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Montague opens Brisbane facility

New site to be a catalyst for Australian company's expected growth over the next 20 years

Leading Australian fresh produce company Montague has officially opened its new produce and packing facility at the Brisbane Markets site in Rocklea.

The [state-of-the-art 5,578m² facility](#) is Australia's first fully-automated, temperature-controlled environment, complete with a 24/7 monitored cold storage space and ripening rooms equipped with the latest European tarpless technology. The specialised equipment introduced in the facility, ensures the reduction of ethylene and airborne pathogens.

"We are excited to see this energy-efficient facility reach completion," said Montague general manager of Queensland, Hamish Montague.

"Not only will this centre manage end-to-end logistics and distribution capabilities, but our latest environmentally-friendly refrigeration technology will allow us to continue to deliver the highest quality fresh produce every time to our customers in Queensland."

The facility was officially opened this morning (20 September) by Montague founder Bill Montague, who handled a ceremonial ribbon cutting and plaque presentation. Brisbane Markets Limited chairman Tony Joseph, and Queensland minister for agricultural industry development and fisheries, Mark Furner, were among those in attendance.

"We worked very closely with Montague to deliver the purpose-built facility, which was designed with their specific business needs in mind and the result is an achievement we are justifiably proud of," said Joseph.



(l-r) Bill and Hamish Montague at the opening of the new facility



(l-r) Hamish Montague, Bill Montague, Mark Furner and Tony Joseph

The storage facility marks a substantial increase on the 1,000 pallets that Montague previously accommodated across its two Brisbane warehouses. It's estimated that this advancement will be a catalyst in Montague's expected growth over the next 20 years.

The opening comes just days after Montague broke ground on the [construction of a new packing and distribution centre](#) near its headquarters in Victoria.



The Montague family