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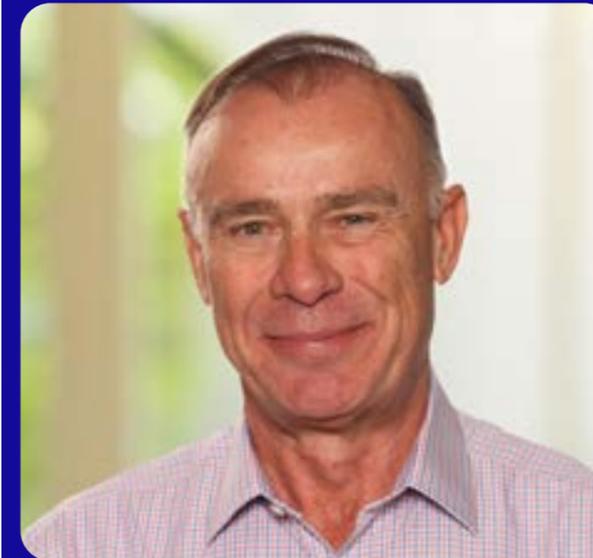
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With 2025 well underway, I'm excited to share how our people, partners, and customers continue to embody Komatsu's values — driving outcomes through ambition, perseverance, collaboration, and authenticity.

This edition highlights strong partnerships across industries, like Daracon expanding their fleet with intelligent machine control dozers and BGC Quarries switching to genuine Komatsu undercarriage for long-term performance. These stories reflect what it means to support customers beyond the machine — with trusted technology, responsive service, and collaboration.

The Melbourne Fulfilment Centre is now fully operational. Powered by the fastest order fulfilment system in the market, it reinforces our commitment to the construction and utility sectors and enhances the Komatsu experience for customers across Victoria, South Australia, and southern New South Wales.

Safety and environmental management remain a priority, and I'm proud to share we've achieved ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 certification — internationally recognised Standards designed to improve safety, reduce risks, and drive stronger environmental outcomes.

This edition also provides a highlight of our 2025 BootsOn event - an initiative I introduced 20 years ago. BootsOn is a hands-on training experience to equip our people with a deeper understanding of our machines and technology. By stepping into our customers' boots, we gain insight into their environments, applications, and goals. This year's event was a standout!

I'm especially proud of the stories that speak to our people and purpose — from team members walking the Kokoda Trail for veteran mental health to our Live Your Dream recipients making a real difference in their communities.

For over 20 years, Down to Earth has kept our customers connected with the latest from Komatsu. As news habits evolve, we'd love to know how you prefer to stay informed — digitally or in print. Please share your preference by scanning the QR code on the mail insert.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I hope you enjoy this edition of Down to Earth — and the people and partnerships it celebrates.

Warm regards,

Sean Taylor  
CEO & Managing Director

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# Daracon adds new D65EXi Dozer to fleet



*Pictured: Daracon's first Komatsu dozer, the D65EXi, ready for work on major civil projects across the Hunter Region.*



*Pictured: The Daracon team in front of their new Komatsu D65EXi dozer, painted in Daracon blue to commemorate the company's 40th anniversary.*

## Civil construction group Daracon has purchased their first Komatsu dozer, expanding their already 22 strong fleet of Komatsu machinery.

The D65EXi Dozer will work on large civil construction projects in the Hunter Region, including sub-division works, site remediations and infrastructure projects.

Cory Hay, Daracon Group Divisional Manager Plant & Transport, said they had been looking to add a new dozer to their fleet for a while, and after doing the research, Komatsu came out on top.

"We already have a small Komatsu fleet that is made up of excavators, dump trucks, water carts and wheel loaders, but this is our first Komatsu dozer. We'd been looking at Komatsu dozers for a while, and ultimately the machine performance, their local Newcastle team and the aftersales support that comes with the machine got us over the line.

"We consulted with our machine operator group, as in the end, they are the ones using the gear every day, and it's important they're brought along on the journey. One of our dozer operators is a Komatsu fan and has been for a long time - he

loves their ease of manoeuvrability and their overall comfort - and his final endorsement was important.

"We've built a good relationship with the local team. We know we're in safe hands and that we can rely on their speedy aftersales support if any issues arise or we have any queries," Cory says.

Daracon will also rely heavily on Komatsu's iMC system (intelligent machine control) that comes standard with the D65EXi dozer. iMC allows operators to carry out final trim dozing that delivers final grade performance and accuracy.

"Every machine we have on our sites has 3D GPS capability. We have a big focus on using technology to our advantage, and the fact that it is integrated in the machine in one system is really important to us," Cory says.

"The integrated Komatsu iMC offering ensures the critical accuracy and efficiency we demand. It also means we're getting all our levels right and minimising any waste and rework."

Aaron Kumar, Komatsu's Regional General Manager, NSW says Komatsu's partnership with Daracon reflects their commitment to providing industry-

leading support and technology-driven solutions, through their local team of experts.

"Our iMC technology ensures we deliver fit-for-purpose solutions that drive precision, performance, and long-term success for our customers, and our relationship with Daracon is a testament to this, working with them to have the right technology to meet their project demands," Aaron says.

The D65EXi has been painted in 'Daracon Blue' livery to mark the end of Daracon's yearlong celebration of 40 years in operation in late 2024. "That was just a nice touch and it feels like a perfect fit with the rest of our earthmoving fleet," Cory says.

Komatsu systems and machines, but on a slightly different scale."

Learn more about the D65EXi Dozer, visit <https://komatsuweb.link/d65exi-pxi-18> or scan the QR code





## Family restores 43-year-old D60E-6 dozer to honour of its original owner

*Stephen Turnbull, a warehouse coordinator at Komatsu's Rutherford branch, and his family have completed a remarkable restoration project - bringing a 43-year-old Komatsu D60E-6 dozer back to life.*

The dozer was originally purchased by Bryson Sternbeck, a long-time family friend and a dedicated forestry worker, in 1982. It spent nearly four decades working in the dense forests of New South Wales, including the Watagan and Mount Royal national parks, where it was used for timber work. Following Bryson's passing in 2021, the dozer was inherited by Stephen's brother Craig and his nephews, Bryce and Heath Turnbull. Wanting to honour Bryson's memory, the family decided to restore the dozer to its original form.

"Bryson was a family friend, practically family to us. When he passed, we knew we had to do something special to honour his memory," Stephen says.

The restoration became a family mission, and over the course of a year, working on a farm in Branxton without a workshop, the team disassembled the dozer, stripped it to bare metal, and refurbished nearly every component. Bryce, a skilled diesel mechanic, led the effort with Heath contributing during his fly-in, fly-out breaks from Western Australia.



*Pictured: The restored D60E-6, proudly bearing a tribute to the late Bryson Sternbeck*

"Working without a workshop was tough. We had to use farm tractors and an excavator just to manage the heavy lifting, but we were determined to get the job done," Stephen says.

The process wasn't without its challenges, with weather conditions, a lack of heavy lifting equipment and the difficulty of sourcing parts - some of which had to be specially manufactured in Japan - significant obstacles during the rebuild.

"We made sure we kept Bryson's wife, Dianne, updated along the way with our progress. Dianne had spent many days working alongside Bryson, so we knew how important it was for her as well. Seeing it come back together was an emotional journey. It wasn't just about the machine, it was about Bryson, and about our memories with him."

Today, the restored D60E-6 dozer stands proudly on the family's farm in Booral where it will be used for dam construction and land clearing. A commemorative plaque on the machine bears Bryson's name as a tribute.

"It means a lot to us as a family, knowing we've preserved something so special."



