

# Orlane Mortimer

Business Manager | Wollongong Crane Trucks

2026 IWIB Young Business Woman of the Year

2026 IWIB Best Small Business

Orlane Mortimer's journey in the transport and logistics industry began organically through her involvement in the family business, Wollongong Crane Trucks, founded by her father over 30 years ago.

Orlane began her career managing administration and operational coordination. Motivated by a desire to grow both personally and professionally, Orlane progressively expanded her responsibilities into operations, compliance, safety management and workforce leadership.

She undertook further industry training, obtained her MC truck licence and developed the confidence to operate crane trucks when required, an uncommon achievement for women in this traditionally male-dominated field.

This hands-on involvement strengthened her credibility, deepened her technical understanding and reinforced her commitment to breaking down barriers for other women considering careers in transport.

Orlane is also strongly motivated by the opportunity to create positive industry change. Through active involvement with Transport Women Australia Limited, industry leadership programs, school career expos and community initiatives, she works to encourage greater female participation and promote diversity within transport and logistics.

Her journey reflects a combination of legacy, determination and forward-thinking leadership. Orlane continues to be inspired by the potential to grow the business sustainably, support her team and community, and create a more inclusive future for the transport industry.

Beyond commercial success, the business maintains a strong commitment to community and industry development. Wollongong Crane Trucks actively supports charitable initiatives, industry associations and workforce diversity programs, helping promote transport and logistics as a viable and rewarding career path particularly for women entering a historically underrepresented field.

Despite the devastating loss of the founder of Wollongong Crane Trucks and her father Darren Mortimer in 2025, Orlane has continued to lead with resilience, compassion and vision.

She has not only ensured business continuity but strengthened its culture, community engagement and strategic direction. Her leadership reflects a balance of operational excellence, innovation and genuine care for people positioning Wollongong Crane Trucks for continued growth while honouring the legacy on which it was built.

Orlane's dedication has not only helped grow a successful business but is also making a positive impact across the Illawarra.



Bec Woods (Wallawa Traffic Control) & Orlane Mortimer (Wollongong Crane Trucks)  
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