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Boulderstone builds a bright future for young engineers

Boulderstone is building the careers of young engineers by offering graduate mentoring programs and cadetships to some of Queensland's brightest talents.

Site Engineer Prue Andrewartha joined Boulderstone in 2005 at the end of her second year studying a Bachelor of Civil Engineering at the University of Queensland.

"Starting work at Boulderstone as a cadet engineer has definitely helped me build the skills and knowledge of what it takes to be an engineer beyond what they taught us at uni," Ms Andrewartha, of St Lucia, said.

"I have always had an interest in the built environment and enjoyed maths and science at school so a careers advisor suggested I might be suited to civil engineering."

"At Boulderstone I have already been involved in coordinating, supervising and reporting on a number of subcontractor activities on a range of projects and have been put in charge of my own small project – the construction of shade structures at St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School in Corinda."

Ms Andrewartha is also a member of Boulderstone's One Boulderstone Committee. As a member of the committee, Prue is focused on generating and pursuing ideas for personal and professional development, and identifying opportunities to further enhance the interaction and involvement between Boulderstone employees and the community.

One of the committee's major milestones was to establish a graduate mentoring program. "It was great to have the opportunity to develop a mentoring program for other engineering graduates. It's a really helpful program. I doubt I would have had such a valuable introduction into the industry as a graduate without it," Ms Andrewartha said.

The One Boulderstone program is designed to ensure the interests, opinions and needs of young engineering professionals are addressed.

It provides a framework for recruiting and developing future leaders and provides young achievers with the opportunities and exposure to be recognised for future management roles.

Boulderstone Queensland General Manager Stephen Green said the company was proud to support a program that created opportunities for the next generation of engineers.

"At Boulderstone we are committed to helping build long lasting careers for young engineers. They hold the future of our state in their hands," Mr Green said.

"The program helps us give worthwhile experience to graduate engineers like Prue to build their knowledge of and grow their foundations in the industry."

Ms Andrewartha is currently on secondment to engineering firm Sinclair Knight Merz for about six months under a partnership with Boulderstone.

She hopes to gain further insight into the fundamental principles of structural engineering to enhance her local knowledge and understanding of consulting engineering practices.

Her project experience includes an advanced water treatment plant, complex health and research facilities, education and correctional centre facilities.

Boulderstone recently held Career Fair Days at QUT, UQ, Griffith and James Cook universities.

Applications close on 28 August 2009 for Boulderstone's summer vacation positions.

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Background information

As one of Australia's largest integrated service providers, Boulderstone has been "creating what matters" for more than 80 years in construction, civil engineering and infrastructure sectors.

The company's service lines span:

- Building
- Water
- Roads
- Bridges and tunnels
- Power
- Marine

The Boulderstone Graduate Development Project is designed to provide cadets and graduates with the opportunity to acquire the technical and behavioural capabilities, experience and knowledge to create a sustainable career at Boulderstone.

Through the cadet and graduate development program individuals will encounter and/or be exposed to:

- Commercial awareness
- Planning and programming
- Contracts
- Workplace relations
- Leadership essentials
- Professional presentation skills
- Rotations

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