

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

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MORE LOCALS JOIN DESAL TEAM

Two hundred and fifty new construction workers have joined the Victorian Desalination Project, around one third of them local.

The new workers include scaffolders, riggers, mechanical fitters, boilermakers, steel fixers, electricians, plant operators and trades assistants. They have joined the 2800-strong construction team working to complete construction of the 29 buildings that make up the plant, and the complex mechanical and electrical installations that connect and power the various components of the plant.

Two new starters on site are trades assistants, Jackson Pugh and Ryan Barton.

Jackson (20) is a Cape Patterson local and works on the Dual Media Pressure Filtration units, which filter seawater before it is desalinated.

"It still blows me away just how big this project is. I've only been here six weeks and already the site has changed so much in that time," said Jackson.

"It's good to be able to get experience on a big construction site. Everything I'm learning here, especially about safety procedures and looking out for your mates, will come in handy if I decide to stay on in construction."

Wonthaggi local Ryan Barton (30) is also enjoying the challenge.

"Hopefully having desal experience on my resume will open up some good opportunities for me in the future," he said.

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About AquaSure

AquaSure has been contracted by the Victorian Government to deliver the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project. AquaSure brings together leaders in the fields of infrastructure design, construction, and finance.

About Thiess Degrémont

Thiess Degrémont is AquaSure's design and construct contractor, responsible for delivering Australia's largest desalination plant by the end of December 2011. Thiess Degrémont is a joint venture between Thiess, one of Australia's largest and most trusted construction and services companies, and Degrémont, a world leader in reverse-osmosis desalination technology.