*Pictured: After dedicating 48,960 hours to operating Komatsu WA500s, Bob Rowlandson marks his retirement from Adbri at 80 years of age, pictured with his team and the machines he expertly operated.*

## Long-time Komatsu operator Bob shifts gears into retirement

*After some 48,960 hours behind the wheel of many of Komatsu's WA500s, Bob Rowlandson has hung up his hard hat for Adbri - at 80 years young.*

When Bob started at the Austen site in Hartley, NSW, 17 years ago - at age 63 - the quarry was a fraction of its current size.

"They have four loaders there now, but when I started there was only one - mine!" Bob says. "The amount of rock going out has probably tripled. Now, we're moving up to 6,000 tonnes a day."

Adbri, formerly Adelaide Brighton, is one of Australia's pioneering construction materials and industrial mineral manufacturing companies, supplying cement, lime, concrete, aggregates, industrial minerals and more.

When it comes to heavy vehicles, Bob is either driving them, working on them, or loading them.

A former diesel mechanic and "old truckie from way back", he knows well the difference between a quality vehicle and something sub-standard.

"I've had nothing but the WA500 model at Adbri," Bob says. "The one I've got now is the third brand new one. They're excellent machines."

Bob only has fond memories of his time at Adbri, and one of his favourites is of the day he was presented with a scale model replica of the WA500 loader Adbri happened to be taking delivery of.

"I loved working at Adbri. I love talking with the truckies, I love driving. I just love loading and I love doing what I do."

Despite slowing down work-wise, Bob plans to keep up his active lifestyle, walking six kilometres daily with his dog and chatting with passers-by.

Komatsu wishes Bob the best for his retirement and thanks him for being the number one fan of our WA500s.



*Pictured: Bob with his dog, Bickie*



*Pictured: The stolen Komatsu PC25 excavator is back on the job cleaning solar panels, thanks to its swift recovery through Komatsu's KOMTRAX remote monitoring system.*

## Komtrax to the rescue to track down stolen excavator

*For Ausfield Services, a grounds maintenance and weed management business based in Townsville, the theft of a Komatsu PC25 excavator could have been a costly loss - until Komatsu's Komtrax system turned the situation around.*

The mini excavator, primarily used for cleaning solar panels on a local solar farm, was reported stolen in April this year by Ausfield's Asset Manager Mario Puglisi.

Mario, who oversees a fleet of five Komatsu machines at Ausfield Services, acted quickly when he discovered the PC25 excavator was missing. He immediately contacted the police and reached out to Komatsu's support team for assistance.

The team helped him activate Komtrax, Komatsu's remote monitoring system, to track the machine's location. While Mario's access to Komtrax provided data with a slight delay, the Komatsu support team accessed live tracking information, allowing them to pinpoint the machine's exact location.

The entire process, from discovering the theft to recovering the machine, was completed within one week, and Mario says was an absolute gamechanger in the situation.

"It meant we didn't lose the machine permanently. It was eventually found about three kilometres away, under trees and partially camouflaged, so having a system that could track it was really helpful," he says.

The rapid response not only prevented significant financial loss for Ausfield but also highlighted the value of Komtrax's remote monitoring technology.

"Beyond theft recovery, Komtrax is essential for us. I use it regularly to monitor machine hours, fuel usage and service scheduling. It's an all-in-one tool," Mario says.

The PC25 excavator is now safely back at work, once again performing key tasks. Following the recovery, Mario has also implemented additional measures to enhance fleet security, including positioning equipment closer to high-activity areas.

*With GPS and automated digging precision with centimetre accuracy, the Komatsu PC290LCi-11 is making planning and execution markedly easier for enterprising dairy farmers, Wade and Mark Bland.*

The South Gippsland brothers recently took delivery of their new high tech Komatsu excavator, taking their growing Komatsu fleet to four overall.

Managing three dairy farms between them and running around 2,000 head of cattle, the brothers have long taken a hands-on approach to infrastructure development. Over the past 15 years, they've steadily built up their capability to handle large-scale earthworks, starting with a Komatsu PC200 and now operating a fleet that includes several PC270LC-8s.

Their recent Komatsu PC290LCi-11 purchase takes efficiency to a new level. Delivered through Komatsu's Gippsland branch, which has supported the Blands for over a decade, the new model is already hard at work on one of the farms where it's helping to construct two new dams - one for liquid waste, the other for solids. The excavated material is being used to bulk out a large, sloped pad for a future feedlot shed.

Wade says their loyalty to Komatsu comes down to reliability and service.

"We've never had a reason to look elsewhere. Komatsu was always the name to trust - they were the big boys in town when we started and they still are," he says.

"Their reliability and backup service are always great."

What sets the brothers' newest Komatsu apart is the Intelligent Machine Control (iMC). Designed to deliver precision earthmoving with minimal input, iMC eliminates the need for stakes, strings, or guesswork. It's something driver Rhys has quickly come to appreciate.

"The PC290LCi-11 has increased our overall bucket load time by up to 20 seconds per bucket," Rhys says. "It even outpaces the PC270LC-8, which has a larger bucket - so that's saying something."

Wade says iMC saves Rhys "loads of time" in a typical workday.

"You load the map, and the machine just knows what to do. It's like auto-drive for earthmoving - it's near on impossible to dig in the wrong spot."

Wade says they'll continue to look to grow their Komatsu fleet - and it's not a question of if, but when.

"We buy one about every five years and we'll stick to what works. We do everything ourselves - so having the right machine, one that helps us get it right the first time, makes all the difference."

## Dairying Bland brothers trust Komatsu precision for earthmoving

*Pictured: The PC290LCi-11 is making planning and execution markedly easier for enterprising dairy farmers from South Gippsland. Wade and Mark Bland thanks to its GPS and automated digging precision with centimetre accuracy.*





*Pictured: On site with Komatsu and BGC Quarries inspecting the Genuine Undercarriage.*



## BGC Quarries makes the switch to a Komatsu Genuine Undercarriage

*BGC Quarries has been operating in Perth for over three decades, producing more than 1.5 million tonnes of crushed aggregate annually for the civil construction sector and government authorities – mainly the raw material required for concrete, roof tiles, block paving products and road construction projects. For Workshop Manager Glenn Bibby, keeping production on track in such a demanding environment comes down to one thing: reliable equipment, which is why they partner with Komatsu.*

The fleet at BGC includes five WA600-6 wheel loaders, three PC12500 and two PC1250-8 excavators and seven HD785 dump trucks. These machines work hard every day in tough quarry conditions, and Glenn says their performance has been consistently strong.

"We have a long-standing relationship with Komatsu, and we rely on their machines and support to keep our operation efficient and productive. These machines are put to the test day in and day out, and in an environment like this, reliability is key."

One area where reliability really counts is the undercarriage - the system of rollers, tracks, chains and components that supports the weight of heavy tracked machines like excavators and allows them to move across rugged terrain. It's also one of the most heavily used and wear-prone parts of any machine.

"Undercarriage wear has a huge impact on machine performance and operating costs," Glenn says. "If it's not up to standard, it affects everything - efficiency, fuel use and downtime."

Recently, the BGC team made the switch to a Komatsu Genuine Undercarriage for their PC1250-8 fleet of excavators, a decision driven by both performance and long-term value.

"The genuine undercarriage has been fantastic. It lasts longer, performs better, and has saved us money over time. We've used other brands before, but nothing matches the quality and longevity of Komatsu's genuine parts."

Komatsu Genuine Undercarriage components are engineered specifically for Komatsu machines and tested in the toughest conditions to deliver superior wear resistance, strength and fit. Glenn says that ultimately that means reduced downtime, lower maintenance costs and improved productivity.

