

Truckers haven

BP Northpoint is a Travel Centre catering for both local and highway traffic. The Travel Centre also specialises in catering for truck drivers and offers a Truckers lounge, 'Roadhaven Café' diner, showers and an Internet area.

The site was built by Lanskey Constructions and is in Epping Victoria, about 20 minutes from Melbourne's CBD.

Albert Smith Signs supplied and installed the internal and external signage requirements, including; the BP Canopy, Road Haven Café, Wild Bean Café signage and menu boards, various directional signs, and the 3 pylon signs - a 9mtr MID, 12mtr MID, and a 20mtr MID, all with electronic scrolling digits. The 4500mm wide oval shaped Wild Bean Café sign on the side of the building is the largest Wild Bean Café lozenge sign in Australia.

The massive 20 meter pylon, which took 1500 man hours to build, is one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Some interesting facts on the 20mtr pylon:

Overall size: 4,500mm wide x 20,000mm high

Quantity of steel used: 7 tonnes

Quantity of aluminium used: 1 tonne

Concrete used in the footing: 28 m3

Price change type: via electronic 'point to multi point' scrolling digit system with a 600mm high digit allowing changeability via mains modem control @ the PC, (no OH/S issues).

Serviceability: Via purpose built externally accessed price digit windows for easy cost effective servicing and maintenance.

Transport: Pilots x two (2)

Four (4) days travel

Brisbane's gateway overpass was closed down to allow access.

Installation: Via an eighty (80) tonne crane and a thirty (30) tonne crane.

Dave Tunstall – Albert Smith Australia

20m installation



12m pylon



DID YOU KNOW that BP's logo, the helios, is named after the sun god of ancient Greece.

