



# Herald

*Keeping you informed on the latest in scaffolding*

## Rain, hail or shine they're hard at work in Maroochydore



**A Suspended Catch platform installed at Wivenhoe Dam.**

**From rugby league games to award-winning homes, our team at Maroochydore has been hard at work constructing access scaffolding to help people get their jobs done.**

Branch Supervisor Stuart Kent, Hire Control Coordinator Jenny Ballantyne and Scaffolders, Luke Smith-Moloney and Quinn Joyce are the local experts providing safe and cost-effective scaffolding solutions for clients in a number of industries.

At Stockland Park, Kawana Waters, the Oldfields Access team constructed a scaffolding tower for coaches and commentators for a pre-season NRL game between the Manly Sea Eagles and the Auckland Warriors.

In February, at Wivenhoe Dam at Esk, a popular leisure and picnicking location, the team erected a Suspended Catch platform

cleverly designed of tube, fittings and Pro-series scaffold to allow the dam to be repaired and maintained.

The four-day project displays our scaffolding ability and the strength of our product.

The Maroochydore crew also undertook a scaffolding job for award-winning builder, Tyson Homes at Palmwoods.

They constructed a full-house wrap as a safe foundation for Mark Tyson and his team to build another award-winning home.

Rain had the Maroochydore staff providing scaffolding to help repair damage to the Rovera Apartments at Cotton Tree.

They built a 2 bay link 12-metre scaffold to allow SWC Constructions to access windows and verandas for repairing water leaks caused by continuous heavy rain.



**Jenny Ballantyne - (Hire Control/Admin) & Stuart Kent (Branch Supervisor)**



**Scaffolders Luke Smith-Moloney and Quinn Joyce**



### Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2008. We'd like to take this

**opportunity to welcome everyone back to work.**

Let's start by laying the foundations for a safer year. In this issue we're putting safety under the spotlight.

Construction industry hazards are well known and obvious - so are the solutions.

Our industry needs to work together to ensure that whatever can reasonably be done to protect workers is in place.

We'd like all businesses to ensure they use only top quality products to safeguard against injuries, so make sure you read our checklist for scaffolding.

We'd also like to see workplace injuries decrease this year, so we're getting behind a national campaign to prevent falls in the construction industry.

Don't forget we're a one-stop shop for your entire scaffolding needs.

We have our own engineering department, highly skilled labourers, a delivery and pick up service and, of course, competitive pricing.

## Safety: With scaffolding it has to be a number one priority

All scaffolding is not the same. And when it comes to workplace safety, you really shouldn't cut corners with scaffolding equipment.

You should always make sure you're 100% satisfied with the scaffolding and the way it's been erected before using it.

It's also handy to know whether it really does meet all Australian and Work Cover standards.

The following is a quick checklist to see if your scaffolding is up to scratch:

- Are there solid foundations under the scaffolding?
- Are the base and sole plates appropriate?
- Is there adequate bracing in all directions?
- Is the scaffold strong enough for the load?
- Are there hand-rails and kickboards for all working platforms more than two metres high?
- Are all working platforms fully decked?
- Is there safe access?
- Is the scaffolding tied to the building at least every 3.6 metres in height and length?
- Is there adequate clearance of power lines?

### Mobile scaffolding

- Do your mobile scaffolds have lockable castor wheels?
- Are the wheels locked when in use?
- Is safe internal ladder access available?
- Is the height less than three times the narrowest part of the base?

You can be assured that our scaffolding is rigorously tested to meet all Australian standards.

We pride ourselves on our detail to safety, best practice, workmanship, customer care and investment in best quality equipment provided at a competitive price.

Importantly, Oldfields Access not only supplies and erects scaffolding but we have an engineering department that designs scaffolding to meet the tasks in hand and to ensure that the construction is fully Work Safety compliant.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

# Get to grips with new construction regulations

WorkSafe Victoria has released two new publications outlining the requirements of new construction regulations, which formalise existing safe working practices in Victoria's construction industry.

It's the first time there have been specific regulations covering all areas of the construction industry.

In the past, regulations have focussed on hazards such as working at height, asbestos, and powered plant.

The regulations have been developed to help reduce the many deaths and injuries in

all sectors of the construction industry.

Construction deaths account for about one-third of all Victorian workplace deaths.

The new regulations will take effect on 1 July 2008 and are expected to have little effect on those already complying with Victoria's workplace health and safety laws.

The publications 'Working safely in the general construction industry' and 'Working safely in the housing construction industry' are available by calling WorkSafe's advisory service on 03 9641 1444 or toll free 1800 136 089 or online at [www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/saferconstruction](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/saferconstruction)

## Falls prevention campaign underway

# WARNING!

Workplace safety and health authorities have joined forces to reduce falls in the housing and small-scale general construction industry.

Approximately 900 inspections are being conducted across Australia to reduce deaths and injuries due to falls each year.

They're providing advice and guidance material and securing compliance on site where standards aren't being met.

Inspectors are paying particular attention

to finish and fit-out work, roof work, bricklaying and rendering, as well as work associated with stairways or balconies.

We support the campaign's efforts to ensure that workers required to work at heights can do so safely and without risk to their life or health.

Preventing falls is a priority for Australia's workplace safety authorities because falls are one of the most significant causes of workplace death in the construction industry.