"It's been reliable and long-lasting, especially in the extreme conditions we deal with over in the west at our quarries. This is absolutely crucial for machine availability and hitting our production targets."

For BGC, it's not just the equipment that matters, it's the support that comes with it. Glenn says Komatsu's free undercarriage inspections have been instrumental in keeping their machines running.

"We can monitor wear and plan ahead for replacements, which keeps our machines available and our production moving," he says.

Komatsu Key Account Manager Barry Harken works closely with the BGC team, providing regular updates on offers, services and support.

"Barry keeps us in the loop and makes sure we've got what we need. That kind of service makes a real difference."

Since switching to Komatsu Genuine Undercarriage, BGC Quarries has seen improved machine performance, reduced downtime and ongoing cost savings.

"In extreme quarry conditions, you need gear that can go the distance. With Komatsu, we've got the confidence that our fleet is backed by quality parts and reliable support."

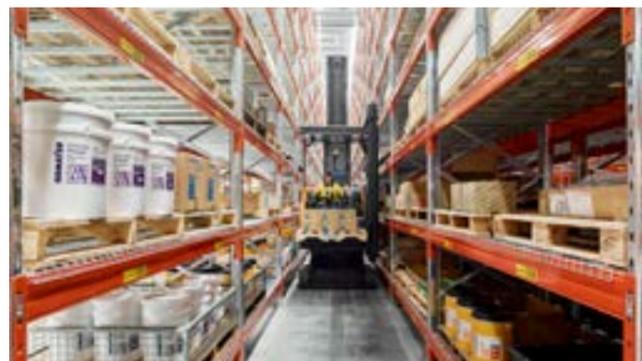
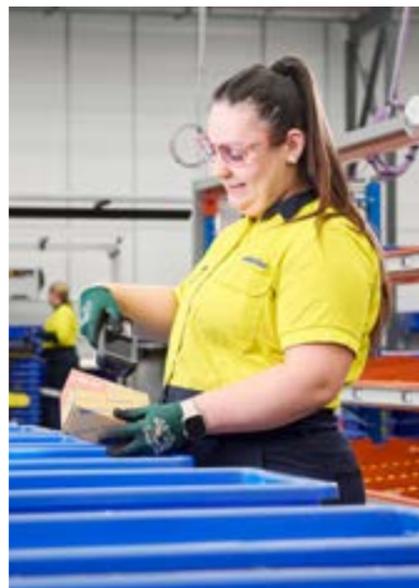
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# New fulfilment centre opened in Melbourne to enhance customer experience



Our new \$9.9 million, 12,500m<sup>2</sup> fulfilment centre in Melbourne opened in March, featuring cutting-edge automation to deliver faster, more reliable parts and machinery support across VIC, SA and southern NSW.



With a 5 Green Star rating and energy-efficient systems, the centre boosts our e-commerce capabilities while supporting our goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

**Komatsu officially opened a new 12,500m<sup>2</sup>, \$9.9 million fulfilment centre in Tarneit, Melbourne in March, powered by the fastest order fulfilment system in the market, reinforcing our commitment to support construction and utility customers.**

With Melbourne forecasted to become Australia's largest city by 2030 and home to the fourth-largest container port in the southern hemisphere, this strategic investment ensures a strong presence in this key economic hub, and a more efficient and streamlined experience for customers when ordering Komatsu parts and machinery.

The new centre enables faster and more reliable support for customers across Victoria, South Australia, and southern New South Wales, with next-day delivery to all regional branches.

Leveraging the latest technology, our new facility centres around the implementation of the AutoStore - a high-speed order fulfilment system - which is operated by autonomous robots that move on top of an aluminium cubic grid.

The facility will also strengthen Komatsu's e-commerce capabilities, with a larger inventory now housed in Melbourne, customers will benefit from improved efficiencies through myKomatsu as well as seamless click-and-collect services. The centre will hold 35,000 unique stock items, enhancing availability and reducing lead times.

In line with our sustainability focus and goal of carbon neutrality by 2050, the fulfilment centre has achieved a 5 Green Star Design rating. The automation system is designed to be highly energy-efficient, consuming just 3,744 kWh per year when operational for a 12-hour day, five days a week, comparable to the energy usage of six toasters.

Sustainability is always a focus for us in all our operations, so any new facility needs to reflect our commitment to reducing our environmental impact. The build of this centre not only was strategic in how we support customers, but also in how we look to achieve net-zero by 2050.

# Komatsu Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia achieves ISO certification for safety and environment

**Safety and environmental management are top priorities for Komatsu Australia, and that is reflected in our recent achievement of ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 certification, the internationally recognised Standards for occupational health and safety management and environmental management respectively.**

Executive General Manager - Safety & Sustainability Henrietta Jukes says the exceptionally rigorous Standards are designed to improve employee safety, reduce workplace risks, and create better environmental outcomes.

"Komatsu Australia's certification underscores its dedication to integrating best-practice management across its operations," she says. "This certification says to our staff and our communities that we are looking after your safety and the environment, and to our customers it says here is a business that is absolutely committed to best practice in every part of our operations."

The certification process included extensive audits across multiple Komatsu Oceania sites, assessing the effectiveness of its safety and environmental management systems, policies and procedures. A total of 22 sites were audited over a rigorous six-week period, during which independent assessors evaluated our commitment to identifying hazards, mitigating risks and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. The audit process also confirmed that Komatsu was already well aligned with the requirements of ISO 45001 prior to certification, highlighting the robustness of its existing safety management framework.

"At Komatsu, safety is at the heart of everything we do. Achieving both these accreditations is a testament to our team's unwavering commitment to continuous improvement in workplace health and safety and environmental management. This milestone reflects our proactive approach to identifying and mitigating risks while fostering a culture of safety and sound environmental practices across all levels of our organisation," Henrietta says.



Pictured: Komatsu has achieved ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 certification, the internationally recognised Standards for occupational health and safety management and environmental management respectively.

"The management system we had in place at Komatsu did already adhere to the principles of the Standards, because we genuinely do have a big focus on safety and environmental protection, but to actually achieve the certification is a big task. We appointed a National HSSE Assurance and Systems Manager to oversee the process; the organisation made a real commitment to doing this. We did a gap analysis first then we reviewed all our policies, our procedures and went through a process of updating 180 or so procedures to align them to legislation, align them to state requirements, and then also align them to best practice, most importantly."

The environmental audit was conducted by different auditors, in parallel with the safety audits.

"We have very few environmental incidents but there's a lot of new initiatives that we're starting from a sustainability perspective, especially around waste, because of this very rigorous management system," Henrietta says.

Helen Goudy is the manager who drove the process, and she says the achievement of certification is the result of dedicated collaboration across the business.

"The audit process was incredibly thorough, with assessors closely examining our procedures, risk assessments and employee engagement in initiatives. We had the option to only go for head office certification, but we didn't do that. We wanted certification for all of our branches. The feedback from the audit confirmed that our systems not only meet but exceed the standard requirements. We are very proud of this milestone, which reinforces our responsibility to provide a safe and supportive workplace for all, with a firm focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility," she says.



Pictured: This significant milestone reinforces our responsibility to provide a safe and supportive workplace for all, with a firm focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility.



## New era, new excavator: Meet the PC220LCi-12

*Komatsu has officially launched its next-generation 20-tonne class hydraulic excavator, and it's set to redefine expectations across civil, quarry and agricultural applications.*

Making its public debut at our BootsOn event, the PC220LCi-12 drew plenty of attention — and for good reason. It's the first major redesign of this model in nearly 20 years, featuring significant upgrades in performance, operator comfort, and intelligent machine control.

