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## Comments from the Director

2014 continues to prove exciting and rewarding as I find it hard to believe how much has happened since our March edition of TTT News.

On May 19th my son Dylan and his wife Michelle welcomed Elise Madison to the world. Ann and I are delighted to be grandparents for the fourth time. My family and I are in business together and part of each other's lives, yet time still manages to pass so quickly. Ann and I cherish the opportunity to support our children, as they raise their own. We wish Dylan and Michelle all the best with their young family and thank them for allowing us to be a part of it.

In March Renee Gericke competed in the 2014 Kenworth Technician of the Year Competition. I have had the privilege of employing Renee throughout her apprenticeship. I have witnessed immense development in both her skills and character throughout that time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for representing Tatiara Truck and Trailers so well. I am immensely proud of Renee's achievements and congratulate her on both the technician and person that she has become.

I would like to thank Sue Walter for nominating us for the South East Secondary Schools Industry Pathway Collaboration Award. In conjunction with Vtech and the Bordertown High School, we were nominated for our longstanding collaborative efforts, to ensure that regional apprentices and VET students have access to high quality training. I have always found great

satisfaction in teaching apprentices. On occasion, I allow myself to feel disappointment when I train them and they leave for opportunities further abroad. However, when apprentices utilise their training and turn it into a life opportunity and a career I know that both themselves and the industry are in a better position and that it is worthwhile. This award reinforces to me that the resources Tatiara Truck & Trailers dedicate to training is a sound investment.



**Jenkin Family: Dylan, his Wife Michelle and their children, Elise and Lara**

In a continued effort to remain committed to training and up skilling staff I have recently enrolled six employees into Certificate III - Heavy Commercial Trailer Technology. The skills and abilities of people engaged in this line of work did not previously have a formal qualification attached. I congratulate those that are undergoing the training and am proud to see their expertise being recognised. I also wish to thank Vtech for facilitating this endeavor.

In the past few months we have been working hard on improving the functionality and look of our yard. The

perimeter fencing has been moved outwards, to compliment the extension of our workshop. The expansion of the area will allow for more customer parking and safer traffic flow. We have commenced landscaping with the aim of having the yard improvements complete within the next couple of months.

We have recently purchased some of Ron Gersch's equipment. We aim to have it operational in the near future so as to ensure that the district still have access to some of the services previously supplied by Ron.

It is with regret that we say farewell to Dion Morris. Dion has been a valuable member of staff since he started in 2007. As one of the old time tradesmen panel beaters who specialised in cab and body repairs, Dion's expertise will be missed. However, Dion will remain on call for assistance, as required. On behalf of everyone at Tatiara Truck & Trailers I congratulate Dion on a successful career in the industry and wish him all the best in his future endeavors as a farmer.

The recent Tatiara Truck & Trailers golf day was a great success, with weather not dampening the spirit of the occasion. Thank you to Shawn Lawson for coordinating this event. It was a pleasant means of socialising with work mates and an entertaining reminder that no one will be leaving Tatiara Trucks for the PGA tour anytime soon.

*Regards,*

*John Jenkin*



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Congratulations to Renee Gericke for achieving third place in the 2014 Kenworth Technician of the year competition.

The Technician of the Year competition is designed to stretch a technician's knowledge of products and the internet support systems and diagnostic tools.

Throughout 2013, Renee completed a series of four written tests that required her to answer a variety of questions relating to the DAF and Kenworth product. Based on these results, the top finalists were selected to take on the Service Challenge competition at

## KW Technician of the Year

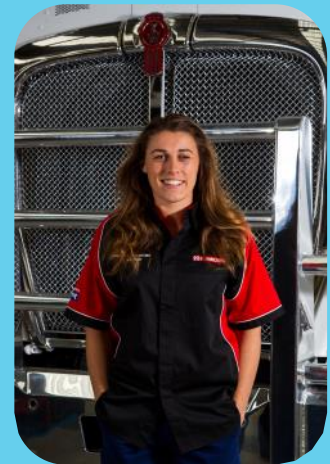
### Finalist: Renee Gericke

PACCAR Trucks Melbourne workshop in Derrimut, Victoria.

The Service Challenge comprised both a theory and practical component. The theory section was based on a classroom examination of the competitors' technical knowledge.

The practical challenge consisted of identical trucks being configured with simulated 'faults'. The task was to find all the faults, apply appropriate methods of repair and write comprehensive job cards.

