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ROCKLEA-BASED COMPANY O'PHEE WAS NOT ONLY RECOGNISED WITH TWO SHOW AWARDS AT THE 2011 BRISBANE TRUCK SHOW COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTED BY SHOW AMBASSADOR AND RUGBY LEAGUE LEGEND SHANE WEBCKE, BUT ALSO CELEBRATED THE WORLD PREMIERE OF TWO NEW MODELS DESIGNED TO LEAD O'PHEE INTO THE FUTURE.

Mick and Sharon O'Phee received both the Outstanding Trailer/ Truck Body Manufacturer Display Award and the Risk Management Excellence Award. "We feel honoured to be recognised by the award committee, as we spend a lot of time planning the stand; and, of course Risk Management is not only involved in the planning and layout of our stand, but also plays a very large part of our day to day business," says Mick O'Phee. "That's why we are constantly developing new ideas and trailer designs to help shape the future of Australia's road transport industry." Representing the company's engineering expertise, O'Phee unveiled the new, innovative 'BoXLoader' and the robust 'Queenslander' in Brisbane.

The Single/ B-double and Roadtrain rated O'Phee BoXLoader is the result of an international collaboration between O'Phee and French company BXL, which has gained renown in the European transport industry over the past 16 years. "BXL is a challenging alternative in the global side loader market, offering new technology and an acknowledged savoir faire," says Chairman and CEO of BXL, Vincent Sastre. "The liaison of BXL and O'Phee is the perfect marriage between two family owned companies, each with a different field of expertise." Based on O'Phee's tried and true light tare, high quality frame technology, the new O'Phee BoXLoader is equipped with BXL's 35t side loading crane. "A double extension stabiliser gives it excellent stability, enabling it to handle containers of 20, 40 and 45ft," Vincent explains.

"I am confident that the new O'Phee BoXLoader will revolutionise the industry," Mick adds. "It is based on the latest and most powerful software and computer system to ensure a high technological level



and a maximum optimisation of both crane and stabilizer performance. Therefore, the cranes are also equipped with CanBus technology and oil pressure sensors measuring the position of both cranes and stabilisers, together with the weight of the container, in order to prevent dangerous operations."

In their home state of Queensland, O'Phee also presented a variety of different trailers that it manufactures and markets. The award winning stand enabled the public to examine the build quality first hand, exploring the exhibits from both above and beneath.

The O'Phee stand included yet another new release, a flattop variant named the 'Queenslander'. "It's strong, reliable and honest like a Queenslander," says Mick. Single, Roadtrain and B-double compliant, the Queenslander is based on a robust frame design and a TMC TL 12

tonne per axle module suspension system. "It was custom designed to withstand Australia's harsh environment in any field of application," Mick explains. "The Queenslander comes with the lot, including our new 'Queenslander' chassis frame, heavy spec suspension with Propar stubs, vertical shock absorbers, 3-way container twistlocks, two deep toolboxes, a dunnage box, and a specially designed Queenslander rear end; and is also dangerous goods spec including fire extinguisher, TMC machine finish wheels, extra reinforced chequer plate flooring, side access ladders and more. It's just been released at the show, but it is already a classic. It's no surprise it was also a real winner at the show."

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