



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WOOLLAMS CREATES WESTERN QUEENSLAND MANAGER ROLE**

WOOLLAM Constructions will further cement its presence in western Queensland with the appointment of a new regional manager.

Long-serving employee Ian MacGregor has taken on the role of Woollam Constructions regional manager for western Queensland, an area that covers as far west as Emerald, as north as the Gulf and as far south as Augathella.

Mr MacGregor, who is currently Woollam's Rockhampton project manager, said he was delighted with the new role.

"Woollams has always worked out west but we've managed the region from our Rockhampton office," he said.

"As a company we realised that we needed to have a separate manager for that area to continue our good work, and this is our way of putting back into the community."

Mr MacGregor has worked for the firm for 26 years, joining in 1984 as an apprentice carpenter.

His brother Bob has worked for the company for 28 years and is Woollam's Rockhampton manager. Their father Jim was also a manager and retired in 2007 after 37 years of loyal service.

"We're a family oriented company and judging by the amount of time the MacGregors have worked for Woollams - a grand total of 91 years - proves it's a great place to work," Mr MacGregor said.

Mr MacGregor will continue to be based in the Rockhampton office but will visit the western region regularly.

Woollam Constructions executive officer Scott Wedgwood said the new role formed part of the firm's ongoing commitment to the bush.

"We have a long and happy history out west, for example we built the Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach 1998 and many health and education facilities in areas such as Barcaldine and Aramac," he said.

"We enjoy working in western Queensland and this is the next step for Woollams in further cementing our involvement with the bush."

Mr Wedgwood said Woollams was considering setting up an office in the region in the future.

Holding the mantle as Queensland's oldest privately owned construction firm, Woollam Constructions this year celebrated 125 years of operation.

It has grown to be a major industry player with more than 170 employees across four offices in Mackay, Rockhampton, Brisbane and Ballina.

Projects in western Queensland have included a new \$1.7 million retail facility at Longreach, the \$3.3 million Barcoo Retirement Village at Blackall and the \$5 million Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum in Winton.

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