

The JackaRoo™ from EJ Rides in to Save the Day!



Photography: PA Hospital's Maintenance Team has used the JackaRoo™ to successfully remove seized covers.

The scene: Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital (PA) on a busy roadway leading into the hospital proper; existing access covers which had been in the roadway for 40 years, were resisting access. In fact, they had become so attached to their surrounds, they could not be removed using normal methods.

The hospital maintenance team had need to access valves under these stubborn covers to shut them down. But the covers were tightly seized in place and the only option seemed to be to close the road down and literally, cut the covers out. Sickeningly expensive, to say the least!

The public and hospital traffic in general, was up for major disruption, what with the time to cut out the existing covers, replace with brand new covers, concrete, new bitumen and associated traffic control; the tax payers were up for a nasty old bill.

Then, the EJ team was consulted. They wrangled the amazing JackaRoo™, which eventually saved the day. They had the seized-up access covers whipped out in a matter of a couple of hours with no need for remedial work of any kind – no disposing of old covers; no new concrete and bitumen; no disruption to traffic.

Here are some comments from the very grateful PA Hospital's Maintenance Team.

"This morning you (Ryan) made it look so simple. We can now service the valves that have needed servicing for some time.

We were looking at cutting, excavating and replacing the D Class cover at costs of up to \$15,000 and not to mention the road access impacts this would have caused.

We would like to purchase two of the hydraulic lifting kits to have available at the PA Hospital and we can lend these to our other main hospital facilities..."

Keeping a JackaRoo™ handy in cases such as this, makes so much sense and saves thousands of dollars. The relatively small investment to have these on hand for such instances as this, seems like a wise one. To order yours, get in touch with your nearest EJ branch or call 07 3216 5000.