### Smart, strong, and ready for anything

Built on extensive customer feedback, the PC220LCi-12 was designed from the ground up to be smarter, safer, and more versatile. With a 172 hp (129 kW) engine and enhanced electro-hydraulic system (EHS), this machine delivers up to 18% better fuel efficiency and improved responsiveness across a wide range of conditions.

Its reinforced undercarriage, heavy-duty components, and 20% lower maintenance costs make it ideal for tough environments — whether that's a construction site, quarry, or bulk earthworks.

"It improves productivity and precision on site but also provides operators with real-time data at their fingertips," said Mark Boyes, National Business Manager – Construction.

### Welcome to iMC 3.0

The PC220LCi-12 will be the first in its class to feature Komatsu Intelligent Machine Control 3.0 (iMC 3.0) — a cutting-edge platform that brings semi-autonomous functionality to key machine operations.

With features like:

- 3D boundary control
- Advanced in-field design capabilities
- Enhanced semi-automation across dig, load, swing, and steer

iMC 3.0 doesn't just help operators work faster — it helps them work safer. The system actively prevents the machine from entering restricted areas and can signal when people or objects are detected nearby.

"This model and technology answer the call for more automation to bridge the industry's growing operator skill gap," Mark added.

### Comfort meets control

The redesigned cab is the most spacious ever offered in this size class, delivering 30% more legroom and significantly reduced noise levels. Add to that a fully updated user interface, simplified controls, and built-in climate control, and it's a machine that keeps the operator sharp — shift after shift.

Whether you're a seasoned operator or just starting out, the PC220LCi-12 is built to boost confidence and performance.

The PC220LCi-12 and Komatsu's iMC 3.0 platform will be available to customers in Australia and New Zealand from late 2025.

### Why it matters:

- Up to 18% fuel efficiency gain
- Intelligent Machine Control 3.0
- 30% larger operator cab
- Safer, smarter, and easier to use

*Want to stay informed or request a demo? Talk to your local Komatsu representative.*



## A new look for our machines

### Komatsu updates its global visual identity for the first time in 24 years

*You may have already noticed it — a bold new look on the newest Komatsu machines, materials and communications. For the first time since 2001, Komatsu has refreshed its global visual identity (VI) — a change that symbolises our momentum as a brand and our commitment to progress across the industries we serve.*

This is more than a design refresh. It's a statement of intent. Our updated visual identity reflects who we are today: a company built on innovation, powered by people, and focused on creating value together.

### Building on a proud legacy

The three bold stripes have long represented Komatsu's strength and reliability in construction, mining and utilities. While the core meaning remains, the new design gives the stripes a dynamic upward angle — a visual cue symbolising forward movement, growth and shared progress with our customers.

This evolved look now appears on newly released Komatsu machines, starting with the PC220LCi-12 and WA475-11.

The updated stripes are not just cosmetic — they tell the story of a company that's always moving forward.

### Why the change?

As machine design and customer expectations have evolved, so too has the need for a more modern, enduring visual identity. Design testing revealed that the new orientation not only feels more contemporary but also ages better over time, helping maintain Komatsu's professional appearance across diverse job sites and conditions.

This update also aligns our machines with refreshed branding seen across our digital platforms, signage, and uniforms — offering a consistent, globally recognised Komatsu experience.

### What's next?

The new VI is now in effect globally, and you'll continue to see it rolled out across new machine models, printed materials, and digital assets. Existing equipment will retain its current livery, but future fleets will reflect the new design standard.

This marks just the second major visual update in Komatsu's 100+ year history — and it represents not only where we've come from, but where we're headed.

### A commitment to progress

The updated visual identity is a celebration of everything Komatsu stands for: quality, innovation, and strong partnerships with our customers and communities.

This is more than a new look — it's a symbol of how we continue to evolve, together.



# BootsOn 2025: Powering progress through hands-on experience

*More than a decade ago, we introduced BootsOn — a hands-on training experience designed to immerse our people in the machines, technology and customer environments that define Komatsu. The idea was simple: to truly support our customers, we need to understand not just our products, but the real-world challenges they face on site. By stepping into our customers' shoes (or boots!), we gain insight into their daily operations — and we become better partners in helping them achieve their business goals.*

This June, that vision came to life once again with our biggest BootsOn yet — held at HPOTS in Cessnock, NSW.

With nearly 40 machines on display, the event featured four rotating, expert-led training zones — from machine walkarounds and compact equipment showcases, to Smart Construction demonstrations and heavy-duty load-and-haul insights. Attendees didn't just observe — they jumped in cabs, trialed systems, asked questions and gained hands-on experience.

A standout moment was the debut of the PC220LCi-12 — Komatsu's next-generation 24-tonne excavator featuring Intelligent Machine Control 3.0. With smarter automation and features like 3D boundary control and in-field design, it's a product shaped by customer feedback and built for tomorrow's job site.

From drones mapping live terrain to dashboards visualising site performance in real-time, our Smart Construction suite showed how digital solutions are already reshaping the way work gets done — not in the future, but right now.

Importantly, BootsOn 2025 wasn't just a showcase of innovation — it was a showcase of connection. Of building capability, confidence and customer understanding across our teams. It was about bringing together our people — whether in sales, support, or service — to strengthen the knowledge and skills that underpin every great customer experience.

Delivering an event of this scale is no small feat. But year after year, it proves its value in a way few things can. Because when we empower our teams with first-hand product experience and practical knowledge, we don't just build confidence — we build trust.

And as we continue launching new products, investing in smarter technology, and supporting more customers than ever before, BootsOn remains a vital part of how we do business: real experiences, real insights, real results.





# Komatsu's dozers and graders - built for performance

*From large-scale civil works to tough quarry operations, Komatsu's range of dozers and motor graders have been purpose-built to meet the demands of Australian worksites. With a focus on precision, power, and durability, these machines are designed to help operators achieve more comfortably and efficiently.*

#### Graders: smooth control with maximum accuracy

Komatsu motor graders are engineered for fine grading precision and superior operator control, ideal for final trim work in road construction, site prep, and quarry maintenance. The entire range features advanced hydraulics and transmission systems designed for smooth, accurate blade movement, making it easier for operators to maintain consistency across long shifts.

Pat Munro, National Business Manager for Construction says one standout feature that is available across some grader models is Komatsu's fingertip-fine control of the work equipment & steering, which allows for highly responsive manoeuvring with minimal physical effort.

"Fingertip-fine control minimises operator movement by up to 92% which in turns reduces fatigue, especially during long operating hours. Our graders also come with spacious cabs, ergonomic seat layouts, and excellent visibility that further enhances operator comfort and safety, even in rugged quarry conditions," Pat says.

"It's impossible to stall this grader with its exclusive lockup torque converter & the anti-stall function. This feature allows the operator to focus on the job at hand when working around services and maximise their production each day.

"Komatsu graders do the basics well and also run reliably for long periods of time. The long-term proven reliability, particularly the driveline, engine, transmission and hydraulics – stand up in harsh, dusty conditions, particularly in remote and underground mining environments."

#### Key grader models include:

- GD555-5 – Tier 3 engine with lock-up torque converter (fingertip controls not included as standard).
- GD655-7 – Tier 4 Final engine with lock-up torque converter and fingertip-fine controls.

#### Dozers: heavy-duty power with intelligent machine control:

Komatsu's dozer range spans from mid-size to large-production machines and is built to handle the toughest ground conditions with ease. Designed for high output and long-term durability, these machines feature heavy-duty undercarriage systems and reinforced structures that stand up to abrasive materials and uneven terrain.

