



# Herald

*Keeping you informed on the latest in scaffolding*

## Oldfields Access making stars shine in Gold Coast



**Some of the country's hottest events happen in the Gold Coast but who are the men and women behind the scenes making the stars shine? - Oldfields Access in the Gold Coast of course.**

Racing fever hit Gold Coast late October this year, with the thrill and adrenaline of Champ Cars and V8 Supercars stirring the atmosphere, Oldfields kept things grounded with their Indy-ready sturdy staging and scaffolding.

The place was electric as Champ Cars flew by at 300kmh, V8 Supercars rev up their 620 horsepower engines, RAAF F1-11s ignite their afterburners overhead and drivers and celebrities creating the type of fanfare, unseen in any other event in the country.

Our Gold Coast staff were proud to lend a hand in keeping punters and Indy staff safe during such an exciting event.

The Gold Coast also plays host to another great Australian sporting tradition, the Iron Man Series. We look forward to flexing our muscles and setting

up spectator stands and staging for this great beachside event.

We're also getting ready to prepare staging for the year's biggest concerts during Schoolies week 2007 as Gold Coast will play host to one of the biggest gathering of local and international artists ever seen. We look forward to a busy summer.



### End of year madness

**Our branches are busier than ever as events around the country ramp up and developments boom in our popular big cities.**

In Victoria, developments around the state have meant that we've had to open up a new branch in Dandenong to better serve our Central and South Melbourne clientele.

Do drop by and say hello, our new team there are at-the-ready to help you with your scaffolding needs.

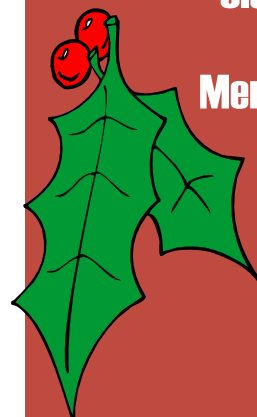
It's a busy time all along the east coast, especially in the Gold Coast. We've had the pleasure to serve some of Australia's most iconic events such as the Indy and Iron Man Series.

We've also recently worked on some of Queensland's most high profile buildings this year.

With rapid developments happening all around the country, I really can't see us slowing down - and that's a great thing.

We love what we do and we look forward to serving you over the summer.

**Anthony Mankarios,  
Managing Director**



**Oldfields Access  
wishes you a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year**

## Brisbane Oldfields helps the Chinese Consulate save face

**A recent survey found that 87 per cent of Chinese believe that the desire to "save face" is an integral part of the national character.**

So it was particularly gratifying for the staff of Brisbane Oldfields Access to be able to help the Chinese Consulate "save face" quite literally.

The Consulate building on Adelaide Street recently needed its exterior walls - its face - overhauled. Oldfields Access provided scaffolding around the perimeter of the building so that the repairs could be performed safely and efficiently.

The scaffolding provided the maintenance staff with access to all levels of the consulate so they could carry out the face saving repairs.



## Preparing for the school holiday boom

**With the school holidays coming up soon, Direct Scaffolds of Newcastle were more than happy to assist Watpac and Kelly Moroka with the maintenance of the Aqua Apartments, Nelson Bay, a popular abode for vacationers.**

Scaffolding was erected and dismantled on all elevations of the five block complex to give access for render and paint repairs.

With timely installation and removal to meet the body corporate and project managers' schedules, our scaffolders worked tirelessly to complete each elevation on time.



## Brave Knights of Oldfields charge to the rescue

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Be it now proclaimed that the noble Knights of Oldfields did erecteth the scaffolding, seating and staging for the Abbey Medieval Festival in the merry month of July. And yea verily it was good.

Just 45 minutes drive from Brisbane City, the clock was turned back for the annual Abbey Medieval Festival and we were there for the pomp and pageantry.

In July the Abbey Museum took the first steps towards establishing a permanent home for its famous Abbey Medieval Festival, so it was especially important to set the stage properly for the clashing of swords and lances, the slaying of dragons and the rescuing of sundry damsels in distress.

Once again, Oldfields Access galloped to the rescue setting up seats and stages and erecting scaffolds for this unique event which sprawled the massive six hectare site.

The Abbey Medieval Festival has grown considerably from its conception as the Abbey Tournament in 1988 when 30 re-enactors performed to a crowd of about 300.

It's now Australia's largest medieval festival, and this year attracted more than 19,000 with more than 1000 re-enactors, street performers, arts and craft workers and stall-holders, plus hundreds of volunteers, auxiliary staff, traffic controllers, parkers and security personnel assisting the knaves and wenches.

The number of dragons (dead or alive) is unknown



Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology Inc. 2007

## Dandenong branch opens big

**Our new Oldfields Access Dandenong branch is big and bold and is ready at your service. You certainly won't miss the big white store front as you come down the bypass.**

To fulfil the growing demand for scaffolding and equipment sales and hire in Central and South Melbourne, Oldfields Access has opened a new branch at 2/60 Amberley Crescent, Dandenong South.

