

Win the Battle of the Roads With Fleet-Footed EJ Behind You



Photography: Jim Stevenson, White Industries & Simon Bottomley, EJ doing some heavy lifting

There's something sentimental and heart-warming about a warship that writes its own legend during its commission, serving the country it defends. HMAS Tobruk (II) which was launched in March 1980, has become a household name and just this week was de-commissioned, salvageable metal parts carefully removed, and then with appropriate pomp and circumstance, laid to rest, to serve Australia once more, this time as a diving reef off the coast of Queensland.

The ship's salvaged metal will be recycled into infrastructure products to play yet another role in serving its country. These suitable parts will be despatched to White Industries' Foundry in Dalby in South East Queensland, where they will be re-cast into new Telstra access (manhole) covers, servicing the Australian civil and construction industries and therefore, all Australians.

The fact that these parts are being recycled says something of the quality of the steel originally used in creating them; able to withstand decades of exposure to the harshest, salty, ocean-borne elements. And now that EJ will be recycling them into access covers is a salute to the high quality raw material that EJ products demands for its products. Nothing but the best.

Telstra's access covers are of necessity, built from the hardest steel to tolerate constant footpath traffic but so precision engineered, that they maintain their ease of accessibility after years of service. They're built to weather the storms and industrial-strength pounding out there on the streets and at the same time, acting as defender of the invaluable infrastructure below.

The legacy of HMAS Tobruk (II) is proudly now an integral part of the EJ story. Next time you think about your need for access covers, those that will gallantly hold out in the toughest road battles, touch base with your allied force at your nearest EJ branch. Or call 07 3216 5000.