



## TRU-GARD™ MAKING WORKPLACES SAFER – SUMMER 2022/2023

We've made our way through another year fulfilling our goal of bringing first-class steel safety systems to market and making workplaces safer. We've made some big changes to the way we do business this year so that we can be more accessible to our customers, both in New Zealand, through our new partnership with Vanguard Group, and in Australia, through our new stock warehouse in New South Wales. Getting our ducks in a row like this means we are better positioned to supply life-saving safety products to our clients, while continuing R&D and innovative product development to meet new demands. Check out the latest news from Tru-Bilt Industries – there's a lot going on!

### Mainfreight's new terminal – looking brilliant with a range of hi-vis Tru-Gard™

Check out Mainfreight's new Hobsonville domestic transport depot!

This new-build distribution centre in Westpoint Drive enables Mainfreight to service all its customers in western and northern Auckland from a local base. That's about 35-40% of their total Auckland volume, so there's definitely a lot happening around this freight terminal.

Mainfreight approached us for robust steel protection for their high-traffic areas, specifically Tru-Gard™ Downpipe Protectors, Large Cast-in Bollards, and several runs of Certified Safety Barrier. The scope was to protect vulnerable parts of the building from the multitude of heavy transport and lighter vehicles that circulate the site every day. Galvanised yellow was imperative for both high-visibility and inclement outdoor weather conditions. We absolutely love how it looks with Mainfreight's corporate colours – bright and brilliant!

More photos on our [blog page!](#)



## 'Zero-injuries' is the goal for this restaurant supply chain depot – Tru-Gard™ helps!

Martin Brower is a global supply chain partner for multi-unit restaurants, coordinating the flow of foodstuffs between suppliers and eateries around the world. Martin Brower New Zealand has recently constructed a large distribution centre in Auckland to service McDonalds restaurants across the country. One of the key pillars in their company culture is 'safety', therefore protecting employees, customers and communities is paramount. With a mindset that even one injury is unacceptable, their company-wide safety goal is zero workplace injuries. Their safety motto absolutely resonates with us: **"Zero is possible"**.

With such a strong focus on safety, we knew these were our kind of people, and we were honoured to advise, estimate and supply a range of Tru-Gard™ safety products for their new-build distribution centre in Wiri. This significant project required safety barrier, hand rail, personnel gates, door frame bollards, column protectors and wheel guides right across the large site. As a prerequisite, everything was installed and in place before the first staff member even stepped foot inside and the first burger bun rolled in from the supplier. It's looking top notch team – well done! Such a pleasure to be involved. [See more pics!](#)



## Sharp looking stainless steel bollards – with a difference!

The new Kmart Ashburton is now open and operating - and it's seriously busy every day of the week! We're proud to have been part of the safety and security project at this shopping hot-spot. Check out the Tru-Gard™ Stainless Steel Bollards out front.

These are probably the strongest bollards in town because they're actually "double-layered bollards". They contain galvanised steel cast-in bollards WITHIN stainless steel bollards - so they're unbelievably robust!

Check out the full story behind these bollards [here!](#)



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## Just launched: another awesome new Tru-Gard™ product - the Expanding Barrier

The all-new Tru-Gard™ Expanding Barrier is available now! We've put loads of research into it, developing and testing prototypes, fixing the finer details, and finally we're pleased to say it's here and ready for use, available in a range of sizes.

You'll be able to create a temporary safety zone on the go. Simply expand the smooth-pivoting crossbars to cordon off hazardous areas and divert foot traffic or vehicles.

This robust steel and aluminium structure offers a range of special features such as foot-locking castor wheels, stabilising centre wheels, wall-mounting brackets, fixing latches and an easy-grip handle that's mounted externally to the cross rails, saving your hands from being squashed during retraction.

[Check out our video!](#)



## Staffed, stocked and ready to go – we're making workplaces safer in Australia!

Meet Tru-Gard™ Team Sydney! We're hitting the ground running with this super-efficient crew on board. Welcome Tammy, Nik, Unni and Troy. We're thrilled to have you representing Tru-Gard™ in Australia.

In our last newsletter we had just shipped the first container of Tru-Gard™ stock to our new warehouse in Eastern Creek, Sydney. This supply arrived punctually and has now been devanned, ready for allocation to Australian orders.

We can't wait to step-up Tru-Gard™ distribution right around the country!



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## Have you meet Tristan Stanners? Our R&D product design superstar!

Tristan is a star performer at Tru-Bilt Industries, we really don't know where we'd be without him. His main functions involve research & development and new product design, but that's far from a full description of what Tristan actually gets up to each week. Talk about fingers in all the pies, this guy is certainly one of our go-to staff members for product management, technical drawings, powder-coating experience, and all manner of coal-face manufacturing tasks.

Outside of work, Tristan enjoys plenty of outdoor activities, including diving, fishing, hiking and 4-wheel driving. He always has a personal project of some sort underway as he enjoys learning new skills outside of work.

Here's what some of his colleagues have to say about him:

"Tristan is an incredible team leader and always takes care of everyone's questions and issues. He is a great co-worker to be around, he gets stuff done and can have a good laugh at the same time, a real multi tasker."

"He works hard on R&D projects, making things happen even when he's away on annual leave, that is the kind of dedication that keeps the team working."

"He helps out with the training of new staff, which makes a huge difference when everything's busy and there's so much work going on."



## Compliments of the season and Tru-Bilt Christmas close-down dates

We wish all our customers, partners, and associates a wonderful Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. Meri Kirihimete, stay safe and enjoy the summer break!

Our Christmas close-down dates will be from 3pm Thursday 22nd December 2022 until Monday 9th January 2023.

For urgent enquiries during this period, you can make contact by phone:

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Or check our website for specific contact details.

