

Facey celebrates its 100th

The Facey name has been synonymous with real estate in Dandenong and the greater South East for 100 strong years.

Facey celebrated the milestone with an elegant affair, filled with ceremony and nostalgia.

Third generation of the Facey namesake Andrew Facey joined Mark Bond and the directors from Facey Industrial Commercial to cut the centennial cake and reminisce about his family's proud achievements at ARCO restaurant in Dandenong South on Thursday 16 November.

Facey Industrial Commercial is honoured to uphold the legacy of what the Facey name has brought to Dandenong and take it forward into the next 100 years and beyond.

The stories that were shared on the night by a room full of pioneers delivered real insight into those that are truly responsible for shaping the Dandenong and the South East into the metropolis of today.

Mr Bond said: "It's the people that made and continue to carry on the Facey legacy."

He went on to quote another Facey, Aus-

tralian writer and World War I veteran Albert Facey, from his 1981 book A Fortunate Life: "I never worried about trying something different or having a go at something. I have always believed that if you want to do something you usually can."

Such words resonated well with the audience and it speaks true to the culture at Facey Industrial Commercial today.

It's a can-do attitude that inspires team members and engages clients.

Frank Facey took a chance in 1917 when he created something from nothing.

Director Graham 'Josh' Kendall opened his speech with the remark: "Had Frank Facey carried on with his coachbuilding business, we wouldn't have a business today."

The room erupted with laughter and that set the tone for the evening.

Guests from the early days and current, business partners and clients alike, they were all there to celebrate and honour the Facey family.



Enjoying the celebrations with warm words for friends and colleagues were Director Mark Bond, Partners Matt Rice and Andrew Facey, and Director Graham Josh Kendall.

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BACK to the future.....

Back in February this year we started a series of monthly editorials to highlight the major influencing factors in the success of Frank Facey Real Estate and the subsequent growth of First National Neilson Partners, First National Hall and Partners, Facey Industrial-Commercial and Parklea.

We saw how the intuitive decision of Francis P Facey in 1917 led to the purchase of his first real estate agency in Dandenong which, over the ensuing decades, expanded into Narre Warren, Endeavour Hills, Mulgrave, Berwick and Pakenham.

Post-war Australia saw a boom in car ownerships and we went from horses and carts to helicopters and fast cars, internet technology and smart phones ... people now had the means and ability to move out further and take advantage of the beautiful countryside.

The South-East grew in popularity as vast expanses of broadacre farmlands were transformed into thriving towns and cities with exciting shopping and entertainment precincts plus world-class

medical and educational facilities.

Frank P Facey and his son Angus could have never imagined just how far the area would develop. He would, no doubt, be extremely proud of the positive impact which the company he started in 1917 has had on the ever-increasing development of the south-eastern corridor.

Through challenging times and boom times, with careful management and the enthusiastic commitment of experienced and dedicated staff, the companies first started by Frank Facey succeeded beyond all expectation.

Andrew Facey, the third generation in the family business, effectively led the company into the last half of the century and now heads Facey Industrial-Commercial and Parklea in Officer.

Ross Neilson, Peter Watson, Todd McKenna, Nyall Greene and Allison Holzer, (all early recruits to the team with decades of experience), are now at the helm of First National Neilson Partners and continue to drive it successfully forward.

Over the years, First National Neilson Partners have been responsible for selling vast amounts of subdivisinal land,



Nyall Greene, Todd McKenna, Allison Holzer, Ross Neilson and Peter Watson. 175537

residential and commercial properties, and have management of a large residential and commercial rent roll. They are totally committed to the progress of the district and with predictions being that the City of Casey will reach a population of 459,000 by 2036 and Cardinia will increase to over 175,500 by 2036, it's abundantly clear that the next 100 years will be as productive as the last.

Plans are well underway for the next office of First National Neilson Partners which will be opened in Officer. ●



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