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LOUD AND CLEAR WINNERS IN TRUCK & MACHINERY SHOW FOR O'PHEE

AMONGST THE INNOVATIVE equipment on display at the 2009 Truck & Machinery Show – including an array of compressed natural gas (CNG) powerplants – local business O'Phee trailers stood out. O'Phee Trailers won the Trade Stand of the Year, produced by another local business, LOUD events at the 2009 Truck & Machinery Show staged at Brisbane's RNA Showgrounds. The event is regarded as the premier transport event by both the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association and the Construction and Mining Equipment Industry Groups and it attracted more than 40,000 attendees this year. Despite the unpredictable economic climate the major manufacturers pulled out all stops with larger displays than last year including Western Star, MAN, Scania and Paccar Trucks. LOUD events' win, was placed ahead of both national and international exhibition companies delivering for more than 300 exhibitors. O'Phee Trailers is owned and managed by Mick and Sharon O'Phee and



The O'Phee Trailers stand stood above the national and international companies to win the leading display award at the recent Truck and Machinery Show at RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane.

over its 40-year history the company, located at Rocklea, has established a reputation for excellence. LOUD events is owned and operated by two young women, Helena Marshall and Marianne Edmonds, who worked closely with the O'Phee family and LOUD's in-house team of carpenters, steel workers and large format printers, from design right through to production of the winning stand. www.loudevents.com.au ■

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Glass House Mountains.

GLASS HOUSE CENTRE TO BOOST TOURISM

A NEW GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS visitor information centre at is already boosting tourist flows to the Sunshine Coast region. The centre fills a much-needed gap as a delightful rest stop and gateway to the Sunshine Coast that will also promote the tourism products and services available in the region, according to Caloundra Tourism president Mike Wilkinson.

The Glass House Mountains Visitor Information Centre in Settlers Rotary Park opened on May 9. Mr Wilkinson said the centre was ideally positioned an easy drive north of Brisbane and in the heart of the Glass House Mountains area on Steve Irwin Way. "Drive market visitors have the opportunity to take a short break and learn more about what they can see and do during their stay on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Wilkinson said. "The new centre provides the facilities to properly showcase the unique qualities of the Glass House Mountains while also providing information about the diverse experiences throughout the nearby coastal and hinterland areas," he said. The centre has an interpretive centre for the region providing information about the Glass House Mountains and national parks and also provides a free booking service for accommodation, tours and activities. Visitors can also learn more about local produce and enjoy the extensive landscaping, barbecue facilities and playground that surround the centre. www.caloundratourism.com.au ■



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