

## LTSC Newsletter July 2017

### **Martin Hyde:**

Our Industry, along with the Log Transport Safety Council and its Executive recently lost a key member when Martin unexpectedly passed away on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. Martin joined the Log Transport Safety Council in September 2000, since then he has become a valued member of the Council and the more recently introduced LTSC Executive. Martin campaigned hard for change in better vehicle dimensions so our vehicles could operate in a safer way, Martin coined the phrase:

### **Longer + Lower = Safer vehicle**

Martin lead the way as the Industry investigated the option of our vehicles operating at 22 metres overall length. After the trials proved that these vehicles would deliver improved safety performance he worked hard with the various community groups to get their support for this vehicle, before lobbying the Government to consider and implement the change. In 2002 the 22 metre vehicle concept was approved which greatly improved the safety performance of our fleet.

Over the last 5 years Martin has worked tirelessly in helping to develop a better HPMV unit for our Industry, he would lobby to all the Government Agencies, at times on a daily basis, in an effort to get his voice heard on the topic. Unfortunately he won't get the opportunity to see the success of his efforts, but we will not forget his tenacity, commitment and perseverance, when it comes to fruition.

Another area of interest for Martin was in the Drivers well being, he drove the Log Truck driver survey where we found that our Industry had an ageing workforce in the mid 2000's and a not so healthy one at that. Martin lead the project team that developed the LTSC "Fit for the Road" program which has been very successfully delivered across New Zealand for a number of years now, providing huge benefits for those involved.

Martin, as mentioned above, was an important cog in the Executive and Council of the Log Transport Safety Council who has driven many of the projects our Industry has successfully completed over the last 20 years. He will be greatly missed.

### **Annual General meeting:**

The LTSC AGM was held in mid May; the LTSC celebrates its 20 year anniversary this year, in that time it has delivered an outstanding result in transforming our Industry from one with the highest accident rate, to one that now has one of the lowest.

This is testimony to the commitment of the people on the Council, many of whom were there at the start. We have always recognised where our risks lie and diligently worked at ways to minimise or eliminate them.

The National harvest levels are growing rapidly, which is placing our Industry under intense pressure. While some haul rates maybe low, performance expectations are very high.

The Industry needs to continue to work on what is right and wrong and protect our people from harm and to help do so we must continue to invest in our future and train our young people well.

Training is a vital part of the operation and operators must commit to this and include training in annual budgets. The Log Transport Training Pathway has been developed; it is great to see 265 Drivers have been signed up to date, with 75% having now completed their training. We need more, and it is up to you the operator to support what our Industry has developed for our Industry.

## Have you registered your drivers onto the Pathway yet?

At the AGM it was agreed that the Executive team should travel to a couple of different regions each year so that they can catch up with operators, including those who don't get a chance to attend LTSC Council meetings. These meetings will be planned to take place around late afternoon so it is possible for operators to attend. This year the Executive (or part of team) will meet in Northland and Southland. Operators in these regions will be advised of planned meeting dates. Election of Officers; the following were elected as Council representatives for the 2017/18 year:

<b>LTSC Chairman:</b>	W Wilshier
<b>Transport Operators:</b>	Warwick Wilshier Mark Mc McCarthy Alan Forbes Duncan Borlase Glen Heybourn Campbell Gilmour Bryan Smith Sean Sparksman Daron Turner Craig Stokes Sam Sinclair Gordon Dahm Peter McIntyre Paul Teddy Nigel Parker Mark Lawrence Steve McDougall Tony Pye
<b>Forest Owners Reps:</b>	Mike Spiers, Chris Bailey & Iain Mc Innes
<b>Trailer Manufacturers</b>	Graham Kelly & Ian Patchell,
<b>Road Transport Forum:</b>	Kerry Arnold or Graham Sheldrake
<b>NZTA:</b>	Rick Barber
<b>Research Engineer:</b>	TERNZ
<b>Secretariat:</b>	TGM Services Ltd

The Executive Team for the 2017/18 year is:

Warwick Wilshier	Chairman
Mark McCarthy	
Glenn Heybourn	
Campbell Gilmour	
Bryan Smith	
Daron Turner	
Mike Spiers	FOA rep
Chris Bailey	FOA rep

### **LTSC Projects:**

The LTSC has engaged the University Of Canterbury College Of Engineering to work on 2 projects for our Industry, these are:

Load Security - Load securing in the log transport industry, injury, risks and interventions.

Trailer Lifting - a review of the log trailer lifting methods (national and International) to explore feasible alternatives with a view to improving ergonomics and safety.

Both of these projects are being undertaken by students in their last year at University. The 2 LTSC members on the working groups, to help oversee the 2 projects, are Campbell Gilmour (Dynes transport Ltd) and Mark Wareing (Philip Wareing Ltd).

