER WORK. I HAVE MET SOME GREAT FRIENDS AND LEARNT A HELL OF A LOT THROUGH MY WORK WITH OTHERS"**

### MICK BOYLE AND ABERGELDIE

- Mick Boyle founded Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure in 1994.
- Since its founding, Abergeldie has been involved with charities such as Vinnies and Oxfam.
- Abergeldie has a policy of giving at least 0.1% of its turnover to charity every year.
- In addition, Abergeldie and its staff undertake practical activities to help charities such as working in a Vinnies Van, participating in Oxfam 100km walks and providing machinery and operators to help on construction projects being undertaken by charities.
- Mick believes that the efforts of Abergeldie not only help those who need it but is also a great morale booster for his staff.



CCF CEO David Castledine and Abergeldie CEO Mick Boyle at the 2011 Vinnies CEO Sleepout.