Falls prevention publications and safety information is available in printed form or as electronic documents online at WorkSafe websites.

## A zippy little number that's as safe as houses



Introducing the strong and functional Zippy-Scaff™ MKII Work Stand that's perfect for painters, contractors and DIY around the home.

The Zippy-Scaff™ folds away for easy transport and storage and is safer than a ladder. Its revolutionary Zip-Slide action means it can be set up and down in seconds.

This versatile work stand converts to a portable workbench or an on-site trolley and doesn't need tools to assemble.

The Zippy can be used on all hard surfaces and has swivel castors that lock in place for greater stability.

The platform allows you to work safely up to 3.2m and carries a 225kg rated load capacity.

### It's loaded with useful features:

- Locks into place - no tools required
- Can be used as a portable work bench
- Converts to a trolley on-site
- Suitable for use on all hard level surfaces
- Complies with OH&S lifting requirements
- Additional edge protection components available
- Tested in accordance with AS/NZS 1576.3-1995

# Working over water



**Most people equate scaffolding with buildings but sometimes work platforms are required in the most unlikely places.**

Recently, our West Australian team erected a work platform suspended from the stern of the Ocean Endeavour research ship.

The ship was docked at the Australian Marine Corporation, south of Fremantle when our team assembled the platform using narrow frames.

## A little walkway goes a long way

**Fremantle's Little Creatures brewery recently provided an interesting project for our West Australian installation team.**

Little Creatures brewery and restaurant is a converted boat shed spectacularly located in Fremantle's Fishing Boat Harbour.

It's won substantial recognition as a leading regional brewer with a strong national brand.

The brewery doesn't cut corners in anything it does, including maintaining its tanks during beer making.

That's where our West Australian team helped out. We created a temporary walkway across the top of the beer tanks for safe easy access to the hatch covers.

It was an interesting project for our installers, who are always interested in seeing where an ale comes from.



## The height of safety



**Performing restoration work in a void can prove difficult without the right scaffolding equipment and design.**

When a domed ceiling needed painting in the Supreme Court of Victoria in Melbourne, our Melbourne team responded with a scaffolding design erected over the circular void to provide safe access to the ceiling above.

## Book these dates into your diary

**Designbuild Australasia - 15-18 June 2008 - Melbourne Exhibition Centre -**  
See us at stand D26  
More information at <http://www.designbuilddexpo.com.au/page/information.html>

**HRIA Convention 'Hire Fever it's Contagious' - 4-7 May 2008 -**  
Gold Coast Convention Centre - See us at stand 67/68 with our new acquisition  
Advance Scaffold  
More information at <http://www.hireandrental.com.au/membersearch.php?sectionid=1>

*The Woodman Point lighthouse surrounded by scaffolding.*



## Guiding light shines on

**Lighthouses are not only part of the heritage of the sea, they continue to be an important navigation aid for shipping around Australia.**

The Woodman Point Lighthouse, about 10km south of Fremantle in Western Australia, has helped guide shipping into Fremantle Harbour and nearby Cockburn Sound since 1902.

Keeping the lights shining is important, so when glass panels needed replacing in the historic lighthouse, the West Australian team provided a tube and fitting scaffolding to allow safe work access.

## Patent protection ongoing to safeguard our reputation

**We take patent protection seriously because we invest a lot of time and money to bring you new products.**

In recent months we successfully defended an infringement of our patent for the Flexi-Safe void protection system, which turns upper-floor voids into safe working platforms.

The infringing company has agreed to stop producing and installing its product, Stairwell Void after it was found to be in breach of our patent.

Rest assured we'll continue to protect our proprietary products to protect our company's reputation.

# Back to school on time with scaffolding solution

The right scaffolding can reduce the time it takes to complete a job, which is always great news for builders.

In Newcastle, school maintenance company C-View Building, completed a gutter, fascia and repaint of a local school well before the school term commenced thanks to Direct Scaffolds Newcastle.

They designed a scaffold with a stepped platform, which gave the painters easy access to the gutter/fascia and the eaves simultaneously, saving the team from having to move deck levels to complete the job.



C-View Building estimates that the scaffolding's clever design saved about a day-and-a-half in labour.

# Prestons branch never drops the ball with its seating

When it comes to providing grandstand seating for a special event, our team in Prestons hits its competitors for six with seating solutions that are lightweight, sturdy and secure.



Recently the company was asked to design seating for a warm-up game of the XXXX beach cricket tournament at the Woolworths head office at Bella Vista. Our solution - a strong, yet lightweight aluminium grandstand with anti-slip textured seating decks was just the ticket.

Unlike heavier steel options, the grandstand was easily transported and installed quickly.

We're always on hand to discuss your seating needs. Our modular systems are flexible to suit your requirements.

# All the world's a stage



Entertainment has obviously been, Oldfields Preston's thing as they recently erected a concert stage to ensure one young man enjoyed a party of a lifetime.

The custom concert stage with a roof was designed for a 21st birthday party.

Our performance stages look good, are safe and strong and can be adapted to suit any event.

The lightweight and modular construction makes it quick and easy to erect for a small event or celebration.

So if you want to take the stage at an event or celebration, let us design a staging system that meets your needs.

**Note: Some of these images are taken during construction.**



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