If as an operator you have a smart idea to contribute to either of these two projects now is a good time to advise the LTSC, as we can get the students to check out the option either by building and trialling, or at least have them evaluate the suggestion, as part of the project. Please advise the Secretary if you are keen to share your good idea.

### **Crane Code:**

The LTSC and Worksafe have signed off on the new code that will apply to selfloading crane trucks working in our Log Transport Industry. We will include this in our new Industry Standard booklet which will be ready for release later in 2017.

If you would like a copy please contact the Secretary or check our website.

### **Load Tensioners:**

The latest shipment of the new LTSC load tensioners has arrived and they are now available for purchase. The cost of these is \$36.00 Plus GST per tensioner, plus any freight costs from Tokoroa, we have stock available also ex Christchurch.

Please contact the Secretary to place your order; currently they come in boxes of 5.

### **Training Pathway:**

The new Senior Driver Certificate has been officially launched; this is a level 4 qualification, designed for experienced truck drivers to fulfil a senior driver or training role within a transport organisation. The program includes both theoretical and practical training and assessment to ensure drivers can effectively mentor, train and manage a group of drivers and vehicles. 10 Drivers have already enrolled into the Senior Driver Certificate.

If you would like more details on this certificate, check out our webpage.

The Council commends those drivers who have completed the various stages of the Training pathway to date.

Up to the 1st of March, the LTSC has presented 148 Gold certificates, 29 Silver certificates and 65 Bronze certificates.

Congratulations to all the drivers who have been presented with their certificates and to the Transport Companies who have embraced the training pathway to date.

**Need more information on the pathway, please contact the Secretary or check the website.**

**IRIS database:**

The Council has developed a new incident database (an off shoot of the Forest Owners IRIS database) which has been modified to reflect the business of a log transport operator. ACC has approved the database to fulfill its auditing requirements.

If you would like more detail as to how this system can be used to enhance in your business please contact the Secretary or check the link on the LTSC webpage ([www.logtruck.co.nz](http://www.logtruck.co.nz)).

To make the data even more meaningful and useful requires more transport operators to be using the system. The beauty of this system is that you can benchmark your incidents against the Industry average or by region. It helps the LTSC identify and focus on key areas requiring improvement. All information entered remains confidential to the provider.

**Sleep Apnoea project:**

The Council, with help from Rachel from FRMS, has developed a program that will help operators, cost effectively and in timely manner, pre-test employees for sleep apnoea utilising the councils own equipment. This program will include the recently produced video of personal accounts from actual drivers in the industry that can be shown to drivers and staff to help break down the barriers to taking the first step to getting tested.

The program kit will include all the information and material for a suitable manager, or senior staff within companies to deliver to their staff, either in a group or a one on one situation.

Once the pre questionnaire is completed by the driver the decision will be made whether or not the overnight sleep test is required. If so the driver will be given all the information and equipment to complete this and the results will be sent back to FRMS to be analysed.

The results from this test and any further follow up that may be required will be provided back to the company concerned by FRMS.

Details of the program are now up on the LTSC website, don't forget to check out the video of the two drivers who shared their experiences of having sleep apnoea and how it affected their daily lives at work and at home.

**Northport Gantry Safety Day:**

Northport Staff, CVIU, NZTA Staff and NRC staff held a Gantry safety day recently at the Northport facilities in Whangarei, attached is a summary of the day's findings. It is very important that drivers do a daily visual check of their lifting chains and workshop staff do a check of the chains as per the Lifting Chain guidelines at the vehicles "C" service. If unsure please refer to the LTSC Industry Standards booklet.

**Radio Channels:**

The LTSC has recently invested in 10 radio Simplex Road Safety channels across New Zealand that is dedicated to our Industry. These channels are available free to LTSC financial members; contact the LTSC Secretary for details.

## **Share the Road program:**

LTSC members are actively supporting this program with the various Forest Owners in many parts of the Country. Operators make a truck available when a school visit is planned, the students learn about how to be safe and be seen around heavy motor vehicles, especially the students on rural roads which have a heavy motor vehicle presence.

The LTSC is also supporting the program by supplying give a ways on the day, since 2013 the program in the Central North Island has visited 65 schools and has had in excess of 4500 students attend the program. Northland has been operating a lot longer and areas like Gisborne and Hawkes Bay are also running the program in their areas.

**Need more information on this contact the LTSC Secretary.**

## **Log Transport Fleet make up:**

The New Zealand log transport fleet statistics as we know them currently are as follows:

1 Truck operator	56% by ownership	11% of total truck numbers
2-4 Truck operators	26% by ownership	5% of total truck numbers
5-9 Truck operators	8% by ownership	15% of total truck numbers
10-15 Truck operators	3% by ownership	6% of total truck numbers
16-20 Truck operators	2% by ownership	6% of total truck numbers
21-30 Truck operators	2% by ownership	12% of total truck numbers
30-50 Truck operators	1% by ownership	8% of total truck numbers
50 plus truck operators	2% by ownership	37% of total truck numbers