Many models in the range incorporate Intelligent Machine Control (iMC) technology, which automates blade movement during both rough dozing and final grading.

"This reduces the need for manual operation and helps less experienced operators achieve precise results more quickly and with no rework," Pat says.

"Features like lift layer control and proactive dozing allow for consistent material placement and smooth cut-and-carry performance which allows operators to get to their target the quickest way possible with maximum blade loads shifted with every pass

"With quick surface creation, tilt steering control, and dual GNSS antenna support, operators benefit from faster setup and enhanced grading accuracy, thanks to stable satellite signal reception. iMC-equipped dozers also include factory-integrated GPS, eliminating the need for external masts or cables, which improves uptime and eliminates the cost of damage and theft," Pat says.

Whether it's pushing overburden in a quarry or grading a building pad, Komatsu dozers are built for to be productive and achieve results in Australia's most demanding job sites.

#### Key dozer models include:

##### Komatsu's 'Series 1 Dozers' (D51, D61, D71):

- Includes super-slant nose design which gives the operator industry-best visibility
- Centre mounted cabin with rear cooling pack
- Hydrostatic drive
- 3-metre folding PAT blade on the D71PX/PXi-24
- Available in non-iMC & iMC 2.0

##### Komatsu's 'Series 5 Dozers' (D65, D85, D155, D275)

- Auto lockup Torque converter & Automatic transmission
- Auto reversable cooling fan. (option on -18's)
- External push arm Semi-U Blade with the option on SIGMA Blade.
- Available in non-iMC & iMC 2.0 (excludes some models)

#### Local support, backed by global expertise

No matter the machine size or job type, every Komatsu grader and dozer is backed by our national network of parts, service, and technology support.

Komatsu's Komtrax remote monitoring system is included as standard, providing insights into machine usage, performance, and maintenance schedules, helping to reduce downtime and lower total cost of ownership.

"Our graders and dozers are tough enough for demanding conditions, smart enough to keep you productive and efficient, and comfortable enough for long days on site. Couple that with the support of our national service network, we're able to help our customers keep their machines running reliably and efficiently," Pat says.

# Support that goes the distance

*Managing downtime is critical to running an efficient and productive jobsite – whether you're operating a single excavator or managing a nationwide fleet. Komatsu Australia's aftermarket support is here to help you stay productive, proactive and ready for what's next, from genuine parts to digital fleet tools like Komtrax and myFleet. Our support is designed around your needs, not just for today, but for the life of your machine.*

### Genuine parts you can rely on

Your machines are only as reliable as the parts that keep them running. Komatsu Genuine Parts are precision-engineered for durability and performance and are backed with a national network of support and warranty coverage.

With over 450,000 parts available online through myKomatsu, you can order what you need, when you need it. Every part reflects our commitment to keeping your operations running at full pace, with minimal interruption.

### Service that's personal, not just practical

Our support teams take the time to understand your business, your machines and your goals, because we know there's no one-size-fits-all approach.

From scheduled maintenance and condition monitoring to custom support plans, the focus is always on long-term value.

Our team is equipped to support our customers on every front, with access to expert technicians to keep your machinery running and Komatsu Finance solutions to help with access to capital. We also offer operator training through our state-of-the-art Komatsu Training Academy on both the east and west coasts, featuring a mix of customised onsite programs, nationally recognised qualifications and units, and purpose-designed operator, technical and leadership training.

### Visibility for smarter decisions with Komtrax

Komtrax, our standard remote monitoring system, offers visibility over your equipment, and delivers real-time machine data including location, fuel use, idle time and fault alerts, which helps to reduce costs, optimise usage and plan ahead with confidence.

Komtrax keeps you connected to your machines whether you're in the cab, at the depot or halfway across the country and it is available on all new and premium used Komatsu equipment. It gives you not only the data but also the insights to help you make better decisions faster.

### myFleet: your partner in fleet management

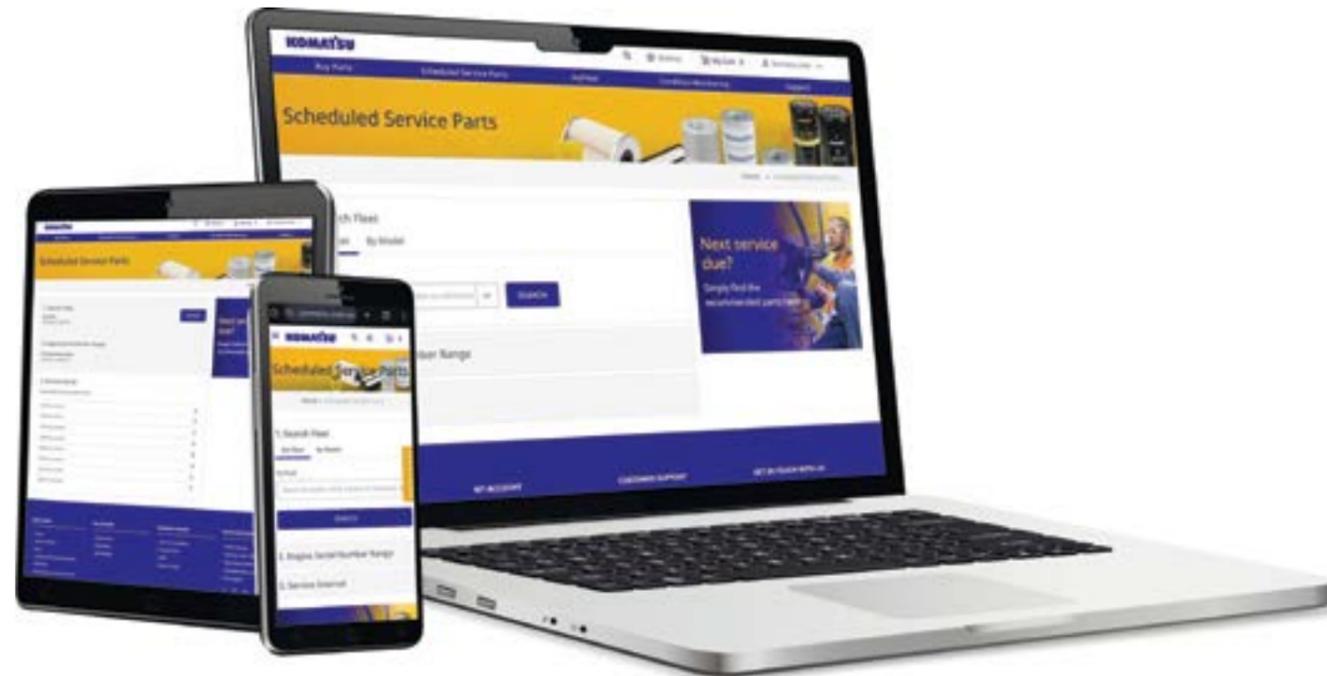
For businesses managing multiple machinery assets, myFleet simplifies the complexity of managing a large fleet. This central platform brings all your Komatsu machines into a single dashboard and gives you instant access to service schedules, health checks and historic records of your entire fleet.

You can request a service, check your machine's hours and even review your full ownership history - all from one secure login. The data gathered in myFleet can also alert you to potential machine issues, such as any abnormalities or defects identified during services, allowing them to be addressed before they lead to costly downtime.

### Our support doesn't just stop at the machine

Komatsu's comprehensive aftermarket support is built to keep your operation moving, with access to genuine parts, expert service teams, technology solutions, condition monitoring and tailored maintenance solutions.

