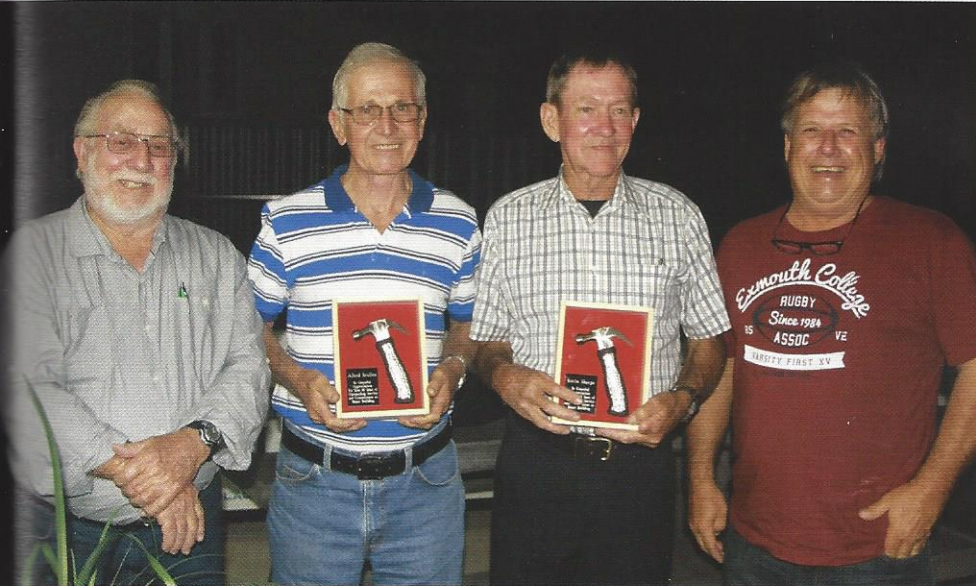


Beare Building stands the test of time



John Beare, Fred Scullen, Kevin Sharpe and Peter Beare

It's very rare these days that a company, in any industry, will have staff members who stick around for more than 50 years. Beare Building has defied these odds by recently celebrating this golden anniversary with not one, but two, dedicated employees.

A family-run business in Innisfail, Beare Building has been servicing the Cassowary Coast for more than 50 years. Founded by John and Dell Beare in 1960, the company has been passed down a generation, with Peter and Melanie Beare now owning and operating the business.

The company recently celebrated a very special landmark, with long-time employees Kevin Sharpe and Fred Scullen achieving career milestones, with a combined 100 years' experience between them.

Kevin began his career with John Beare at the age of 14, starting his apprenticeship in the days when they used feet and inches, dug foundations by hand and made their own concrete. Things have definitely changed in the last 52 years.

"I have really enjoyed my time with the company – I wouldn't have stayed so long if I didn't," Mr Sharpe said.

"I work for a great company, they have always been good to me and I hope to finish out my career here as well."

Fred started his professional life as a cabinet maker before commencing with the company. It was a time when calculations were done without calculators, there were no nail guns and you sharpened your own saw.

"I didn't realise it had been 50 years until my wife pointed it out," Mr Scullen said.

"My work at Beare Building has been a great experience and I really don't think you could get better bosses."

"I began work when imperial measurements were in. Now if I talk in imperial measurements to the younger generation they look at me in confusion."

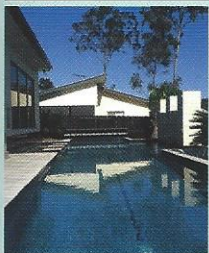
Kevin and Fred have seen some major changes within the building industry throughout their careers and during this time they have passed on invaluable knowledge and expertise to staff and apprentices, including owner Peter Beare.

"Their loyalty and support over the years is greatly appreciated, and has shaped Beare Building into the company that it is today," said Peter Beare.

"It is with great pride that we recognise their commitment and sincerely thank them for their service."

Congratulations Kevin and Fred!

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