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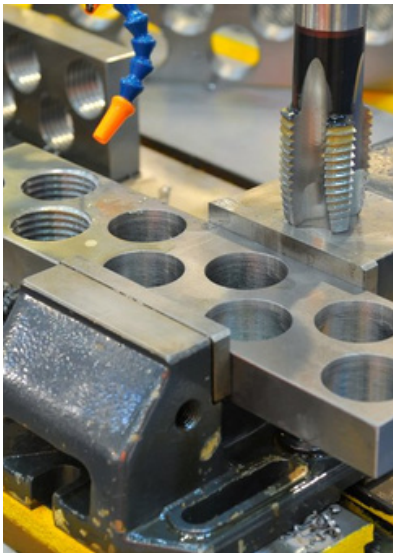
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LSW prioritises compliance

Member profile



New ASI fabricator member The LSW Group is no slouch when it comes to ensuring quality compliance. With an application already in for the ASI's SCA certification scheme and the company eager to go for CC3, director Chris Buckfield says he recognises the importance of certification when it comes to attracting government work. "Our government clients need to know we are fully competent and certification through the ASI scheme shows that," he says. The LSW Group branch in Unanderra services BlueScope Steel and many of the other local engineering companies around the Illawarra area, specialising in the manufacture and repair of heat-treated tools and blades. Chris' father started the company 60 years ago and Chris is now the director. LSW Group do mostly government work and infrastructure projects on roads, bridges, including for Sydney Water.

Italsteel leads on sustainability



Innovative design ... Italsteel's South Coast Baptist College of Science and Tech project.

Member profile

Italsteel is showing the way for steel fabricators when it comes to sustainability best practice. Established by Alex Gismondi in 1979, and now owned and operated by the father, son and grandson team Alex, Fabio and Christian Gismondi, the Perth-based medium to large company is a leader in reducing its carbon footprint. In the past five years, the company has introduced highly efficient waste disposal processes that have reduced its general and hydrocarbon waste by 50%. Older equipment has been replaced with modern energy-efficient machines. And more than 90% of its raw materials are now purchased from ACRS-accredited steel mills. Italsteel is also currently in the process of installing solar panels to allow the use of renewable power sources for its operation. Although not finalised it is expected to reduce its reliance on traditionally generated power by 70-80%. General manager Ken Patterson says having accreditation under the ASI's SSA scheme had enabled the company to work with bigger companies looking for responsible suppliers. "All companies will need to ensure they are moving toward reducing their carbon footprint and the SSA scheme provides a perfect framework to work within which will ensure efforts are correctly directed and aligned."

Special rental deal for ASI members

ASI fabricator, distributor and manufacturer members in NSW, Victoria and SA are being offered a special rental deal on a sideloader for handling long products. The new Baumann Electric 5-ton Sideloader is available for immediate delivery on a non-maintained operating lease for \$850 per week plus GST. The unit is specified for steel handling and suited to an engineering works or steel wholesaler. This specification is very popular with companies such as Aus Iron Industries, GB Amos, and Shisham Stanley Group. For details, please see <https://youtu.be/DXdtzagvryQ> and then contact ASI associate member Craig Armstrong-Fray at Baumann Sideloaders Australia on 0466 533 178 or craig@baumann-sideloaders.com.au.

L4W keen user of ASI services

Member profile



ASI associate member Licences 4 Work (L4W) is a keen user of ASI services. Specialising in the delivery of workplace training courses covering everything from traffic control and OHS to forklift and elevated platform use, L4W is a regular attendee at ASI events including the annual convention, Christmas lunches, and tours. National business development manager Stephanie Fallas (pictured) says ASI events are invaluable for building long-term relationships with ASI's fabricator and manufacturer members. To find out more about L4W's accredited courses, contact Stephanie Fallas 0493 072 209 or Mazin Samad on 0406 065 606.



Bunnings Trade purchases DSF

Member profile

Bunning Trade has announced its entry into prefabricated light gauge steel frames and trusses with its purchase of Melbourne-based manufacturer Dynamic Steel Frame (DSF). Founded by Peter Blythe and Jeff Beable in 2012, DFS has grown from a one-man operation to a business employing more than 50 staff. The business delivers more than 45,000 linear metres of prefabricated light gauge steel frames per week to construction sites. Blythe says it is Bunning Trade's first step into light gauge steel framing. He will stay on as national steel frame and truss manager to grow the business.

Final call for for steel excellence awards

If you haven't got your entry into the ASI Steel Excellence Awards, NOW is the time to do it. Entries close June 28. The awards - backed by major sponsors BlueScope, AustralianSuper, InfraBuild, BlueScope Truecore, Nash and SCA, and distributor sponsors Vulcan, BlueScope Distribution, United Steel, Gam Steel Service, InfraBuild, Coil Steels, Calibre Steel, Southern and Orrcon Steel - provide an outstanding opportunity for the steel supply chain to showcase collaborations and achievements, recognise high standards, and promote excellence in the use of Australian steel in design. Details: <https://www.steel.org.au/asi-awards-portal/>

Local steel best to mitigate risk

Choosing to partner with the Australian steel supply chain will ensure optimum mitigation of risks associated with the cost, quality, supply surety, compliance and safety of all steelwork used in a major project, a new report reveals. The *Capability of the Australian steel industry to supply major projects in Australia (Version 3)* report says onsite inspection costs, misinformation and mistakes are reduced where the steel and personnel are resident. The ability of locally-based companies to be innovative and respond to variations to the design work is easily accommodated, it says. Regular face-to-face contact between the fabricator and detailer ensures delays are minimised. Download the report: <https://www.steel.org.au/resources/elibrary/resources/capability-of-the-australian-steel-industry-to-sup/>.

New members

The ASI welcomes the following new company members.

Evermil Pty Ltd	Fabricator	NSW/ACT
J and J Fabrication and Engineering Pty Ltd	Fabricator	SA
Blue Whale Steel	Fabricator	NSW/ACT
HMV Structural Pty Ltd	Fabricator	SA
Strzelecki Engineering Pty Ltd	Fabricator	Vic
TSS Engineering	Fabricator	NSW/ACT
Thornton Engineering	Fabricator	Vic
Bluechip Industrial Services	Fabricator	WA
Studio Steel	Fabricator	Qld/NT
SAS Project Services WA	Fabricator	WA

ASI courses

Efficiencies and cost-savings offered by structural steel bolted connections will be explored in an ASI seminars series starting 5th August (<https://www.steel.org.au/news-and-events/events>). Two free welding safety eLearning courses have been released in association with Weld Australia. (<https://www.steel.org.au/resources/courses/welding-safety-for-welders/>). A new eLearning course *Reducing Risk of Fatigue Failure of Fabricated Steelwork* will be released mid to late June 2024. Based on the 2023 webinar run by Richard Shedlock, the course covers strategies to prevent catastrophic failures and consequences. Register your interest at elearning@steel.org.au.