

Tailored for the task

FOR FORWARD-THINKING HEAVY HAULAGE TRANSPORT BUSINESS, COLPAK LOGISTICS, WORKING WITH ITS TRUSTED SUPPLIERS TUFF TRAILERS AND BPW TRANSPEC HAS HELPED TO GIVE THE BUSINESS A COMPETITIVE EDGE. USING A CUSTOMISED SUSPENSION SOLUTION, THE LATEST TRAILERS TO JOIN THE FLEET ARE PROVIDING GREATLY ENHANCED MANOEUVRABILITY WITH **TUFF / TRIDEC STEERING SYSTEMS**.

Based in Brisbane, Colpak operates a fleet of 25 heavy haulage trailers – including low loaders, dollies and tilt trays – which are used to transport all sorts of machinery

across the country. Colpak was started by Colin Pakai in 2004. A mechanic by trade, he has been working in the towing industry for over 30 years.

Experience working for towing operators fostered his passion for heavy haulage, and led him to start his own business specialising in this field.

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Continued growth led to a second depot being opened in Townsville in 2010. To date, the business has welcomed more than 30 customised trailers built by Tuff Trailers into the fleet. Over the past 15 years, the relationship between the businesses has continued to go from strength to strength.

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on the market,” says Colin, who seeks out specialty designs in all of his trailer equipment purchases. “Tuff Trailers is extremely good to work with. I need access to the best transport gear with reliable speed-to-market capabilities, which is why I always deal with the team at Tuff Trailers.”

The Colpak fleet is designed for efficiency and versatility, with no two trailers the same. The fleet is also extremely modern, with all equipment less than three years old, ensuring Colpak has the opportunity to take advantage of new developments and safety features as the years progress. Working together with axle and suspension business, BPW Transpec, the latest trailer order is a highly customised solution that has provided the business with greater accessibility, allowing Colpak to manoeuvre into and through tight spaces with greater ease.

A 4x4 low loader with BPW suspension and self-tracking axles, and a 5x4 full powered steered trailer on BPW forced steer axles

were recently delivered, with two more of these innovative trailers currently in production. They were purchased to cater to new growth within the Colpak business. This innovative suspension technology by BPW can be incorporated into the majority of the Tuff trailer range.

The trailers feature custom designed BPW air bag or hydraulic double acting suspension, making them ideally suited to accessing tight inner city streets, sub division builds and civil works. As Colpak regularly travels into the bustling cities of Melbourne and Sydney, the greatly enhanced manoeuvrability of these trailers has proven to be a great asset.

“The steering setup works in both forward and reverse without the need to lock out axles as you would with self-tracking axles,” explains Denis Di Pasquale, Managing Director at Tuff Trailers. “When reversing, the rear axle, which steers more than 30 degrees, can assist the operator into the tightest of spaces. The only dictator on the accessibility of the trailer is the load itself.”

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A 5x4 steerable low loader.