You'll also be backed by our skilled teams located across the country, ready to provide fast, reliable support whenever and wherever you need it. Whether it's reducing downtime, extending equipment life, or improving performance, we're with you for the long haul.



# Bathurst Resources adds Komatsu PC2000-11 to its fleet

*Komatsu New Zealand has delivered its next-generation PC2000-11R excavator to Bathurst Resources, marking another key milestone in the strong and growing partnership between the two companies.*

Bathurst Resources is New Zealand's largest metallurgical coal operator, producing more than 1.8 million tonnes of coal each year, of which 80% is for steelmaking for both domestic and export use. The PC2000-11R will be in use at Bathurst's historic Rotowaro mine site in the Waikato region, which has been producing coal for more than 140 years and has 200 people working onsite.

One of Bathurst's core focuses is responsible access to natural resources, and Bathurst's Group Manager – Mobile Plant Assets and Maintenance Joshua Carmody says they are constantly looking at different ways to improve the sustainability and efficiency of their operations.

"The decision to add the PC2000-11R to our fleet followed extensive evaluation of several OEM offerings. The PC2000 stood out as a sustainability-driven solution that offered significant fuel savings, reduced cycle times and an improved operator environment while aligning strategically with our core focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship," Joshua says.

Operator wellbeing was also a major consideration, with the PC2000-11R offering a range of comfort and safety features including a heated air suspension seat, low cabin noise levels and KomVision's 360-degree visibility system.

"This machine is not only a replacement for aging equipment, but also an exciting addition to our fleet that we hope will help us attract and retain top-tier operators."

Another key part of the PC2000's appeal was its advanced design, which delivers up to 12% increased productivity in "Power Plus" mode and 9% more engine horsepower compared to its predecessor.

Komatsu New Zealand's Managing Director, JC Nyssens, says this, along with the machine's strengthened frame, redesigned boom and arm, and robust resistance to bending and torsional loads make it ideal for the demanding mining conditions at Bathurst's mining sites.

"This reliability ensures less downtime and optimal performance, a critical factor for large-scale mining projects. With up to 7% improved fuel efficiency and significantly reduced emissions, it aligns perfectly with Bathurst's focus on environmental stewardship and long-term resource management."

Learn more about the PC2000-11R, visit <https://komatsuweb.link/pc2000-11> or scan the QR code



*Pictured: Bathurst Resources' new Komatsu PC2000-11 on site.*





*Pictured: Komatsu has delivered the first WA700-8 wheel loader in Australia and New Zealand to Golden Bay Cement.*

# Komatsu delivers first WA700-8 wheel loader in Oceania to Golden Bay Cement

*Komatsu has marked a major milestone with the delivery of the first WA700-8 wheel loader across New Zealand and Australia, supplied to Golden Bay Cement, New Zealand's longest-standing cement manufacturer.*

Golden Bay Cement operates the country's only fully integrated cement manufacturing plant, located in Portland, near Whangārei on New Zealand's North Island. They produce high-quality clinker and cement used in a wide range of construction and infrastructure projects across the country, with a current fleet of 11 Komatsu machines.

Golden Bay is committed to sustainability, aiming to reduce their carbon footprint by 30% by 2030 — a goal that closely aligns with Komatsu's own values of environmental responsibility.

Tony Warren, Golden Bay's Quarry Manager for Portland, says the company is focused on finding practical ways to reduce emissions while maintaining efficient production.

"One of the reasons we invested in the WA700-8 loader is its improved fuel efficiency, which directly supports our sustainability goals. When we produce the clinker material, we burn limestone in a kiln using a combination of coal, used tyres and wood waste, and the loader is used to load material from various outputs across the quarry to create the right blend for cement production.

"Some parts of the quarry are less usable on their own, but by blending material from different areas, we can reduce waste and make use of the whole product. The loader's ability to efficiently move across the site has been a real asset in that process," Tony says.

Nick Vrontas, Komatsu's National Business Manager for Quarries, says the WA700-8 has been thoughtfully engineered to meet the unique demands of



*Pictured: The fuel-efficient WA700-8 is supporting the Golden Bay's sustainability goals while boosting productivity across its quarry operations.*

heavy-duty operations, such as Golden Bay's, while lowering fuel consumption and reducing environmental impact.

"Fuel efficiency has been a major priority in the WA700-8's design. With up to 8% improved fuel efficiency over the previous model, the loader offers an opportunity to cut operational costs while supporting more sustainable practices," Nick says.

At the heart of the WA700-8 is a powerful 578 kW engine, which provides the muscle needed for the toughest applications. The model delivers 15% more torque than its predecessor, coupled with an increased bucket capacity to significantly enhance production rates.

Designed for durability in demanding conditions, the WA700-8 features a reinforced frame and upgraded loader linkage, ensuring long-term reliability and consistent performance even in the toughest environments.

Operator safety and comfort were also front of mind during development, with a spacious, ergonomically designed cabin with advanced joystick steering and intuitive controls to promote greater comfort and productivity during long shifts.

Nick adds that the WA700-8 offers a suite of smart features to support operator performance.

"Features such as Automatic Dig, Semi-Automatic Approach, and Semi-Auto Dump have been developed to enhance efficiency and reduce operator fatigue.

"The WA700-8 represents Komatsu's dedication to providing innovative, efficient, and sustainable solutions for our customers. We're excited to introduce the first of its kind to the Oceania region and see it supporting Golden Bay Cement's focus on sustainability and efficiency," Nick says.

## Meet our 2025 Live Your Dream recipients

*Komatsu is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Live Your Dream program, with 10 employees across Australia and New Caledonia selected to make a significant contribution to causes they care deeply about.*

Now in its ninth year, the Live Your Dream program has become one of Komatsu's most meaningful initiatives, empowering employees to support local communities, charitable organisations and important social causes. This year, the program saw a record 87 nominations, making the selection process highly competitive.

"The Live Your Dream program remains one of our most cherished initiatives," says Mel Morrison, Executive General Manager - People and Culture. "The record nominations this year demonstrate the growing enthusiasm among our team to make a positive difference. Selecting just 10 recipients was incredibly challenging given the quality of submissions."

The 2025 recipients represent a wide range of causes, from children's health and education to environmental conservation and support for disadvantaged communities.

"What makes this program special is the personal connection our employees have with their chosen causes. Many of our recipients have been involved with these organisations for years, and this grant allows them to deepen that relationship and increase their impact.

"Live Your Dream continues to be a source of immense pride for the business. It provides our people with opportunities to make significant contributions that might not be possible on an individual leave, while also demonstrating Komatsu's commitment to building connections with our employees and the communities where we operate."

**The 2025 Komatsu 'Dreamers' are:**

**Jacinta Guirguis**  
'Hair with Heart' by Variety the Children's Charity

**Donald Pikitai Hororo**  
Campbelltown Men's Shed Inc

**Teddy Plonquet**  
Un sandwich pour autrui

**Chris Nagle**  
Sammy D Foundation

**Wendy Mortimer**  
Northern NSW Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

**Niall Prendergast**  
Perthes Kids Foundation Australia

**Tracey Halden**  
Marsupials Mamma and Pappas Wildlife Care

**Joseph Kirkwood**  
Starlight Children's Foundation

**Tony Steffens**  
Mercy Community Services Ipswich (Sisters of Mercy)

**Ben Jones**  
Fuel for Schools



**Live Your Dream**



# Caitlyn Knox's journey from business student to leading hand at Komatsu

*Caitlyn Knox didn't set out to become a mobile plant mechanic – let alone thrive in the role – but her journey from business student to award-winning heavy industry professional at Komatsu proves that taking a leap of faith can lead to extraordinary opportunities.*

Caitlyn's path began far from the world of heavy machinery, she initially pursued a business degree but soon realised that it wasn't the right fit for her. Rather than sticking with an uninspiring path, Caitlyn made the decision to enrol in a construction pathways course at TAFE. It was a move that would change her life.

