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Keeping you informed on the latest in scaffolding

Oldfields Prestons helps give buses rest and recreation

It seems that Sydney Buses need a little R'n'R now and again to keep them mobile.

Sydney Buses contacted Oldfields Access when maintenance was needed on its massive fleet of people movers.

The roofs of the buses in particular, required maintenance work. Our task was to custom design and install suitable scaffolding structures for Sydney Buses' maintenance department.

A wide array of considerations had to be taken into account including the height of buses, space available at the depots, and the level of accessibility for maintenance staff.

After much analysis, a versatile and practical scaffold design was developed. It will be rolled-out across six different bus depots.



Scaffolding developed for maintaining the Sydney buses.

Energising Sydney- a tall order!



The high demand on energy resources in Sydney's west has resulted in the installation of a new high voltage transformer at Energy Australia's Bankstown site.

Needless to say, such an installation required safety precautions of the tallest order.

Not only were there the potential electrical hazards expected when working at high voltage energy sites, the



height of the transformer added an additional element of danger for installation workers.

As a result, Energy Australia put us to work designing a suitable scaffolding structure that would allow staff to work in safety.

After working hand-in-hand with Energy Australia's technical division a structure was developed that enabled staff to work on the transformer installation with confidence.



Welcome

Since the last edition of Oldfields Access Herald, staff members have once again been hard at work right across the country.

Projects are as varied as they are exciting.

In recent weeks, in NSW where our Prestons branch is the leader in void protection systems, we've supplied gear to help with restorations to Sydney buses and energy towers.

To the north, our Gold Coast and Brisbane branches have been involved with projects on the V8 Super car Raceway and the docking of the massive US aircraft carrier, USS Kitty Hawk.

We've also participated in two tradeshows - the Adelaide Hire Rental Industry Association's show and the Melbourne Master Painters Association Show where we traded tips with our industry colleagues and the public at large.

We hope you find this edition of interest.

Don't forget if there's anything we can do to help you either with advice or with the supply of equipment, do feel welcome to call.



Anthony Mankarios, CEO

Don't fall into the trap of unprotected voids

When working on multi-storey sites, you need to provide protection for workers to ensure they can not fall through unprotected voids.

Falls through improperly protected voids such as large gaps and stair voids are costly to the health of your workers and to the health of your business' finances.



Enclosing a void saves lives.

Oldfields Access Preston has a great level of expertise in Void Protection Systems.

With the use of the patented FlexiSafe™ Void Protection System, we're able to turn upper floor voids into safe working platforms.

And when used in conjunction with the patented Laddaloc™ foldable and locable ladder, it is the only fully compliant system in Australia.

The system offers custom-made decks and infill panels for filling any shape or size and flush working platforms that eliminate trip hazards.

The system ensures trades-people can work on or above voids with peace of mind knowing that the dangers of falls are eliminated.

For more information visit www.oldfieldsaccess.com.au or call 1300 782 660.



Helping sailors to plant their feet on solid ground

When the City of Brisbane welcomed the massive US aircraft carrier, USS Kitty Hawk into its port recently, sailors had to find a safe way to disembark.

The usual gang plank could not be operated so as a result Brisbane Oldfields was called on to erect a sturdy aluminium access stair and stage to allow sailors to come ashore.

The 5,500 sailors spent a weekend in Brisbane after having visited Sydney for five days.

Wide range of orders puts Gold Coast to the test

A sizeable portion of our Gold Coast branch's repertoire in creating areas of access and staging have been put to test just lately.

In the last few weeks, the team has demonstrated its expertise across all areas of access and staging to fulfill a diverse range of client needs.

To work around the corners, curves and ridges of the Raptic building, they designed customized swing stages for the construction staff to work on the extremities of the massive building.

A series of traditional scaffolding was also put together to allow workers appropriate accessibility and safety.

Similarly, a series of high-quality scaffolding structures were supplied for the Tweed Heads Bowling Club for its painting and maintenance work.

And in another challenge, a massive 12.5m x 56m scaffolding and decking was erected for spectators to enjoy the V8 Super-cars in action at the Queensland raceway.



Scaffolding at Tweed Heads Bowling Club



Swing stages used at Raptic



Scaffold and stage at V8 Super-cars Raceway



Mobile scaffolds assembled offsite

“Top-down” approach saves costs in Brisbane bypass tunnel

Scaffold estimator, Michael Desilva and engineer, John Rogers really had to have their thinking caps on when they were brought in to install a stair access tower for the Gibbon Street shaft of the Brisbane bypass tunnel.

Access needed to be provided for tunnel workers while the shaft was being excavated.

The challenge that had to be overcome was that the access towers had to cope with the gradual increase in the tunnel's depth.

The traditional approach to building access towers, would have required the tower to be dismantled to allow further excavation, and another tower built in an area already excavated.

This would have been extremely cumbersome and impractical.

To overcome this problem, the team came up with an innovative solution that involved hanging the stair tower from the top instead of being built from the bottom.

The hanging tower will then be added to as the shaft is excavated.



WA branch teaches oil riggers

For an oil drilling client with a site on an island 300km off the Western Australian north west coast, the construction of drilling rigs is an expensive and time consuming process.

The rigs are normally dropped off on the island in parts (of up to 800kg each) by a helicopter.

It is then reassembled using the helicopter to lift parts into position.

Needless to say this is an extremely expensive and painstaking exercise as the rig has to be moved to 30 different positions to drill test for samples.

To overcome this problem, Oldfields showed our clients' crew in Broome how to assemble the lifting rig using our mobile scaffolds.

The mobile scaffolds proved to be a much more cost effective way of assembling the rigs.

Oldfields on show

Master Painters Association (MPA) Tradeshow, Melbourne



Oldfields participated in the inaugural MPA Tradeshow at the Malvern Town Hall on 22nd June.

This was a fantastic day as we caught up with industry contacts and were able to build relationships with new customers.

Oldfields are proud to be associated with the Master Painters Association and would like to thank Mark Amos, Jodie Rebecchi and all the MPA staff for their hard work and dedication that went into making the show a success for the Associate Members.

We look forward to next year's show.

Hire & Rental Industry Association (HRIA) Conference, Adelaide

While sponsoring the Hire & Rental Industry Association's conference in Adelaide we took a trade stand to talk shop with industry colleagues and customers and showcased our expertise, by providing an outdoor viewing platform.

HRIA is a membership-based organisation that provides resources and networking opportunities to the hire industry.



Industry News

Courtesy of Safety Soapbox,
WorkSafe Victoria

FSC launches guide for adopting safety behaviours

The Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner has launched **Leaders in Safety**, a guide to help senior managers adopt, introduce, promote and maintain safety behaviours.

The guide includes case studies and 'key learning' data as well as chapters on changing specific mind-sets or behaviours.

The publication can be downloaded from:
<http://www.fsc.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/7D4FA288-628E-4D95-923C-6C82E8A4D8DC/22199/SeniorManagementCommitmentA5booklet.pdf>

Provisional accreditation expires

Provisional accreditation for construction companies expired July 31 under the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme.

There are 34 companies on the Federal Safety Commissioner's list which have achieved full accreditation, with a number of companies currently undergoing the assessment process.

For more information visit
<http://www.fsc.gov.au/ofsc/News/News.htm>

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