

LTSC August 2020 Newsletter

LTSC AGM:

The LTSC AGM was held recently in Rotorua, listed below is the makeup of the LTSC Executive Team for the 2020/21 year, which also includes a new Secretary who will be taking over from the current one (Bruce Nairn) who has retired.

Chairman: Warwick Wilshier
Transport Operators: Mark McCarthy
Glen Heybourn
Chris Murphy
Daron Turner
Campbell Gilmour
Bryan Smith
Forest Owner reps: Mike Spiers
Chris Bailey

Secretary: Emma Godwin- Public Impressions. (profile attached)

LTSC Council: The Council is made up of the following Agencies plus current financial Log Transport operators:

Forest Owners Association
RTF
Worksafe
NZTA
Truck Trailer manufactures
MITO

Annual Subscriptions:

The members at the recent AGM agreed that the subscription fees for the 2020/21 year be set as follows:

Subscriptions are:

Trucks up to 24 are: \$50 each plus GST
Fleets 25 and above: \$1400 plus GST
Associate/ Trade members: \$140 plus GST
Trailer Manufacturers: \$250 plus GST

You should have now received the 20/21 invoices.

Contractor Certification:

The first Log Transport operator has completed the “Certification “program and at the recent AGM Warwick Wilshier (LTSC Chairman) presented Steve and Chris Murphy, from Steve Murphy Ltd in Christchurch, with their 5-star Certificate.



The Executive is working out a plan that will see this being rolled out across the Country, it is difficult for the Team to get to all places easily, so a digital release is planned later this year.

Highlights from the Chairman's report are:

The past year has introduced some new challenges that we would never have expected in the Covid-19 lock down of our industry for 5 weeks. It was most likely the longest time many of our workers have spent with their families and I am sure we have all gained a new appreciation for the country we live in and the freedom we enjoy.

We were fortunate to be involved in the team involving FISC, FICA and FOA in the development of the Covid 19 operating protocols which enabled a safe return to work. It brought the many parts of the Wood Industry closer together and regular updates were facilitated by Te Uru Rakau and MPI.

The need for social distancing accelerated some long awaited improvements in how we manage information and communication, paperless systems and on line learning now part of our everyday business.

Our most notable achievement this year is the introduction of the LTSC Contractor Certification and I would like to thank Chris Murphy and Jason Williams for their dedication to this project and their passion for personal development and leadership in our industry. We now have another pathway where contractors can continually improve and be recognized for their professionalism.

The Certification will provide a minimum standard that meets the expectations of the Forest Industry in the same way that Safetree covers harvesting, roading and silviculture.

During the year the Executive looked at options to replace Bruce in his secretarial role and I am pleased to say that LTSC has entered into an arrangement with Prue Younger from Public Impressions. The role will be undertaken by her daughter Emma with Prue's guidance.

Prue is currently the CEO of Forest Industry Contractors Association and sits on the advisory group of Forest Industries Safety Council.

Prue brings a wealth of experience in the Forest Industry and her involvement will bring a closer working relationship between LTSC, FICA and FISC.

With a change of Government came the review of the New Zealand Transport Agency, which in turn brought about a renewed focus on road safety and compliance in the Transport Sector. It is encouraging to see the support that we have from NZTA and I would like to thank Kevin Anderson and more recently, Brett Aldridge for attending our meetings and building a stronger relationship directly with the Logging Sector.

It is important that senior officials meet Industry in these forums and I believe there is a better appreciation for the professionalism that exists within LTSC.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of Nick Leggett and his team at the Road Transport Forum. I have taken all of our technical issues to Nick along with our Compliance and RUC audit concerns. RTF are the voice of the Transport Industry and we appreciate their advocacy on our behalf.

Nick has led the way in developing the RTF "Road to Success" traineeship which will provide a pathway for new entrants into the Transport Industry. There is an opportunity here to work with the LTSC Pathway in providing structured training and qualifications for Log Truck drivers.

Thanks also to Phil Ulrich from MITO who has attended every meeting and kept us up to date with developments around the review of vocational training.

Emma's profile:

Public Impressions Limited is a PR and event management company that has been operating since 1999 with a significant reputation across a number of industry sectors. The company has lead a number of roles with many primary industry groups including wine, horticulture and forestry. It offers the full package of administration, marketing & promotion and management.

Public Impressions looks forward to its new contract with LTSC and the work will be lead by Emma Godwin.



“I was born and bred in Gisborne but now living in Hawkes Bay. Full time, I am a professional swimmer so spend the same amount of time in the water as I do on land, with the goal to represent NZ at the Olympics 2021. I have completed a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise at Massey University, so a little bit different to the role I will be taking over from Bruce but never the less excited to learn and hopefully fill the boots he is leaving behind. I look forward to getting to know and working alongside you all”.

Public Impressions takes a team approach and Emma will be supported by company director Prue Younger and Jo Higgins-Ware who have a significant involvement with forestry across a number of contracts.

Seatbelt Covers:

Earlier in the year the LTSC sent out to members, seatbelt covers that had important safety messages on them. If you would like extra seatbelt covers, please send through your request.

ltsc@logtruck.co.nz

Training Pathway:

Currently we have the following numbers of Training Pathway certificates issued:

Platinum:	9
Gold:	217
Silver:	90
Bronze:	223

E-mail address:

If you received the newsletter by post and you do have an email address, can you please forward your details so we can update the database and improve delivery of the LTSC news.

Industry Standard Booklet:

The revised booklet is now available on the LTSC website, under Industry Standards, which members are able to download this for use in their Business. The LTSC will provide a printed booklet to Contractors when they pay their annual subscriptions.

Truck Photos:

If you have any photos of your equipment that you would like added to our Log fleet portfolio on our website, please send these through and we can add them in.

LTSC Focus 20/21:

Warwick outlined to those present at the recent meeting, the LTSC's efforts over the next 12 months needed to be on Vehicle Safety, Driver Health and Wellbeing and Fatigue, and will be working in conjunction with the Forest Owners to achieve these goals. Also we need to work on ways of improving the service we provide to our members, as well as enhancing our relationship with the RTF and FICA.

LTSC Contact details:

Please update your contact details for the LTSC, our email address and phone number is:

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Meeting Dates 2020/21:

LTSC Exec:

Wednesday 21 October 2020
Wednesday 11 February 2021
Wednesday 26 May 2021

LTSC Council

Thursday 22 October 2020
Thursday 12 February 2021
Thursday 27 May 2021

AGM

Thursday 27 May 2021