"I found I loved working with my hands and being outdoors. It just clicked for me."

With her newfound passion, Caitlyn dove into the job market, applying for over 20 roles in various fields. Despite not knowing much about the construction industry, her tenacity led her to secure an apprenticeship with Komatsu – although she admits she hadn't even heard of the company before applying.

"I didn't know what a plant mechanic was, but I was open to giving anything a go. If it didn't work out, I figured I'd move on to something else."

Despite lacking mechanical experience beyond holding a torch for her dad while he fixed the family car, Caitlyn relied on her work ethic and willingness to learn. Since starting her apprenticeship at Komatsu in 2019, she has become dual qualified as a plant mechanic and automotive electrician.

Now excelling in her role as leading hand, in the remarketing department. Her day-to-day responsibilities involve receiving construction machinery, assessing their condition, quoting repairs, and getting them sale ready as second-hand equipment. Handling repairs, servicing and ensuring each machine is in top shape for sale has become second nature to her.

"Lately, I've been working on a lot of bulldozers," she says, adding that they've become her speciality.

When reflecting on her journey, Caitlyn says there have been several career highlights. During her apprenticeship, she helped build a calf dozer for the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering – an experience she says is unforgettable. She also won Komatsu's Apprentice of the Year award at both the state and national levels in 2023, a remarkable way to cap off her apprenticeship.

Her achievements didn't stop there. Knox was a regional winner and state finalist at the 2023 NSW Training Awards, which led to her role as a VET Ambassador, encouraging young people into pursuing vocational education.

"Being a VET Ambassador has been an amazing experience – we've just wrapped up a roadshow on the NSW North Coast," she says. "I get to visit schools and talk about career pathways, showing how your life can change with the right opportunities. It has definitely opened up so many doors for me and taken my life in a direction I never imagined."

While she has seen plenty of success in her career so far, she has faced challenges along the way, but notes that these weren't the typical challenges some might expect – such as being a woman in a male-dominated industry.

"The workshop was welcoming, and it was all about proving yourself through hard work, regardless of gender," she says. "The real challenge for me was coming in with no mechanical background."

"Some of the other apprentices had experience – one had even completed an apprenticeship as a fitter and machinist. I had to work hard to catch up, but I did."

Caitlyn says that she believes the industry is evolving, and negative experiences around gender are becoming rarer.

"My advice for anyone considering the industry, men or women, is simple: give it a crack," she says. "What do you have to lose? You might start out unsure, like I did, but it could change your entire career and life for the better. You won't know until you try."

Looking ahead, Knox is focused on solidifying her skills and technical knowledge. Long-term, she's interested in moving into supervisory roles or exploring Komatsu's Smart Construction solutions, which integrate the latest technologies.

"I'm also considering getting more involved with Komatsu's apprenticeship program. That's a career path I'm excited about."

As she continues to build her career, Caitlyn is a clear example of how embracing new challenges can lead to success, and her journey with Komatsu demonstrates that with the right mindset and determination, your career can take you anywhere.



# Komatsu employees embark on Kokoda Trail

*Two groups of Komatsu employees set out on an inspiring journey in March, undertaking the challenging, yet rewarding 96km Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.*

James Muir, Aaron Marsh and Matthew Fleming embarked on the journey together, as part of the March On challenge, which aims to raise funds and awareness for Soldier On, an organisation that provides essential mental health support to veterans and their families.

Three days later, another Komatsu employee, David Small, commenced the challenging trek with a separate group, as part of the Bravery Trust, a national military charity which provides current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force with a financial safety net in times of need. This was the second time David has set out on the Kokoda Trail, having attempted it last year with his son but unable to complete it due to injury.

The Kokoda Trail, a place of immense historical significance, stands as a symbol of courage and sacrifice, honouring the legacy of Australian soldiers who served during World War II.

"Walking the Kokoda Trail was my way of honouring three generations of service — from my grandfather in WWI, to my dad in Vietnam, and his continued support of veterans today. Organisations like Bravery Trust carry on the vital work of supporting veterans and their families and being a part of something so significant like the Kokoda Trail is amazing and one I will never forget," David says.

"To explain the feeling to walk in those footsteps all these years later is hard to do justice and makes me very grateful to Bravery Trust for creating the opportunity to do so."



*Pictured: James Muir, Matthew Fleming and Aaron Marsh from Komatsu embarking on the tough Kokoda Trail in April.*



*Pictured: David Small undertook Kokoda for a second time, having attempted it last year with his son in 2024, pictured here, but was unable to complete it due to injury.*

For Aaron, the Kokoda Trail was deeply personal. It had been a long-held goal and a meaningful way to reconnect with his time in service for the Australian Army.

"Kokoda had been on my bucket list for years. After recovering from throat cancer two years ago, I realised it was time to take it on while I still could. It was everything I expected — tough, muddy, humid and relentless — but incredibly rewarding. Sharing the journey with some close work mates like James and Matt, as well as a few fellow veterans, made it even more meaningful. Walking the same ground our soldiers once did gave me a whole new level of respect and perspective," Aaron says.

The crew also attended the Bomana War Cemetery on ANZAC Day, which Aaron says is something they'll never forget.

"It brought home the scale of sacrifice and service in a way I'd never felt before. I'll always be grateful for that experience and what it reminded me about the resilience and strength of those who came before us."

James adds: "Doing the Kokoda Trek with my Komatsu mates was an incredible experience. Walking through the same harsh terrain our soldiers faced in 1942 gave me a real appreciation for their courage and sacrifice — it's something I'll never forget."

To make a donation, visit <https://donate.braverytrust.org.au/> or scan the QR code ▶



*Pictured: James, Matthew and Aaron took on the 96km trek to raise funds and awareness for Soldier On - an organisation that provides essential mental health support to veterans and their families.*

# Komatsu Australia to become distributor in Papua New Guinea



*Komatsu Australia is looking forward to meeting the needs of Papua New Guinea customers following the acquisition of existing distributor company, UMW Niugini Limited. The business has been renamed Komatsu Niugini Limited (KNL).*

Sean Taylor, Komatsu Australia Managing Director says the acquisition follows a change in the ownership structure of the joint venture parties that previously owned UMW Niugini Ltd.

"As a result of this change in structure, KNL has become a fully owned part of the Komatsu Group. Komatsu Australia is the obvious choice to manage Komatsu Niugini going forward, given our proven expertise and success in the Oceania region," he says.

"The KNL team will be able to draw on the resources of the broader Komatsu Australia business, especially our technical expertise and training capabilities to support machine troubleshooting and workforce development. We hope this acquisition will also benefit our Australian customers who have connections in PNG as well."

Komatsu products have been distributed in PNG since its incorporation in 1970, and the local team has established itself as a leading supplier of construction and mining equipment, as well as power generation solutions. The company holds significant market share in the PNG's heavy equipment sector supporting a machine population in excess of 1200 Komatsu machines. KNL employs approximately 100 people and services major customers including Morobe Mining, Monier (PNG), Digicel (PNG), Construct Oceanic and IPWENZ Construction.

The acquisition was completed on 1st May 2025 with Dash Rayat leading the business as General Manager of Komatsu Niugini Limited (KNL) as part of the transition from UMW Niugini Ltd. The main office will continue to operate from its Port Moresby base.

