

# RANGER. OUR JOURNEY.

Prevalent throughout the company's timeline are references to change. Whether it is expansions, acquisitions, new equipment, new looks or a different direction, Ranger is ever evolving.



**1998**

## THE EARLY DAYS

In 1997, three years after moving to Sydney, Steve Thacker starts an industrial supply company as a partnership based out of a bedroom in St Clair, NSW, and name the company 'Ranger', after the English football team they supported.

 **FIRST EMPLOYEE HIRED**

## A TEAM STARTING TO GROW

Ashley Thacker, Steve's son, joins the company and the team grows to five. Ranger moves to its own factory in Arndell Park, NSW and acquires Western Chain company. In 2005 the first wire rope press and test bed is purchased.

 **FIRST WIRE ROPE PRES IS PURCHASED**

**2003**



**2006**

## A NEW HOME

The company outgrows its home and moves to a large warehouse, also in Arndell Park. The first mobile test trailer is designed and commissioned. In 2008 Ranger again outgrows the facility and acquires adjacent property.

 **FIRST MOBILE TEST TRAILER**

## A CRISIS OF SORTS

The financial crisis hits the business and industry hard. Ranger retain all staff and fight to survive four years of economic turmoil, selling safety gear as the lifting market takes a prolonged downturn. During this time the supplier network is expanded globally and starts to send staff overseas to undergo industry-leading training.

 **GLOBAL SUPPLIER NETWORK**

**2009**



**2010**

## A REBRAND

Ashley becomes General Manager and Ranger rebrands with a new focus on technical services rather than product supply only. Ranger makes a decision to become game-changing pioneers and lead the industry rather than follow competitors. A dedicated QA Manager is recruited.



**2011**

## GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Ranger becomes the first company in Australia to be awarded full LEEA membership and also receives accreditation from the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA). Ranger also begins attending LEEA's LiftEx show and so began a journey of forging relationships, making lifelong friends with global suppliers and industry colleagues.

 **LEEA & NATA ACCREDITATION**

## INNOVATION

In 2012 Ranger commissions a state-of-the-art E-Test Inspect, a web-based data management system for easy record keeping and full traceability of height safety equipment.

 **FULL ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**2012**



**2013**

## GOING MOBILE

The first complete mobile testing workshop is launched along with a fleet of striking branded vehicles that receives immediate attention on the roads of Sydney. Ranger's executive team management undertakes additional university study focussing on taking the company to the next level.

## EXPANDING SERVICES

A custom RFID solution, designed to fully integrate with their e-Testinspect system, is introduced to the service offering and a 600t press is added to Arndell Park facility.

**2014**



**2016**

## SERVICE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Ranger solidify their 'Service Through Knowledge' commitment by investing in a new website, product catalogue, industry updates, reference materials and technical resources for clients and suppliers.