

LTSC Newsletter June 2018

LTSC AGM:

The 2018/19 Annual General meeting was held recently in Rotorua, it was agreed that the annual subscriptions would remain the same. The LTSC currently has a strong balance sheet therefore did not see a reason to change the current subscription levels.

The Chairman in his report highlighted the work the LTSC has done over the last 12 months as well as outlining some of the work planned for 2018/19 on HPMV units, Training Pathway and the Fit for Road programs.

Election of Officers; the following were elected as Council representatives for the 2018/19 year:

LTSC Chairman:	W Wilshier
Transport Operators:	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 Tom Katene Wayne Laurie
Forest Owners Reps:	Mike Spiers, Chris Bailey & Iain Mc Innes
Trailer Manufacturers	Graham Kelly & Ian Patchell,
Road Transport Forum:	Kerry Arnold or Graham Sheldrake
NZTA:	Kevin Anderson
Research Engineer:	TERNZ
Secretariat:	TGM Services Ltd

The Executive Team for the 2018/19 year is:

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

Regional meetings:

Another Regional meeting was held recently in Palmerston North with 2 others planned for later in the year in Christchurch and Napier areas. Details will be sent to operators once the dates have been agreed. These meetings allow operators in these areas to get an update on the work being carried out by the Council, from the Executive Team and provide the opportunity to raise concerns, table ideas and have a say in what you would like the Council to be doing for our Industry.

HPMV pro forma units:

Recently the LTSC was involved in PBS testing of a new HPMV Pro Forma unit for logging, this was a 23.5metre Log Truck, the results of the testing and our application to have this vehicle included in our options for a HPMV unit will not be known till after 1 July. We will keep you posted on the outcome of the trial as soon as we can.

Trailer Lifting Chain certification:

Currently the LTSC has issued just over 1700 stickers to operators across the Country, as new trailers are being built Trailer manufacturers are sending in the paperwork required to have the stickers issued for these units.

Operators are reminded that you only have to send in the Statutory Declaration page, all calculation sheets should be kept by you.

LTSC/Forest Owners Transportation Committee meeting:

The LTSC Exec is meeting with the Forest Owners Transportation Committee to review current projects being undertaken by both groups and to see where we can jointly contribute to projects and allow resources to be used more efficiently and therefore provide a more cost-effective solution/outcome. The group will also undertake a review of the current Forest Safety Accord which will take into account HPMV/50MAX vehicles, legislative change, etc.

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 Council has a small team, along with MITO staff, reviewing the current NZ Transport of Logs by Road Certificate, once completed the new national certificate will be registered as a level 4 certificate, one below the Senior Driver and First Line Management Certificates. The new Certificates will be available from 2019.

The Council commends those drivers who have completed the various stages of the Training Pathway to date and greatly appreciates the diligence and professionalism you've demonstrated.

Up to the 16th June, the LTSC has presented 179 Gold certificates, 58 Silver certificates and 163 Bronze certificates, plus 8 Platinum certificates.

Congratulations to all the drivers who have achieved 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.

Sleep Apnoea project:

The Council, with help from Rachel from FRMS, has developed a program that will help operators, cost effectively and in a timely manner, pre-test employees for sleep apnoea utilising the council's own equipment. This program includes 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 unselfishly shared their experiences of having sleep apnoea and how it affected their daily lives at work and at home.

The Council has also purchased 2 additional screening machines that are available for any post incident testing Operators may wish to have carried out, contact Rachel directly if you would like to take this option up.

Radio Channels:

The LTSC has recently invested in 10 radio Simplex Road Safety channels across New Zealand that are 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 giveaways on the day. Since 2013 the program in the Central North Island has visited 70 schools and has had in excess of 4800 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.

IRIS database:

The Council has developed an 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 your business, please contact the Secretary or check the link on the LTSC webpage (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 safety performance against the Industry average by region. It helps the LTSC identify and focus on key areas requiring improvement. All information entered remains confidential to the provider.

LTSC Manual:

Our current LTSC Industry Standards manual is due to be reviewed and revised, we have engaged a Design Company to draft a fresher looking manual which will include more pictures and diagrams enabling the manual to be of higher value when inducting new staff.

We will be adding in new resources around HPMV and 50MAX units.

LTSC Webpage:

The LTSC Exec is reviewing the credibility of various online training tools currently being offered to the Industry i.e. "on line" First Aid refresher courses; we will keep you posted on this.

2018/19 meeting dates:

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Thursday 16 August 2018

Thursday 14 November 2018

Thursday 13 February 2019

Thursday 23 May 2019

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