The branch is adjacent to the new bypass road off Frankston-Dandenong Road and has wide entrances for easy parking, loading and unloading.

The Branch will run the full range of Oldfields PRO-Series scaffolding for sale and hire.

The Advance System Scaffold is available for hire while the ALSCAF and



**Jason Driscoll- Branch Supervisor**  
**Scott Rebecca- Hire Controller**  
**Domenica Varveri- Admin Assistant**

Advance 2600 series are available for sale to trade customers.

Please phone 1300 782 660 or drop in and say g'day to our newest branch team.

# Pool safety for workers



**Pool safety isn't limited to swimming and recreational use. It's just as important for those working on or near pools.**

Like other voids in construction sites such as stairwells and alcoves, protection needs to be installed on pools to prevent trips and falls.

Oldfields Access provides light weight aluminium pool covers that are fast and easy to install and remove. Our pool coverings comply with AS/NZS1576.1:1995. For larger pools, other scaffolding systems normally used for larger voids can also be applied.

## 🔥 **Hot Tip** Is your scaffolding legal?

**Scaffolding requirements are generally covered by OH&S legislation, which varies from state to state, but most require scaffolding to comply with the relevant Australian Standards including:**

AS/NZS 1576 "Scaffolding" - a series of standards including design, testing and operational requirements for scaffold components and systems as well as individual scaffold structures;

AS/NZS 4576 "Guidelines for Scaffolding" including practical advice on erecting and dismantling scaffolds;

Safe access must be provided to all scaffold platforms. Generally this takes the form of ladders secured inside the scaffold's framework.

Ladders should be marked "Industrial rated" - Complies with AS/NZS 1892" and should extend at least 900mm above the platform.

Edge protection must be fitted on all platforms from which a person could fall 2m or more (except within 225mm of a working face). Edge protection should include a guardrail, mid rail and toe board (sometimes combined in a single panel eg a brickguard).

Metal scaffolding should not be used within 4m of power lines. Non-conducting (eg fibreglass) scaffolds may be used as close as 1.5m - Consult electricity supply authority for details.

Mobile scaffolds should only be used on a hard, flat, level surface (max 5 degree

slope - approx 1 in 12) and should be kept at least 1m from any slab edge or step down.

Care should be taken not to undermine the ground support of static scaffolds.

The scaffold supplier should ensure the scaffold is stable and suitable for the task.

A good rule-of-thumb is that, unless the scaffold is tied to a secure structure, the top platform height should be less than three times the width of the tower (or twice the width for towers less than 1.2m wide).

Scaffolds from which a person may fall 4m or more (as well as some other types of scaffolds, eg cantilevers and swing stages) must be erected by trained scaffolders with the appropriate certificate of competency. This also applies to alterations and dismantling.

OHS legislation also requires these scaffolds to be inspected at least every month by a competent person to ensure they're still safe including altered or damaged components and adequate supports.

Below this height a certificate of competency isn't required, but the scaffold must be erected by a competent person.

Oldfields Access can erect, alter, inspect and dismantle all your scaffold needs and provide introductory training for your staff.

While most states are moving towards a consistent national approach, variations exist from state to state and local legislation should be consulted to ensure compliance.

## Mobile scaffold training will keep your staff safe

**It's important to keep your staff well informed on setting up scaffolding safely and efficiently.**

Recently, our Queensland branch has been busy conducting training on the Oldfields Pro Series 4m mobile tower.

We conduct training for clients all over the country.

Please call your local branch to arrange training on 1300 782 660.



## Updated website is full of useful information!

**If you haven't already, you should check out our recently revamped website.**

It provides some really useful information on all Oldfields Access' products including mobile towers, void protection systems through to swing stages.

All back issues of the Herald can be found there. There is also a gallery of images showcasing some of our jobs.

[www.oldfieldsaccess.com.au](http://www.oldfieldsaccess.com.au)



## Fans to see flowers blossom on the Gardening Australia Show

Fans of the ABC's Gardening Australia Show look forward to seeing the latest in gardening ideas through their TV screens every week.

But punters got "their bloomin' lot" live and direct in Melbourne and Sydney with the aid of Oldfields Access' tiered seating. Oldfields set up seating around Pete's famous Garden Patch so viewers could sit comfortably while getting up close and personal with nature.

Talks were also given by the TV presenters, with Oldfields setting up another seating area for this purpose.

Despite providing ample seating, there was no trouble filling the seats due to the show's popularity.

## We are the preferred supplier because

- We are compliant with Australian Standards
- We are Australian Made
- We are Australian Owned
- We are located in all Major cities
- We design and manufacture custom scaffold solutions



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