



## ‘Widening’ expectations

WHEN **EVANGEL QLD PTY LTD** PURCHASED A 28 TONNE HITACHI 240 MATERIAL HANDLER, THE NEED AROSE FOR A NEW DECK WIDENER LOW LOADER CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE MACHINE FROM SITE TO SITE. AFTER VISITING THE **TUFF TRAILERS** FACILITY, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE MANUFACTURER WAS AN IDEAL FIT FOR EVANGEL’S REQUIREMENTS.



Based in the town of Burpengary, 35km north of Brisbane, Evangel operates in the recycling sector of scrap metal. In late May, the company purchased a Hitachi material handler for loading scrap metal. “We went around and looked at some trailers and decided to have Tuff Trailers build us a trailer to cart our new machine,” says Director of Evangel, Joe Gale. “We hadn’t dealt with Tuff Trailers previously, but they had been recommended by a friend. I went over to the Crestmead factory, had a look at the trailers being built and saw the workshop. The service, the outlay and everything about the facility was very impressive. Everything is done onsite from start to finish – from cutting, fabricating, welding, painting and sandblasting – so they are not having to rely on other people to get the job completed. Once dates are set for delivery, Tuff Trailers can stick to those

dates without any unexpected delays which is great for customers.” Capable of carrying up to 48 tonne, the new trailer has a 12m deck that widens from 2.5m to 3.5m, which was necessary to carry the Hitachi machine as it measures 3.19m wide. A double gooseneck allows the trailer to be used with a low loader dolly. It is fitted with TMC airbag suspension and TMC 19.5” axles. A manual raise/lower valve and weight gauge is fitted as standard to all Tuff trailers that feature airbag suspension. Evangel also chose to have the Tuff Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier fitted to the trailer after seeing it on another trailer being built. This feature is designed to eliminate the risk of injuries that are associated with retrieving tyres manually. By simply pushing a lever, the tyres are raised and can then be shifted to the side of the trailer and lowered.



Tuff Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier.

“Rather than having to lug the tyres yourself, we can just wheel them into the air operated Tuff Ezy Lift Tyre Carrier which then lifts them up and puts them onto the gooseneck. This is obviously great for operator safety and is also very easy to use. It’s a little bit like air conditioning – once you’ve had it, you can’t live without it,” says Joe. “We are really pleased with the end result of the trailer. The quality is great, as is the paint finish. While the trailer was being built, we



made a few changes here and there and that was never an issue for Tuff Trailers, they were always very accommodating. “We were able to see the trailer at various stages throughout the building process and also saw some of the ideas that were used on other trailers being built and could therefore incorporate them into our own trailer.” Joe concludes, “If the need arose for another low loader, we would definitely consider Tuff Trailers. They are local,

everything is done onsite, and the team at Tuff Trailers are always so approachable, whether it be during business hours or outside business hours. The overall service has just been excellent.”

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