



Hollywood heroes

With a recent Silver Screen debut and plans for expansion of its Wauchope site, it's all action at Excavator Parts

If you have managed to see the latest instalment in the Marvel cinematic universe, there's every chance you've laid eyes on one of the many excavators acquired by the team at Excavator Parts.

The excavator was procured by Marvel's production team for the filming of *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, which took place in Sydney and various other locations around New South Wales.

Filming of the movie occurred in Australia as part of the previous federal government's \$24.1 million location incentive grant, which meant to provide "unprecedented opportunities for the Australian screen industry" but has also seen its influence reach into other sectors.

For Peter Jilg and the rest of the team at the Wauchope-based Excavator Parts this meant the latest Marvel film was an opportunity to try something different in what has proved to be a busy year to date.

In the scene, a battle commences amidst a road worksite where a bus has crashed into the side of an excavator. But the cameo in the Marvel film isn't the only movie Jilg has been involved with, also supplying excavator seats and hand controls for a smaller local science fiction film.

Away from the red carpet, Excavator Parts is set to expand its business operations, having purchased another block of land in Wauchope on NSW's central coast.

The land will be used as a workshop site and second storage yard for Excavator Parts to completely dismantle excavators for their spare parts. Machines ranging from one to up to 50 tonnes are dismantled from a wide range of popular brands including Case IHI, Komatsu, Cat, Doosan and more.

"It's exciting to see the 'small family business' grow into what it has over the years being in business," Jilg says.

In addition to its inventory of excavator parts, the business also specialises in the rebuilding of final drive systems, travel motors and main hydraulic pumps for its customers.

And while the business name certainly suggests Excavator Parts only provides parts for those machines, its activity throughout 2022 suggests that isn't the case. Among the other machines to enter the yard so far this year include a Komatsu cherry picker and a Tigercat L830 leveling feller buncher.

Despite its foray into Hollywood this year, Excavator Parts remains a

Excavator Parts provides used parts from a wide range of manufacturers

local family business at its core, and one only needs to see the work the Jilg family does in the local community to understand that.

Excavator Parts sponsors the father and son Jilg Racing team, which competes in off-road races taking place in towns such as Wallabadah and Emu Creek.

"As a local family-run business, we understand the last two years have come with its challenges, such as excessive weather and [pandemic-induced] shutdowns and isolations, and seeing many of our local community overcome such devastating floods and weather damages is encouraging and we look forward to helping our community in any way we can," Jilg says.

A list of the excavators that are currently being dismantled is available on the Excavator Parts website and advertised on the company's social media channels on Instagram and Facebook. These are updated weekly online and monthly on social media. **E&E**

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