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## Hubtex provides help for long loads

### Member profile



ASI members looking for multidirectional sideloaders and forklifts for handling long loads are invited to check out the range available from new ASI associate member Hubtex Australia. Hubtex's tailored materials handling solutions include Hubtex multidirectional sideloaders, Bendi narrow aisle forklifts, and Bulmor sideloaders. The business was formed in 1995 by Bill Parry who, after a successful career in the mainstream materials handling industry, saw a niche in the market for handling of long loads. With Wayne Guillaumier as technical manager, Phil Deka as operations manager and Bruce Peatman as managing director, the company has grown to become Australia's premier provider of intralogistics solutions specialising in the handling of long or difficult loads in narrow aisles. Among its range: a new generation of multi directional counterbalance forklift trucks, the FluX. The FluX series is available in capacities from three to seven tonnes and is powered by an eco-friendly electric drive that produces low noise. To find out more go to <https://hubtex.com.au/>.

## SteelX celebrates 24th milestone

### Member profile



Australia's largest family-owned provider of steel buildings, SteelX, is celebrating its 24th birthday. Based in Queensland, SteelX designs, engineers, and markets quality pre-engineered steel buildings by partnering with more than 20 local Australian suppliers to create steel kit buildings from BlueScope steel. SteelX's brands are driven by a proprietary shed management system that enables efficient design and engineering of ShedSafe-accredited steel buildings in accordance with a range of site-specific design criteria. The software creates customised designs that suit individual customer needs and site requirements, ranging from Class 1 housing designs to Class 10 rural buildings and Class 5-9 industrial/commercial structures. SteelX employs ASI's ShedSafe system, a third-party accreditation program that helps buyers have confidence in the engineering of the steel shed they are purchasing. To find out more about SteelX, visit <https://steelx.com.au/>. To learn more about ShedSafe, visit <https://shedsafe.com.au/>.

## Fabbie shows the way in towers

A one-off job fabricating and installing handrails at the Loy Yang A and Yallourn power station projects in the 1980s has grown into a prospering steel fabrication business for Stable Engineering Services owner John Buhagiar. The Victoria-based company now does infrastructure work nationwide, with transmission towers and bespoke fabrication a speciality. John, who employs anywhere from six up to more than 100 people depending on the size of the project, is currently tendering for solar and wind farm projects. To keep up with changing regulatory landscape, Stable has recently applied to the ASI for Steelwork Compliance Australia (SCA) certification to meet new government tender requirements for the supply, fabrication and erection of structural steelwork. Stable's speciality skills include high pressure parts work, process plant installation and commissioning, pipe spooling, tank fabrication, rotating equipment, and transmission tower design and manufacture. The company recently completed 44 bogmats at 450 tonne for a Vic Government Big Build project comprising more than 20kms of submerged arc welding, and tenders for work in the defence supply industry. To find out more, go to <https://stableengineering.com.au/engineering.com.au/>.

# ASI provides latest advice on regs

## Member profile



*Helping hand ... ShedSafe makes compliance easy.*

Making compliance easier is a key benefit of ASI membership. One company reaping the benefit is TopFab Steel Buildings, a leading manufacturer of custom steel sheds in South East Queensland. TopFab manufactures and installs high-quality steel sheds for various purposes such as storage, plane hangers, dressage, arenas, workshops, garages and more. Owner Anthony Leahy says accreditation of the company's designs through the ASI's third-party scheme ShedSafe provides peace of mind for customers that TopFab sheds meet Australian Standards. "It's important we keep up to date with regulatory requirements governing sheds and ShedSafe accreditation provides that," he said. "Our steel sheds are built with durability in mind, ensuring that they can withstand Australia's harsh weather conditions and resist rust and corrosion. We use high-quality Australian BlueScope steel that is tested and proven to be strong and long-lasting. Our team of experienced and skilled craftsmen ensures that each shed is built to the highest standards of quality and workmanship." Located in Stanthorpe, TopFab's other services include manufacturing high-quality agricultural machinery and food production equipment, structural steel, commercial stainless steel, and a range of automotive accessories including trailers, ute boxes and ute trays. "We work closely with our customers to ensure that each machine is tailored to their specific needs, ensuring maximum efficiency and productivity," Anthony says. To find out more about the company, go to <https://www.topfab.com.au/>.

# InfraBuild path to mental health care

## Member profile

Even though mental health issues are prevalent, it is one of the most neglected forms of health in the world today. *Metal Musings* recognises World Mental Health Day today (October 10) by shining a light on this year's inaugural ASI Steel Sustainability Awards winner of the company or project initiative - large business category: [InfraBuild's program The road to sustainability through good health and safety.](#) The InfraBuild program encourages ongoing improvement in workplace health and safety including mental health through targeted social, environmental, sustainable and economic outcomes. CEO and executive director of InfraBuild Francisco Irazusta says no task, target or activity is more important than the safety of our team. "At InfraBuild, we take psychosocial safety just as seriously as physical safety." In 2020, the company began a transformative journey towards a better workplace culture by producing a comprehensive roadmap known as the WRIB (We are InfraBuild) Safe Way. Underpinning this are four strategic pillars: enabling performance, critical incident prevention, interdependent safety culture, and fit for work and fit for life. "We've been on a journey to reshape our safety culture since 2020. It is about the behaviour, it's our approach to safety that is most transformative," Irazusta said. The company has reported a 300 per cent increase in the number of interventions from 2021 to 2023. "We did this by giving our team the tools and the training, 95 per cent of employees have been trained in our behavioural safety program, Safety Connect." Internal leaders delivered the Safety Connect program to all levels of the organisation across a series of face-to-face seminars. An automated electronic report is sent to all leaders daily. It supports InfraBuild's five-year plan to achieve premiere safety performance by 2025. Details: <https://steelaustralia.wenginepowered.com/infrabuild-road-to-sustainability/>

# New members

The ASI welcomes the following new members.

ASL Steel Fabrication Pty Ltd	Fabricator	NSW/ACT
San Pierre Design Pty Ltd	Professional	Vic
Stable Engineering Services	Fabricator	Vic
Storco Storage Systems	Manufacturer	NSW/ACT
Lee Group	Fabricator	Vic
Metro Project Services Pty Ltd	Professional	Vic
SG Chem Australia	Associate	NSW/ACT
Hubtex Australia Pty Ltd	Associate	NSW/ACT
KD Structural Pty Ltd	Fabricator	Vic
AJM United Steel	Fabricator	NSW/ACT
Steve McKenzie Consultant Engineer Pty Ltd	Professional	Qld/NT
TopFab Steel Buildings	Fabricator	Qld/NT
Everything Metal	Fabricator	Qld/NT
Container Domes Australia	Fabricator	Qld/NT
ProFab Engineering	Fabricator	SA
Roseworx Engineering	Fabricator	WA
Butler Fabrication Pty Ltd	Fabricator	Qld/NT