

The BIG one - Australia's longest trailer on Show

Membrey's Transport and Crane Hire is a Victorian-based company that enjoys thinking outside the square when it comes to trailer purchases. Membrey's will be using the International Trailer, Truck & Equipment Show as an opportunity to show off its latest purchase, a 44 metre extendable trailer imported from the Netherlands.

Since opening its doors back in 1962 Membrey's has expanded its family business to provide a variety of lifting equipment, cranes and forklifts, making it one of the more diversified transport businesses around. Current Managing Director, Craig Membrey, took over from his father in 1989 and since then has grown the company from having just five pieces of equipment to stocking in excess of 100 today.

Its range includes flat tops, drop decks, extendable drop decks, floats, steerable jinkers, container side loader, crane trucks and a range of cranes that lift anywhere from one tonne to 300 tonne. "We specialise in carting anything unusual - so if it is long, wide, high, heavy or oversize then we have the transport solution," explains Craig. "Amongst these unusual loads we do, we even transport all the giraffes,

elephants and large animals for the Melbourne Zoo and most zoo's around Australia." Membrey's latest purchase is an Australian first: a 44 metre extendable trailer. Getting a trailer of this length has been a goal of Craig's for some time and after having difficulty finding an Australian builder willing to design

The Nootboom Teletrailer was manufactured in the Netherlands, custom made to meet Australian design standards. Membrey's latest purchase is an Australian first.

the trailer, he decided to go overseas. "Nobody would build anything like it in Australia, they just weren't interested and it got too difficult. I travel overseas a lot to the different truck shows and

decided to get Nootboom in Holland to build the trailer for me instead." The trailer arrived in Australia in July 2007 and Craig spent one month converting the trailer to meet Australian standards. Known as a Teletrailer, the extendable is a quad axle with full modular steer and has the option of both a corded

or cordless remote control. It not only self steers the rear axles, but from the turntable as well. Starting at 15 metres in length, the trailer can extend out to 44 metres, but carries



Craig Membrey, Managing Director of Membrey's Transport and Crane Hire.

This Australian first extends out from 15 metres to 44 metres, but carries loads at any length in between.

loads at any length in between. "While we haven't had the opportunity to transport anything at 44 metres yet, we have done a few loads at 33 metres. Ideally these trailers are suited for carrying things like wind blades, and hopefully we will be given the chance to cart something at full length very soon," says Craig. This Australian first will be on display at the show and Craig invites all those interested to come and have a look at the trailer. **TBB**



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