All of these elements were done against the clock. The challenge was timed, imitating real life situations



where customer down time needs to be minimised.

Renee proved that she is both a talented and capable technician. The directors of Tatiara Truck & Trailers wish to thank her for representing the organisation so well and congratulate her on her achievement and determination to excel in her trade.

Renee finished an impressive third, amongst a group of high quality participants. Renee is the first female to make the Kenworth Technician of the Year finals and we congratulate her on her outstanding efforts.



Troy, Emma, Morgan & Jensen

## Stork News

Congratulations to Troy Taylor, his wife Emma and proud big brother Jensen, who have welcomed baby Morgan to the world.

Congratulations to Donna Clark and her husband Richard, on the arrival of baby Maddison Alicia.

Donna will be taking six months maternity leave to look after baby Maddison and her older brother and sister, Mason and Marissa.



Donna, Maddison, Mason, Marissa & Richard

# Tatiara Truck & Trailers—Apprentice Employer Award

Tatiara Truck & Trailers has won the Industry Pathway Collaboration Award at the inaugural South East Secondary Schools Training Awards.

The event was held at City Hall, in Mt Gambier, with apprentices, schools, employers and training providers from across the region.

Tatiara Truck & Trailers was nominated by Bordertown High School careers coordinator, Sue Walter. Tatiara Truck & Trailers has a strong history of employing school based apprentices who have gone on to complete their trade qualifications and establish careers in the industry.

Tatiara Trucks & Trailers was nominated for the time and resources dedicated to providing automotive school based apprentices and VET students the opportunity to attend trade school at a location in proximity to the school. The program has been successfully operating for 16 years, with plans to continue this working relationship for the foreseeable future.

The directors wish to congratulate Warren & Vtech Automotive and thank Sue Walter for the nomination.



Jaime Virgin accepts the award with Vtech training provider, Mr Warren Meissner

## Staff Training

Congratulations to Roey Sanders who recently completed her course in Cert III Business Administration. Roey has dedicated herself to her course and has achieved exemplary results throughout her training.



Admin Trainee: Roey Sanders



Apprentice Trailer Service Technicians: Paul, John, Tony, Daryl and Steve (absent: Mike)

Congratulations to the trailer service and repair team who have recently signed up for Cert II in Heavy Commercial Training Technology. This program will both expand their existing skills and formally recognise the expertise they already hold.

Congratulations to Brenten Watts who recently successfully completed Parts Interpreter Level 2 training. Brenten did this as part of his Certificate III in Parts Interpreting. Brenten is completing his course via guided learning, through the University of Ballarat.



Parts Interpreter: Brenten Watts

## New Staff



Brett Jenkin

Tatiara Truck & Trailers would like to welcome Brett Jenkin to the team.

Brett has recently relocated to Bordertown to be closer to family, being the son of Darrell Jenkin and nephew of John Jenkin. Brett will be working in the service department.

Also working in the service department is Brett Kenny. Brett commenced employment in early June and comes with a vast amount of heavy vehicle experience, having been employed in the industry for several years.



Brett Kenny

## PROPOSED TRANSPORT SA INSPECTION DATES

JULY	JULY	AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
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**Owen Butler—Trip To Ceduna**



**Experience: Owen Butler working in Ceduna**

Congratulations to Owen Butler, who recently took on the challenge of travelling to Ceduna to complete urgent warranty work.

Owen is a fourth year apprentice who has proven his ability to work independently, since joining the call out team earlier in the year.



**On Location: The Kenworth T659 Owen worked on**

When need arose for a technician to travel overnight to Ceduna to remove, repair and reassemble a gear box on a Kenworth T659, Owen immediately accepted the challenge. Owen sacrificed his weekend to complete the job to schedule. This is a significant achievement and a testament to Owen's dedication to his training.

**Jason Power—Bob Jose Award**

Congratulations to Auto Electrical apprentice, Jason Power, who recently received the Bob Jose Award.

The Keith Lions Club administer the Bob Jose award on an annual basis, to apprentices within their jurisdiction. This is a great way of recognising people undertaking apprenticeships in the local area and assisting them with their purchases of tools and equipment. Both Jason and Tatiara Truck & Trailers wish to thank the Keith Lions Club for this support.



**Jason Power accepting his award from Keith Lions Club President, Mr Leon Clark**

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