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If you live, work or run a business in or around the Toowoomba region, chances are that Garden City Couriers have either delivered or picked up at least one important parcel for you.

Established in 1969, today Garden City Couriers is a thriving courier service with more than 30 vehicles servicing Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

The Toowoomba depot measures more than 10,000 sq ft and is equipped to deal with a large volume of freight.

Dave and Ali Birrell took over Garden City Couriers in June 2005 and the company continues to go from strength to strength.

Dave and Ali are hands-on managers who continually strive to provide quality work at an affordable price.

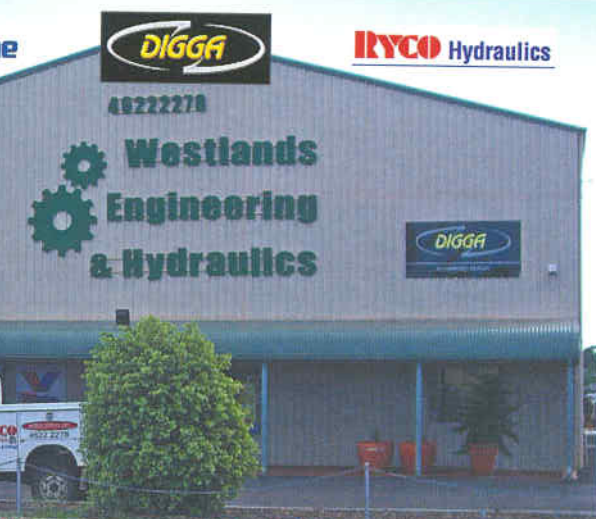
"We are responsible for Australian Air Express deliveries to all Downs areas, as well as contracts with the Toowoomba Chronicle, magazines and Followmont Transport, in addition to the busy parcel freight pick-up and delivery service we provide to many major local businesses," Mr Birrell said.

"With a particular focus on customer service, we strive to always meet our customers' needs.

"Our objective is to provide a reliable, time-conscious and affordable pickup and delivery service."

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McConachie Stedman offers experience and vision

Gone are the days of simply completing a tax return. In 1948, John McConachie commenced practice in Toowoomba. He was joined by Bruce Stedman in 1969.

Together they shared their vision and expertise in the accounting industry to create a business which gave individuals and local businesses the financial advice they required.

Now — more than 60 years on — the firm's vision hasn't changed.

McConachie Stedman, one of the largest accounting firms in Toowoomba, is still providing advice to individuals and business clients.

What has changed is the level of expertise the firm now has within its structure.

While McConachie Stedman started out as accountants, today it offers self-managed superannuation fund services, audit and assurance services and a complete financial planning service which includes insurance and finance broking, as well as accounting and taxation advice.

Offices are maintained in Toowoomba, Crows Nest and St George, servicing clients in the Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Lockyer Valley, Crows Nest, St George and central Queensland region.

Most recently, the firm has established a division called MCS Advanced Business Solutions which

offers specialised services for business clients including independent business valuations, business life plans and succession plans.

This new division provides a service which few accounting firms are able to offer.

Changes to infrastructure and in particular the expansion of the mining industry in Toowoomba and the surrounding region have provided many opportunities to individuals and businesses and McConachie Stedman is proud to be a part of it.

Advancements and improvements in technology over the years have greatly impacted on the way McConachie Stedman does business and the benefits are being passed on to its clients.

Establishing "greener practices" within the firm now allows McConachie Stedman to communicate with clients in a timely, efficient manner by way of its Secure Client Area section of the firm's website.

This tool allows clients to access their financial reports online, giving them the opportunity to view reports at a personally convenient time and eliminating the need to make unnecessary or inconvenient visits to the office.

McConachie Stedman's 60 years of experience in business can be a strong foundation for your individual and business financial future.

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Design and technology advance Felco trucks

Advances in road construction technology over the years have meant that water truck requirements have also needed improvements.

Design simplicity and quality of product are the key factors for Felco Manufacturing in Toowoomba in their continued development of water trucks.

Felco is an Australian company which has been busily forging a strong reputation as masters of fibreglass manufacture since the early 80s.

Felco believes the most important issue is communicating with clients before the trucks are built, to ensure the end result incorporates the operator's requirements and the latest technology.

The end result is water trucks that are versatile in usage and have a long life span with Felco's fibreglass reinforced plastic (FRP) tanks.

Automatic electric over air controls assist the operators and minimise the need to access equipment by providing in-cab control of valves and pump speed.

Felco truck tankers range from 2000 litres up to 20,000 litres and are fully baffled for maximum stability for the drivers.

Felco have supplied several new water truck tankers into central Queensland locations and have assisted local government and contracting companies to design and plan for their capital equipment