

TATIARA TRUCK & TRAILERS



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FRIDAY 7AM—5.30PM

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Comments from the Director

Tatiara *The Good Country* has let us down a bit this year, with the agricultural sector suffering due to the lack of spring rain. However, I think the economy as a whole may be on the incline, with far more trucks on the road than there were 6 months ago. The stock guys have been very busy with the farmers unloading stock early, due to the lack of feed. Glen Carron have another sand contract and hay is starting to be in demand and on the move.

I think that the quieter period during July and August made many people stop and reflect on the good and bad times. There are still many positives to take from this season. Tatiara Meat/JBS and Ararat Meatworks are killing record numbers and onion crops in Alice Springs have been dug and are back home for processing. With all those wheels turning something is going to wear out or need servicing.

I would like to congratulate all of the Tatiara Truck & Trailers apprentices on another great year at trade school. I commend Aiden Mullan on his graduation and thank him for his dedication to his employment and training, throughout the course of his apprenticeship.

The annual AIG Awards Night was a success. I congratulate all of the staff members who were nominated and thank them for their excellent representation of Tatiara Truck & Trailers. I am very proud of all nominees, who were well presented

and displayed gratitude to those that made the event possible.

Thank you to the Wolseley Ag Bureau, who recently completed a tour of our workshop. It is rewarding to have people interested in our operations and I enjoy the opportunity to share our facility and team and services with others.



State Training Awards: John Jenkin receiving Most Outstanding Small Trainer Award at the SA Training Awards

We have had a mad rush on trailer repairs since the steep decent into Adelaide took it very sad toll in recent months. Tragedies, such as this, reiterate how fundamental safety is to a well functioning transport industry. I am thankful we had the foresight to purchase a brake tester just after the opening of the freeway, despite the significant outlay. I will continue to ensure we remain technically superior, as the cost of safety cannot be measured in dollars.

Our heavy investment into the transport industry has continued throughout 2014. The workshop

extension, recovery trailer, tyre equipment, more electronic diagnostic equipment and training is beginning to pay off. The demand for our services are coming from far and wide. In addition to our plant and equipment, the past 12 months has also see our team expand by a further 4 full time employees. I am very proud of my family who support and help fulfill my dreams and customer demands. Jaime and Dylan are now officially major share holders and will take Tatiara Truck & Trailers to another level and era.

I am humbled to be the recipient of the SA Training Awards *Small Employer of The Year*. I have always been committed to enabling staff to reach their full potential. The nomination alone gave me a great deal of pride and it was great to be recognised.

I am very proud of the staff who, like myself, love a challenge when we are under pressure. They have proven that they can deliver seemingly impossible requests from customers to get back on the road. They work together to make it happen. I take pride in never saying no to customers, which would not be possible without the support and dedication of our staff. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and I look forward to helping you again in 2015.

I wish you your family a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Regards,

John Jenkin

Holiday Period Opening Times



Tatiara Truck & Trailers will be open standard trading hours on all weekdays over the holiday period. We will be closed on all public holidays and Saturday the 27th of December. The 24 hour call out service will remain available at all times on 0418 838 437.

A reminder that the Transport SA Inspection dates are subject to change over the holiday period.

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AIG SE Apprenticeship Awards Night

On December 1st 2014 five Tatiara Truck & Trailers apprentices travelled to Mt Gambier to the annual AIG SE Apprenticeship awards night. Tatiara Truck & Trailers were well represented and the directors would like to congratulate the following nominees:



Awards Night Presentation: Todd, Jason , David & Michael (Absent: Owen)

Award winners:

David Power

Jason Power

Michael Halleday

This is an outstanding result for the recipients and the organisation. It is a credit to all nominees that they are held in such regard by their employer and peers.

David Power—Most Outstanding Apprentice & Outstanding Academic Award

Jason Power – Most Outstanding Automotive Electrician (2nd Year)

Michael Halleday – School Based Apprentice of the Year

Owen Butler—Most Improved

Todd Watson – Most Outstanding Automotive Apprentice (3rd Year)

In 2014 the Tatiara Truck & Trailers training room continued to prove an asset to the company and district. 23 trade school blocks were conducted throughout the year. A total of 183 VET students and apprentices attended these courses.

Congratulations to all involved in this effort. It is promising for our district and industry to have so many students achieving in the industry and becoming highly skilled employees.



Jenkin Racing welcomes Brad Lepe as the new crew chief. We have had a busy start to the 2014/15 season. We started our season by travelling to Sydney for round 1 of their series. We started strongly but were eventually disqualified for exceeding noise.

We then raced in Murray Bridge for the opening round of the newly formed SA Sprintcar Shootout. Here we were good enough to score our first major win in SA. Since then we have had a 6th place in Adelaide and a crash in Mount Gambier resulting in a DNF. We have just returned from round 3 in this series with another win which is giving the team real confidence. We now travel back to Murray Bridge on the 6th for the SA title and then to Bordertown for round 5 of the SA series. This season we have elected not to be contracted to World Series Sprintcars. But we will race selected WSS races locally. We look forward to seeing you at a race track near you.



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SA's Most Outstanding Small Employer



Tatiara Truck & Trailers was recently named SA's Small Employer of the Year at the State Training Awards. Held in Adelaide on September 12th, 400 attendees gathered to recognise the training achievements of organisations and individuals across the state.

