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AS A CUSTOM BUILDER OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAILERS, **TUFF TRAILERS** BELIEVES IN MANUFACTURING EVERY TRAILER TO SUIT NOT ONLY ITS APPLICATION, BUT ALSO EACH CUSTOMER'S UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS.

P&S Haul-Em in Sydney recently received its new Quad Axle Low Loader Drop Deck Widener Extendable, whilst Longreach Regional Council in Queensland took delivery of its new Quad Axle Low Loader Deck Widener from Tuff Trailers. Although both builds have been custom built and are quite different, both companies were equally pleased with the quality of their trailers and the service offered by Tuff Trailers.

Low Loader Drop Deck Widener Extendable

Although Steve Martignago of P&S Haul-Em had never purchased equipment from Tuff Trailers himself, both his father and his brother own extendable drop deck trailers from the manufacturer.

Steve asserts that one of the main reasons he chose to go through Tuff Trailers was because there had never been any problems with the existing trailers. "My father's trailer is now 9.5 years old and there are still no cracks and there have been no issues with it at all," says Steve. "The quality is definitely there – that's what you look for in this sort of equipment, so that in 10 years time, the trailer is still as good as new."

The new trailer has been designed for optimum versatility. Designed to lengthen 4.3 metres, the trailer combination extends from 19 metres to 23.3 metres. It can widen from 2.5 metres to 3.5 metres and is also equipped with a hydraulically tilting scissor gooseneck. To extend the trailer further, a 3 metre bolt in section can be pinned into the main beam resulting in an overall length of 26.3 metres, the trailer has lock down bi-fold ramps, complete with tail lights, can be folded down if needed in order to gain a greater bottom deck length of 20.4 metres. To make the task of securing a load quicker and easier, the



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trailer has 122 tie down points located in the decks and coaming rails. According to Steve, one of the biggest advantages of this trailer is its low deck height. He explains that the low height of approximately 890mm enables the trailer to be used at such long lengths when extended. To assist with ground clearance, a hydraulic lift cylinder on the scissor neck enables the entire front of the trailer to lift to a range of height options at the push of a button, thus providing easier access to driveways without the risk of damaging the under body.

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"The height of this trailer was critical," says Steve. "To provide additional support when travelling with the trailer extended, the axles run through the chassis. This increases its strength significantly. "Because it's so versatile, the trailer can travel anywhere. It is like having several trailers in one and it actually eliminates the need for different types of trailers. It can effectively be used as a float, a drop deck, a low loader or to carry general freight."

Low Loader Deck Widener

When the time came to replace an existing heavy equipment trailer, Longreach Regional Council ordered its new Quad Axle Low Loader Deck Widener from Tuff Trailers.

Part of a fleet of 10 that mainly consists of road train tippers, the new low loader is used to cart earthmoving equipment throughout western Queensland, predominantly within the local shire. Longreach Regional Council's Workshop Supervisor, Dave Hislop comments, "Throughout all of our dealings with Tuff

Trailers, from the initial phone call right through to delivery, the service has been great. Everything we wanted on the trailer was designed to suit our application. I've actually recommended the company to three other councils."

For increased safety, the council chose to incorporate Tuff's Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier into the design. This innovative feature eliminates many injuries associated with retrieving tyres manually. The push of



Low Loader Deck Widener

a lever will raise the tyres so that they can be shifted to the side of the trailer and lowered. "We came across the tyre carrier when Tuff Trailers conducted a demonstration of how it works and we were really impressed with the design," says Dave. "Although it was originally designed for a trailer without a top deck, Tuff Trailers changed the design to suit our trailer. A change to the hydraulic design and

a double mount have meant that we can still use the tyre carrier with the top deck. I believe that the Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier is the single most innovative piece of transport equipment I've seen addressing safety." The new tyre carrier has been colour matched to be pink and blue with the appropriate symbols and signage as Dave is a strong supporter of prostate cancer and breast cancer awareness.



Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier
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The top deck of the trailer features slide out ramps, whilst the trailer is also fitted with hydraulic bi-fold ramps and widens to 3.5 metres.

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