

## LTSC October Newsletter 2019

### Promotional video:

The LTSC recently completed a promotional video on our Industry; the video was shot in 3 locations (Nelson, Gisborne and Invercargill) across New Zealand. The stars of the show were a newbe driver, a lady driver and a long serving driver. The LTSC is planning to use this at career expo's, also on the careers bus (sponsored by the NZFOA) that travels around New Zealand, onto the Forest Owners website as well as the LTSC website. This project was funded by the Forest Growers Levy Fund. We plan to do another video on the "Induction process", this is currently being scoped by a small team, more details when the project brief has been completed.

The video can be viewed by logging onto the LTSC website, look under **Resources/ links and the promotional video is there.**

### Contractor Certification:

The Team working on this project has been testing the audit system with 2 audits completed in the Napier area, the learning's from these 2 audits resulted in some minor changes, these changes were tested late August, the results are currently being reviewed.

Once the team are happy with the project this will be presented to the LTSC Exec for signoff.

The Forest Owners Association has supported this project through this stage and they too are looking forward to a creditable program been available for Log Transport Operators to be certified against.

### Key points are:

- \* A certification tool built by the Log Transport Safety Council for the industry (has the ability to apply to an owner driver or fleet owner).
- \* The certification tool has the ability to push contractors to be or become leaders in the industry.
- \* Contractor certification can provide a certification which a LTSC contractor could use for multiple customers and Forest Managers etc.( Hopefully reducing the number audits some LTSC contractors are having to do annually).
- \* Can provide LTSC members with an opportunity to self audit their business & systems.
- \* Will be substantial. The LTSC will be able to provide contractor certification as an ongoing tool to the industry and it customers.

## **Trailer Lifting Training Video:**

There is a trailer lifting training video available on the LTSC website **courtesy of Weighing and Measuring Solutions Ltd.**

This is a very good induction tool for new drivers as well as a refresher course for other drivers.

**The link to the video is under Resources/ links.**

## **Training Pathway:**

### **Training**

As you may be aware the Government has recently confirmed the structure of vocational education going forward. This will see all polytechnics combined into a new entity known as the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST). This will be formed on 1 April 2020 and will take up to two years to consolidate. Also from 1 April 2020 four to seven Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) will be formed replacing the existing 11 industry training organisations.

The WDCs will be responsible for setting training standards and qualifications. The management of apprentices and trainees will be managed by the NZIST with the current apprentices and trainees transitioned to the NZIST by 31 December 2022.

MITO, and the other industry training organisations, are working with Government officials and industry stakeholders to implement the transition to the new vocational education structure.

The key message to members is it is business as usual until at least 2021 and operators should continue to work with their training provider to keep the training going.

## **Overweight Loads:**

Over the last few months the LTSC has been receiving comments and photos of what are deemed to be over height loads, at the recent Council meeting it was decided that these will be treated like an 0800 call. The information will be forwarded to the operator (if known) and including a copy of the Load security code ask them to talk to the driver concerned and ensure they understand the code. We are doing this as a safety measure; no-one wants to see a driver hit by a log falling from his/her load because they had loaded it incorrectly and everyone has a right to go home safe after a day's work. Some of the photos of loads have been very disappointing to say the least.

## **Celebration Time:**

Our Industry recently celebrated the occasion 2 of our members received Industry Awards, both worthy recipients of these awards.

Carla Seymour Mansell from Seymour Transport Services was awarded the Health & Safety person of the year at the recently held Road transport Forum Annual Conference. Carla runs the Family business in the East Coast of the North Island,



Mark McCarthy from McCarthy Transport was inducted into the Road Transport Hall of Fame recently at a function in Invercargill. Mark operates around the Central and Lower North Island.



Our Industry should be very proud of these awards as they are a result of a lot of hard work that they both have done to ensure our Industry is a safe and great Industry to work in.

**Well done Carla and mark**

### **Trailer Lifting stickers for the 2020/21 year.**

The new stickers will be available from 1 October for operators who have completed the Trailer Lifting chain checks as per the checklist that is available on the LTSC website.

Remember you only have to forward the Statutory Declaration page; you need to keep the checklist as your record.

## **Regional Meeting:**

It has been agreed that the Regional meetings for this Financial year will not happen until the New Year, with a number of important projects about to wind up, we will be in a better position to share the outcomes of these with our members.

## **2019/20 meeting dates:**

### **LTSC Council**

**Thursday 21 November 2019**  
**Thursday 13 February 2020**  
**Thursday 28 May 2020**

### **AGM**

**Thursday 28 May 2020**

### **Regional meetings:**

**Gisborne**  
**Nelson**  
**Southland area**  
**Northland**

Dates for the Regional meetings will be advised later.