Tatiara Truck & Trailers & Adelaide Casino jointly received the *Most Outstanding Employer* award. Despite competing against a larger organisation, with infinitely more resources, the judges were unable to determine a clear winner. Both finalists were noted to have sound training strategies which they displayed exceptional dedication to.



SA's Top Trainers: John Jenkin with fellow award recipients, Adelaide Casino

Tatiara Truck & Trailers was nominated due to the company's enduring commitment to upskilling staff across the business. At present, 4 training providers are being utilised to train mechanics, automotive electricians, spare parts interpreters and administration staff. In addition to this, supplier training is completed on a perpetual basis to remain update with innovations in technology. At the time of judging, 36% of staff were enrolled in formal training and the vast majority have attained qualifications or completed some official training throughout their employment at Tatiara Truck & Trailers.

The judges noted the culture of the company lends itself to upskilling, as younger members of staff are encouraged to guide work experience students. This teaches said apprentices the skills required to manage people and thus advancing their positions within the organisation and careers.

The long lasting relationship between Tatiara Truck & Trailers, Vtech and the Bordertown High School was highly regarded by the judges, with successful delivery of the work experience and VET program for spanning 17 years. The directors would like to make special thanks to Sue Walter for her dedication to her role as careers coordinator at Bordertown High. The work experience and VET programs are the foundations of this highly successful training strategy and the reason that many students have been able to evolve into skilled employees, valuable service providers and members of the community.

The directors would like to express their gratitude to Jasmine Pearce of Business SA and employee, Bec, for their efforts in compiling the award nomination. The directors would also like to extend their gratitude to award sponsors, Channel 9 and like to thank the Department of State Development for coordinating the event.

Congratulations Gericke Bulk Handling apprentice and Vtech student, Thomas Foggerty, on being a finalist in the Apprentice of the Year category.

Qualified Mechanic— Aiden Mullan

In the middle of Winter in 2010 Aiden Mullan rode his BMX out to the industrial estate looking for employment. So much has changed in that time, since Aiden's initial days as a workshop cleaner. On November 11 Aiden graduated in Certificate III Automotive Mechanical technology (Heavy Vehicle Road Transport).

Throughout Aiden's apprenticeship he has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which was duly recognised when he received the 2013 AIG SE Tuffnell Memorial Award. Aiden has natural academic skills and has received an average grade of 89.5% throughout his trade school training. These achievements are all in spite of Aiden's numerous tribulations, as he has suffered injury and illness that has kept him out of the workshop and classroom. Aiden is a likable young man who more than makes up for his lack of BMX riding skills with his endearing nature.

Congratulations Aiden on the completion of your apprenticeship and best of luck for your career.



Staff Training

Congratulations to administration assistant, Zoey McCarthy on her recent completion of Certificate 4 Business Administration. Zoey completed this course via self directed learning and intermittent meetings with her trainer.

Zoey completed her course in September, a full nine months ahead of the two years allocated for this course. Zoey attended her graduation ceremony in Naracoorte on November the 28th.



Traineeship Presentation Night: Zoey McCarthy

In recent months there has been numerous supplier training completed. Congratulations to the following staff:

- Roey Sanders & Shane Neale completed a 2 day Cummins warranty training course in Adelaide
- Reilly Sanders successfully completed the Advanced Paccar MX Training in Adelaide with outstanding results
- Thomas Crane attended a week long Kenworth Technology Course in September, which enabled him to work hands on the production line in the Factory & gave him the opportunity to meet with all of the suppliers involved in the building on this brand of truck.



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2015 Apprentices

Congratulations to Travis Nitschke, and Michael Halleday on completing their first year as school based apprentices. Both Travis and Michael have fitted in well with the team and are going to continue their school based apprenticeships in 2015. Everyone at Tatiara Truck & Trailers wishes both Michael and Travis well in their year 12 studies.

Thank you to Sue Walter, of Bordertown High School, for her assistance with facilitating these two school based apprenticeships throughout 2014.



School Based Apprentices: Michael Halleday & Travis Nitschke

TTT Beyond Blue BBQ

Tatiara Truck & Trailers recently held a staff barbeque, in aid of Beyond Blue.

Beyond Blue is a nation wide initiative to reduce the impact of depression, anxiety and suicide in the community by raising awareness and publicizing ways in which people can access help.

Thank you to everyone that participated and the donations received have gone to a very worthwhile cause.

A total of \$486 was raised from this effort.

A reminder of the 1300 DRIVER (1300 374 837) initiative: the confidential helpline is available nationwide 24/7, with qualified health professionals providing information, support and referrals to truck drivers experiencing and at risk of experiencing ill-health, stress, anxiety, substance abuse and mental health issues.

Staff News

At the end of November, we said farewell to Rosalyn Farina, who is leaving the district to pursue a different career path. The team wish her well in her new endeavors. Existing employee, Rosie Salisbury will be fulfilling Rosalyn's role of accounts clerk.

Welcome back to Donna Clark, who has recently returned after taking maternity leave. Donna is our IT manager and will be working school hours.

Welcome back to Lizzie Cuffe, after a 3 month leave of absence.



IT Administrator — Donna Clark