



CANE TOADS, BANANAS AND O'PHEE TRAILERS

Beautiful weather, big crowds and a new build from O'Phee ... we certainly knew we were in 'Banana Bender' country! The Queenslander is the latest trailer innovation from O'Phee, one of two new products on display for the first time at Brisbane.

The maroon painted flat top is triple roadtrain rated, dangerous goods and mine approved, and set up as a standard build to keep the price down - just what the customers want, as it turns out.

"Like a lot of people we were slammed by the floods and it's been a lot of hard work for everyone at the company to get back on track, not just in time for the show but the business in general," company co-owner Sharon O'Phee said. "But we're Queenslanders and true to form we're back as strong as ever."

Proof that this wasn't empty posturing, a partnership with French crane manufacturer Boxloader has given rise to O'Phee entering the container side loader market by marrying Boxloader's crane system with an O'Phee chassis.

Interestingly, the partnership came about following a fortuitous meeting between representatives of the two companies in 2010, right about the time O'Phee was contemplating how best to kick off in the side loader game.

Powered by a Perkins engine that's fully compliant with relevant emissions regulations, features include a 35 tonne lifting capacity, CAN-bus electrical technology incorporating safety interlocks to prevent overloading, and inboard mounting of the lifting chains to avoid damage to the arms and cylinders.

