



O'Phee pulls out all the stops

Deserved winner of the Outstanding Trailer and/or Truck Body Manufacturer Display, the design of the O'Phee Trailers stand really grabbed the attention of everyone in Brisbane this year. Once walking around the display, the actual trailers themselves were equally impressive.

On show was a 12.2 metre low profile B-Double rated container skel. Offering 39 tonne ATM, the trailer, which is a new addition to the O'Phee range, is designed to carry 9' 6" containers. Also offering 39 tonne ATM was a drop deck flat top (general machinery spec), complete with 5 mm chequer flush bottom deck and 3 mm chequer top deck.

The stand out, though, was a Hamelex White aluminium tip over axle grain trailer with 41 tonne ATM. The tipper featured an amazing mural composed of thousands of miniature images of trailers, which came together as a montage of a prime mover pulling a skel. Both B-Double and road train rated, the trailer comes with a grain door and chute and tailgate fold over grain lock.

Underneath the 6 mm floor and 5 mm walls sit Holland dual speed landing legs.

Also on display was an extendable flat top (13.7–21.5 metres) with seven different locking positions.

Mick and Sharon O'Phee revealed to *Trailer Magazine* that they designed the stand themselves with the help of their employees.

"Everyone at O'Phee Trailers got involved in designing and building this stand. We have such a passionate team and it really was a team effort," Mick said.

Another point of interest was the back of the O'Phee stand. 'From Blueprint to Bitumen' displayed information on Brisbane's Clem Jones Tunnel, which is being built with the assistance of trailers from O'Phee carting dirt and other materials.

At the very front of the stand, guarding the O'Phee sign, was a representation of two apprentice welders.

"We wanted to promote the fact that we are Australian owned and manufactured. We are doing our bit for the local economy and employ real Queensland families," said Mick.

