

Orrcon on track with commuters.

Commuters who will use the new Perth-Mandurah rail line and stations currently being built probably don't know it, but steel hollow sections supplied by Orrcon are playing a large part in the construction of three of the line's nine new stations.

The lift shafts, columns, roof struts and covered in walkways also feature Orrcon steel hollow sections in the distinctly architecturally appealing project.



Construction work is being carried out by Jupiter Steel Fabrications of Myaree and it's just one of the uses the company has put Orrcon products to, yet potentially the most visible.

Jupiter Steel's Director/General Manager, Mr. Russell Lang, said: "The railway stations are our major project at the moment and plenty of Orrcon's steel hollow sections are being used to make these stations look superb."

He said there is over 100 tonnes of structural steel in each station being constructed by Jupiter Steel, with some over two levels, with almost half being rectangular, square and circular hollow sections.



Designers and architects, typically specify steel hollow sections for construction projects as they offer a more architectural and contemporary appearance.

Orrcon's WA Sales Manager, Mr. Lou Symes said: "The project uses sizes including 150 and 250x9mm square RHS and 323.9x9.5mm structural pipe which were manufactured at Orrcon's world class large pipe and tube mill located at Unanderra in Wollongong."

While commuters will see Orrcon's contribution on the new rail line, shoppers at any of the 10 Waves Surf outlets in Western Australia already do, with Orrcon tube providing the major part of the racking in the outlets.

"While we are only a recent large customer of Orrcon, we have been using their pipe and tube products for quite some time," said Mr. Lang.

With a staff of 15, Jupiter Steel competes in the large fabrication market, but also specialises in general engineering, welding,



specialist installations and abattoir equipment.

Mr. Lang said: “We enjoy working with Orrcon because we can get next-day and sometimes even same-day delivery and not only are they competitive on price but have a product range and alternative lengths in a range which suits our fabrication requirements.”

Orrcon’s Application Specialist Building and Construction, Mr. Lindon Flancbaum, said: “More and more architects, designers and builders are realising that steel hollow sections are an excellent alternative to traditional steel sections as they have great structural properties and provide a superior decorative or architectural appearance.

“The Perth-Mandurah rail line – and in particular the stations and covered walkways – is a prime example of steel hollow sections facilitating smarter construction.”

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