

## Final touches for new plant

Hi Fert's new plant on Spiller Avenue at the outer harbour is one of the first design and construct jobs Woollam Constructions has undertaken for a bulk storage facility.

The process put Woollams in charge of orchestrating the many different disciplines needed to build the plant.

Design of the project started in June, 2007, with construction of the warehouse beginning in March this year.

The warehouse has been specifically designed and built to store more than 15,000 tonnes of bulk fertiliser product.

Over the course of construction, up to 40 Woollam's employees and contractors have worked on the project.

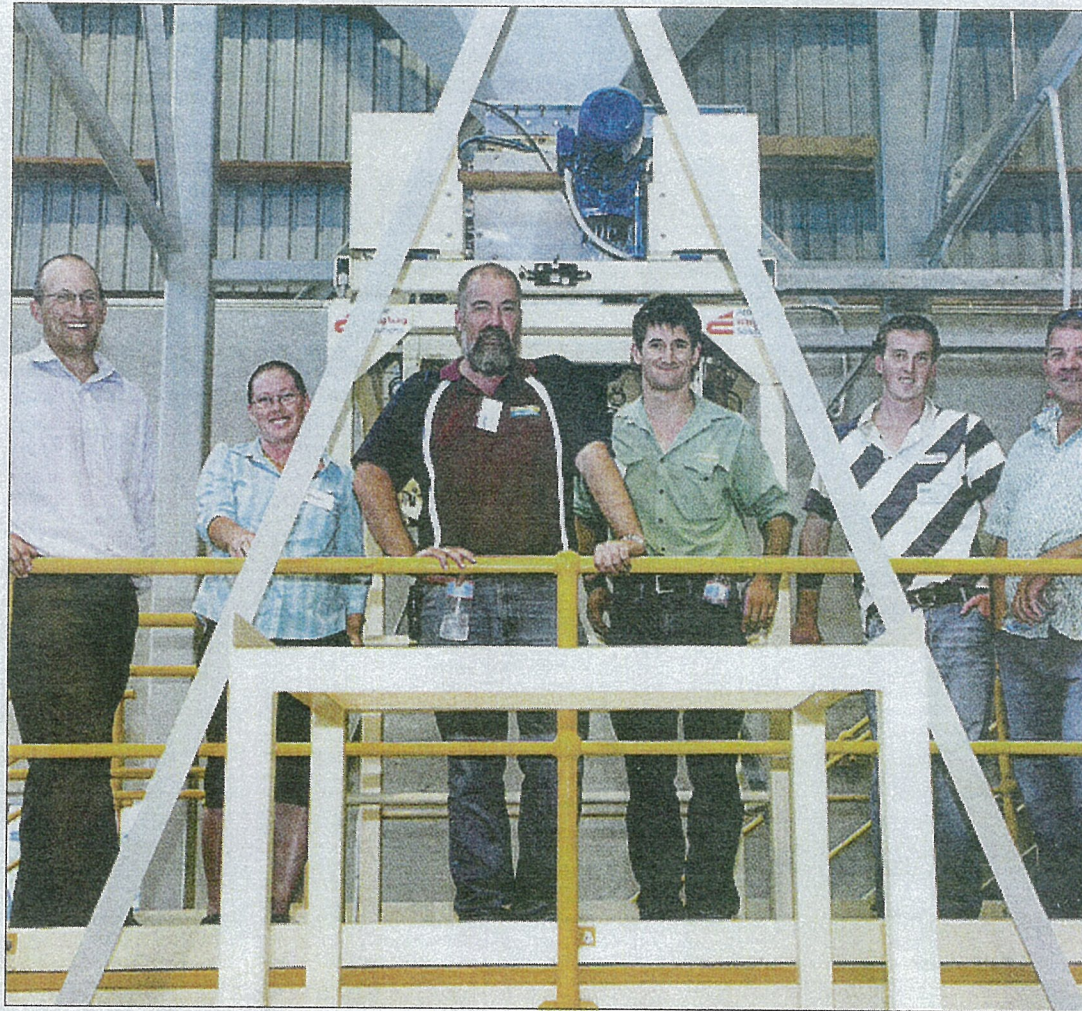
Apprentices across all trades have been involved with the Hi Fert building as well as a significant number of specialist professions, including

structural engineers, architects and electrical engineers.

Site manager Brian Gorman said: "Between now and completion, the finishing touches will be added to the facility, which will see landscaping finalised and the water management system completed."

Mr Gorman said the design and construct process with Hi Fert, which is leasing the building from Mackay Ports Limited, meant the project had evolved over the course of construction in order to suit the needs of the client and the purpose of the facility.

Hi Fert project engineer Nick Cleveley said that with load bearing walls 7m high and 0.5m thick, the building was not an average industrial building. "A lot of time and energy was put in by Hi Fert, MPL and Woollam Constructions to get this design right, and the results speak for themselves."



From left, Allan Joseland, Hi Fert national operations manager, Naomi Richardson, John Tomlin, Anthony Snell, Phil Gray and Ben Marshall pose in the new Hi Fert building. PHOTOS: WRICOR PHOTOGR

