



Stefan Ahrens, Site Supervisor, left, and Glyn Stevens at the new facility near Gawler, SA.

BUILDING SUCCESS THROUGH INTEGRITY

Established in 1906, the Ahrens Group is a customer-focused and solution-driven business that supplies a number of diverse products to a variety of industry sectors.

Ahrens believe in developing innovative and cost-effective solutions for their clients, which in turn provides positive results for Ahrens by adding value to their business as well as a competitive edge within the market. Taking the time to understand and interpret a client's needs and meet their expectations is of vital importance in regards to future relationships, business longevity and success. And with 100 plus years under their tool belt – Ahrens know how to maintain mutually-beneficial partnerships and keep clients coming back for more.

Ahrens is a prominent leader in the design and construction of industrial and commercial buildings throughout Australia. Having major projects completed throughout Australia and offices located in Queensland, Northern Territory (Allbuilt), South Australia and Western Australia, the company believe that their success is due to a strong appreciation of time, price and quality as well as the ability to control the process from start to finish.

For example; shop drawings, steel fabrication, pouring of footings, erection of steel and cladding are just some of the proficiencies that Ahrens have on offer. The company has also developed a number of long-term partnerships with sub-contractors which has ultimately enhanced its ability to provide consistent high-level results in all of their projects.

In addition to design and construction, through its steel fabrication division, Ahrens also supplies structural steel to the mining, building and infrastructure sectors and operates a steel fabrication workshop in SA.

The company's diversity can be seen in its long time supply of silos, sheds and garages for the rural and domestic markets. Ahrens' expertise extends to complete design and construct solutions for material handling and storage complexes in the grain and feedlot markets where they have developed a strong reputation that reaches into the resource and mineral sectors.

Ahrens has proved itself as one of the most innovative and price-efficient design and construct suppliers of material

The Grassdale Feedmill in Dalby, Queensland, is an ongoing project for Ahrens' Materials Handling division.



SUSTAINABILITY IS A KEY FACTOR IN THE DESIGN OF THE NEW PLANT, WHICH INCORPORATES A WATER TREATMENT RECIRCULATION PLANT TO ENSURE THE PAINT SHOP CREATES MINIMAL WASTE PRODUCTS.

handling projects in Australasia. From concept to design; engineering detailing covering all disciplines including structural, electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, fabrication of steelwork, construction and installation of all running equipment, Ahrens can manage the entire process in-house. This provides their clients with a single point of responsibility throughout the entire design and construction process and also guarantees that they can respond quickly to change and ensure that the objectives of each project they undertake are delivered.

Having stood the test of time due to their reputation for continually providing comprehensive, innovative

and economical design construction solutions, Ahrens continues to build firm foundations for their future success.

NEW STEEL MANUFACTURING PLANT

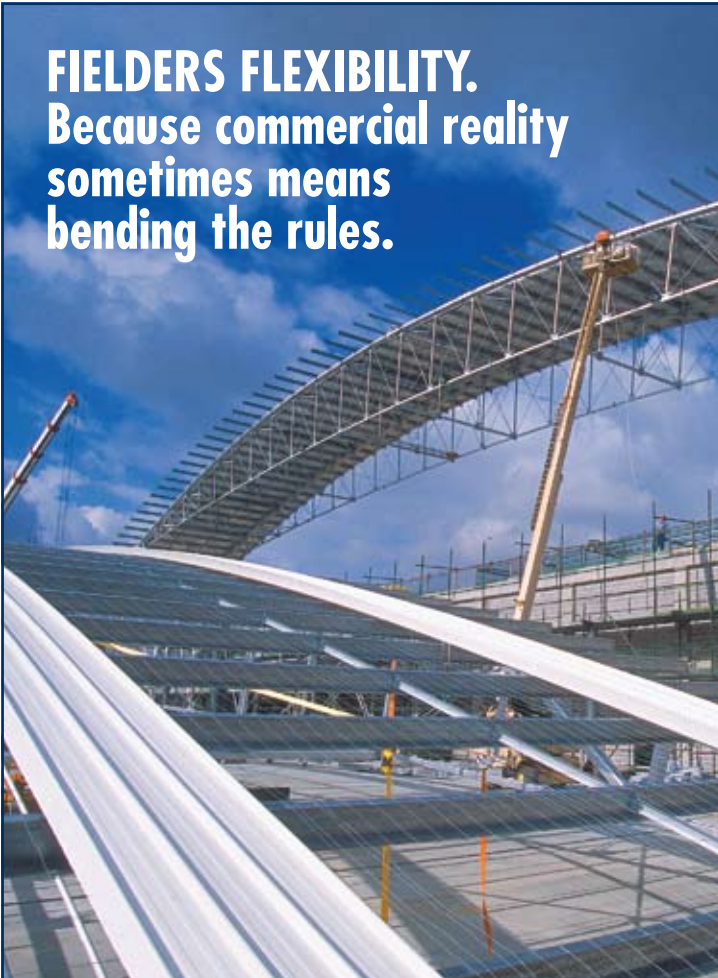
Ahrens' competitive advantage will be further enhanced following the opening of a new steel manufacturing plant, near Gawler, South Australia, in 2009.

Managing Director, Stefan Ahrens, says the new plant, which will produce custom-designed tapered web beam and tapered web columns, represents a major investment by Ahrens and will be one of the most advanced of its kind in Australia.

"All operations, from design and detailing, through to the final stages of manufacturing and painting of the steel, will be computer aided for improved efficiency," Stefan says.

"The paint plant itself is unique and is capable of painting structural steel beams at the rate of three metres per minute."

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Sustainability is a key factor in the design of the new Plant, which incorporates a water treatment recirculation plant to ensure the paint shop creates minimal waste products.

Aesthetics are also important, as the new facility will include Ahrens' head office. Several high-impact design features in the main entry and reception areas, will be used to showcase Ahrens' expertise in the design and construction industry. In addition, a floor-to-ceiling glazed viewing area will enable visitors to see right into the heart of the plant.

In recognition of its efforts in innovation, Ahrens was awarded the Department of Trade and Economic Development Innovation Award at the SA Great regional awards presentation.

"Ahrens' world-class steel manufacturing facility offers both a challenge and a unique opportunity and we are looking forward to making this the new benchmark facility in Australia and possibly the world," Stefan says.

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