

# Welshpool, WA

## Site History

### Location:

- Site address , 24 Tomlinson Road , Welshpool. WA 6106
- Welshpool is approximately 6.5 kilometres South East from the Perth CBD, 8 kilometres from the Domestic Airport and 20 kilometres from the Port of Fremantle.
- The Welshpool operations are within a Heavy Industrial and Manufacturing area adjacent to the Kewdale freight terminals.

### The Facts:

Manufacturing Manager Craig Lee leads a team of 29 office staff and 230 strong foundry workforce which produce the quality ESCO G.E.T. products known throughout the industry.

### A brief history of the Welshpool site:

- 1947 Chamberlain Industries Pty Ltd commenced work converting the old Small Arms / Munitions factory for use as a tractor manufacturing plant.
- 1949 On the 18<sup>th</sup> May the first 10 tractors rolled off the assembly line, kerosene fueled engines.
- 1950 Shift work was introduced and the workforce increased to 500.
- 1955 The first Champion was produced, the famous Tail End Charlie was used as a tender and sweep vehicle in the Redex trials to gain publicity.
- 1970 Merger with John Deere completed, factory producing about 25percent of the 13,000 tractors bought in Australia each year.
- 1980 First stage of the 3.5M Upgrade Programme for Chamberlain John Deere Foundry now complete. Fully mechanized Furan moulding line replacing 6 conventional Green Sand Pinstrips and 4 Green Sand Roll-over machines.
- 1981 Stage two completed, 2 x 4.5T Electric Arc Furnaces and a 6T Induction Holding Furnace.
- 1986 CJD Foundry closure, 9 employees remained out of a 180 from the Foundry, The complete tractor manufacturing site had a total of 1500 in the workforce during full production of the late 70's and early 80's. Merger with State Engineering Works from Fremantle to become S.E.W. Foundries Pty Ltd.
- 1989 S.E.W .Foundries Pty Ltd was renamed Boral Castings Pty Ltd into which Johns Perry Castings Bentley and Launceston operations were integrated.
- 1990 15M Boral upgrade commences
- 1991 Johns Perry Castings Close in Bentley and transfer to Welshpool
- 1993 Boral Castings Pty Ltd was renamed National Castings Pty Ltd, trading as Natcast.
- 1998 Bradken Fremantle closed , relocated to Welshpool. Name change to ANI Bradken
- 1998- current Bradken (run by the Mining Division)