"Our local PNG customers can expect the same level of support they have always had from their trusted local experts, now supported by the wider Australian business. We look forward to welcoming the KNL team and building on the strong foundations already in place in the region, while leveraging our global expertise to create value together," Sean says.

# Komatsu partners with Atlassian Williams Racing for another successful Australian GP, heralding second season of partnership



*Pictured: Komatsu employees with Atlassian Williams Racing's James Vowles and Jacques Villeneuve during their visit to the Perth facility in Perth, ahead of the 2025 Australian Grand Prix.*

**Komatsu and F1 team Atlassian Williams Racing kicked off the second year of their partnership in Melbourne at the Australian GP in March, with opportunities for staff and customers to meet racing legends, chat with key team members and spend the weekend in the racing pit to learn all about a different class of machinery.**

As part of Komatsu's multi-year deal as Principal Partner of Atlassian Williams Racing, two up and coming Komatsu employees were given a prime seat in the Atlassian Williams Racing pit at the Australian GP, where they got to experience the behind the scenes of an F1 team, and learn about what makes these machines reach speeds of over 300km/h.

Nick Colwell from Komatsu's Tamworth branch, and graduate engineer Yujiao Cao from the Fairfield branch got the once in a lifetime opportunity to see how top-tier technical skills, safety and engineering come together at the peak of motorsport.

"It was an unbelievable experience. I've become an F1 fan ever since Komatsu partnered with Williams Racing last year and had actually bought tickets with my partner for this year's GP, and then I found out I was going to be the pit – you can't really top that," Yujiao says.

Nick adds that it was great to meet and learn from the lead Williams engineer and leading hand and get insights into what happens on race day.

"That was a highlight for me for sure, being able to talk to the leading hand of the mechanics team and ask questions about how he became a member of the team and what it entails on a daily basis, as well as what they get up to behind the scenes – I learnt a lot I can take back to my everyday role," Nick says.

**Atlassian Williams Racing team makes pitstop in Perth ahead of Australian GP**

Komatsu heralded the start of its second year of partnership with Atlassian Williams Racing with a special team visit to its Perth facilities, ahead of the season-opening Australian Grand Prix, that took place in Melbourne (March 14-16).

Team Principal James Vowles and ambassador Jacques Villeneuve, who won the 1997 championship for Williams using a Komatsu-manufactured gearbox component, visited Komatsu's Perth facility to see behind the scenes and meet Komatsu employees.

Komatsu joined forces with Williams, now known as Atlassian Williams Racing, for the start of the 2024 Formula 1 season, as Principal Partner. The partnership continues into its second season with the team's 9th visit to a Komatsu facility in twelve months, and second in Australia.

Located approximately ten kilometres from Perth city centre, Komatsu's Perth facility is home to over 770 Komatsu Australia employees, and assembles a variety of construction and mining machinery, including Komatsu's industry leading Autonomous, Electric Drive Mining Haul trucks. The site is also known for its world class remanufacturing centre and a Komatsu Training Academy, designed to nurture the upcoming wave of engineering talent in-amongst the bustle of the machine assembly.

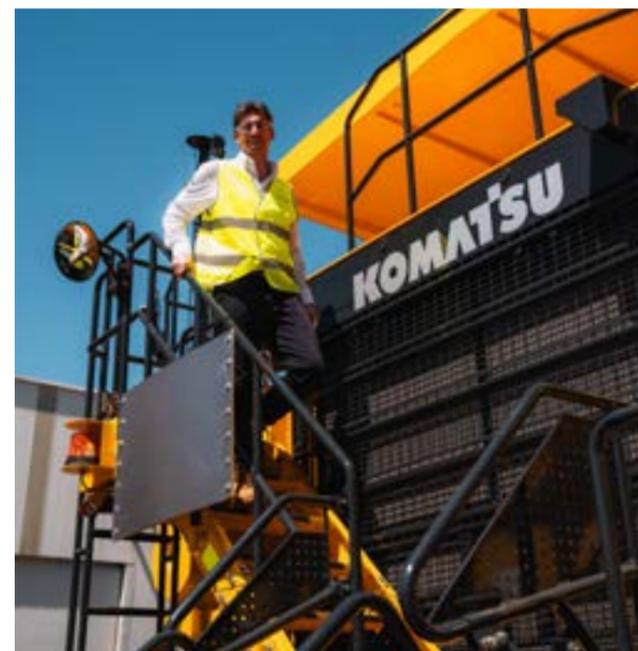
Todd Connolly, Vice President of Global Brand Transformation at Komatsu, said it is always a pleasure to welcome our partners at Atlassian Williams Racing into the heart of Komatsu's day-to-day operations, and especially at the start of a new year of our partnership.



*Pictured: Komatsu's Nick Colwell and Yujiao Cao joined Atlassian Williams Racing behind the scenes at the 2025 Australian Grand Prix as part of Komatsu's Principal Partnership.*



*Pictured: Jacques Villeneuve, 1997 Formula 1 World Champion and Atlassian Williams Racing ambassador, pictured with the Komatsu HD 1500 at the Perth facility.*



*Pictured: Atlassian Williams Racing Team Principal James Vowles tours Komatsu's Perth facility.*

Each time we have had this opportunity in the past twelve months, it has proven to be a mutually memorable experience with our Komatsu colleagues immersing themselves into our partnership just as much as our friends at Williams learn more about our business. Starting a new season in Australia offered us the perfect opportunity to share and showcase the partnership to our colleagues in Perth – after our visit to Wacol, Brisbane last year – and it was another special day."

The Williams visit offered the chance for Komatsu to highlight the synergy between the two brands and to get the second year off to a positive start. Vowles and Villeneuve were led on a tour of the 200,000-square metre facility, having the opportunity to get up close and personal with the impressive Komatsu machines and to meet some of the employees. They were also given the chance to drive a HD1500 rigid dump truck, earning applause from employees.

James Vowles, Atlassian Williams Racing Team Principal, said it was great to be back at a Komatsu facility as they started the 2025 season.

"The value created in this partnership is undeniable, and to be able to meet so many of the people that make it happen is truly special. We are delighted to be continuing our relationship with Komatsu, and the visit was just the first step we are taking together in year two," James says.

After a tour of the facility, 12 Komatsu employees were treated to a special meet and greet with their Atlassian Williams Racing guests before a Q+A session with over 300 Komatsu members of staff took place – bringing the partnership to the heart of the day-to-day business.

Sean Taylor, Managing Director at Komatsu Australia said they have so much pride in their employees, and to be able to share the excitement of this partnership to over 850 of them in Perth was truly something impressive.

"Komatsu and Williams have already created plenty of value together through the shared values of ambition, perseverance, collaboration and authenticity. The continuation of our collaboration for a second year is something both organisations hold in high regard – and we can't wait to see where the rest of the year takes us."



*Pictured: Nick and Yujiao in the pit lane alongside the Atlassian Williams Racing F1 car during the 2025 Australian Grand Prix.*



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- 1 Fulfilment Centre
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Creating value together

Komatsu means **small**  
**pine tree** in Japanese

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Our company was named after the city Komatsu, located in the Ishikawa Prefecture of the Hokuriku region in Japan.

The actual name "Komatsu" translates into English as "little pine tree" and, according to legend, dates back to the middle of the Heian period (794-1192). At that time, the monk-emperor Kazan planted a pine sapling during a tour of the Hokuriku region, and the area where it grew came to be called "sono no komatsubara" ("small-pine field with gardens"). This name is said to have been shortened to "Komatsu".

In Japanese, Komatsu is written as 小松 and is made up of two elements:  
**Ko** 小 which means small **Matsu** 松 which means pine tree.

