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Johns Corner

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter for the year 2016. As we head into the last month of the financial year, we are fortunate enough to be in a strong stable position. We have a strong steady workforce & workflow which is pleasing considering the challenges the transport industry has faced over the last couple of months.

Fortunately the order from the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal to set minimum rates to be paid to subcontractors was abolished. This would have meant substantial increases to the cost of using "subbies" and would have forced the larger operators to expand their own fleets, meaning owner drivers were left in limbo. Obviously this would have had a significant impact on thousands of small trucking businesses as well as our own business.

Whilst this has been abolished at the present, who knows what will happen going into the next Federal Election.

As for the farming district, long range weather forecasts are promising with predictions of a wet July. Those that are still seeding are frantically trying to get their crops in to take advantage of some of this wet season. Our fingers are crossed for a better than average season for them.

As for our own neck of the woods, we have had plenty happening internally including supplier training, which is always a priority in the business. April was particularly busy with staff undertaking Cummins training, Detroit warranty training as well as the Kenworth Parts & Service Conference which was held in Sydney. Not only is the training itself

beneficial, the networking with others in the industry is also a major part in gaining contacts & information.

Congratulations to Keith & his wife Amber on their wedding in April & welcome back to Mitch Stone who has returned after his stint with the Gary Rogers Motorsport Team. Also congratulations to Greg Owen who completed his Apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Trailer Technology. I would also like to acknowledge one of our long serving staff members, Bob Jones who will be making his retirement in early July. Bob has been an integral part of our business, particularly in our engineering department for the last 19 years.

On a personal note I would like to acknowledge a very special milestone of mine & Ann's. Also in April, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary of the kidney that Ann donated to me. (A Gift of Life)!! We celebrated by taking one of Dick Lang's flights which took us to Innamincka, Longreach, Birdsville & over Lake Eyre, which was amazing. It has been an incredible journey & I'm pleased to say that my health is still very good & the only thing holding me back is my "old age".

Our presentation night this year has been brought forward to early June, so our staff are looking forward to that. Stay tuned for the next edition for the photos & award recipients.

Regards

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WURTH BBQ



As part of our ongoing business relationship with Wurth our staff team were treated to a BBQ lunch provided by Kel & Shane. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get together and peruse the tools and accessories that were available on the day.

Thanks Kel & Shane from Wurth

STAFF TRAINING

It has been a busy few months with many staff members attending training courses to gain further knowledge in various facades of the business.

April seen David travel to Adelaide to take part in the Cummins EGR engine Training while Shane and Johnny took part in a 1 day leadership course to further their knowledge and leadership skills.

Jaime and Dylan participated in a 2 day training course in April to further their knowledge in personal profiling giving them greater insight into understanding different personalities.

Shane and Roey spent 3 days in Melbourne advancing their knowledge in Detroit warranty and learning the new processes involved in submitting warranty claims directly using a new system.

Todd attended Cummins in Adelaide to participate in the EGR engine training, while Dylan & Shawn attended the Kenworth Parts & Service conference in Sydney.

Congratulations to Greg on completing his apprenticeship in Cert III Heavy Commercial Trailer Technology

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Keith & Amber McLaine who were married on the 16th April at Halls Gap. We wish them all the happiness for their future together.

We welcomed back Mitch Stone into the workshop in May after a short absence while he chased his dreams with a stint on the team at Gary Rogers Motorsport. Mitch will recommence his apprenticeship as a Heavy Diesel Technician.



Keith & Amber McLaine

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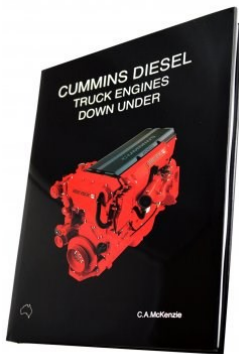
NEW STOCK ITEMS



\$59.95
C-KEN824



\$ 47.50
GPI01521



\$35.00
GPI01395



\$50.00
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\$140.00
C-KEN815



\$65.00
GPI01551-GPI01557

Proposed Transport SA Inspection Dates*

JUNE	JUNE	JULY	JULY	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY	MONDAY
13	27	4	18	1	15	29	12	26

* Subject to change at Transport SA discretion

Poets Corner

One of our very talented customers has shared a couple of his poems with us and has given us permission to share with all our newsletter subscribers. Robert has done such a great job on this one that it has been chosen to be converted into a song, so stay tuned on its progress and we will let you now where you can find it to have a listen once its complete. Well done Robert on a fantastic read. We will publish the second poem in the next edition of TTT News.

The Hay Runners

Australians are a ripping lot
We look out for our own
And if a cry for help goes out
That's when our strength is shown

And Ilfracombe would be the case
That proves this very point
The farmers there were starting to
Regret the cursed joint

The weather there had thrown a belt
Its timing was way out
And this had thrown a fair amount
Of Queensland into drought

Just down the road around Longreach
The rain gauge had a spell
In three long years of measuring
Just eighty-six mil fell

But down in Burrumbuttock
A bloke had seen their plight
And with his small resources
Began to mount a fight

A snake of trucks and trailers
All loaded up with hay
From all around the countryside
Drove up the Kidman Way

With Kenworths, Macks and Scania's
Freightliners, Volvos too
And even some old tray trucks
And the trusty backup crew

The convoy was enormous
Four hundred trailers strong
If measured from the front to back
Was twenty-eight miles long

For two long days they forged ahead
Till they got to Ilfracombe
And as they crawled along the street
Emotion there was shown

As all the trucks were slowing up
A big bloke standing there
Placed his hand upon his heart
Then raised it to the air

And in one bound he leapt onto
A truck that passed him by
And through the open window said
The words that made him cry

He told the driver of the rig
With tears in either eye
"A place for you in heaven ol' mate
awaits you when you die"

When all the sums are added up
And we sit back and pause
Fourteen thousand bales of hay
Were donated to the cause

They say that charity begins at home
But I will raise that level
It begins in Burrumbuttock
With a man named Brendan Farrell

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Rainbow Vic

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**PACCAR
PARTS
END OF
FINANCIAL
YEAR
SALE
PARTY!**

