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KEE Hire:

Our hire division now have the most comprehensive and up-to-date compaction fleet available for hire across all industries, specifically catering to contractors and road builders across the state.

With the market moving towards project based business, KEE can provide project pricing, incorporating freight and services where required. Essentially we are the complete package, the one stop solutions providers.

With an entire fleet upgrade over the past 18 months (and ongoing) we are now able to provide a very broad range of quality equipment into the market. We have a fleet of ten low loaders in our hire transport fleet and can accommodate our clients with heavy construction hire equipment delivery to any location.



FACTS WORTH READING

Gnomey McGnome Face says....

"To ensure machine reliability, daily reporting of equipment defects is vital.

No matter how large or small the fault make sure it is recorded every day on the operator's pre-start form until repaired.

Minor defects will be recorded and scheduled alongside the next service. Major faults and any safety issues must be reported immediately to your supervisor or to KEE directly, and also be recorded.

Once notified, the KEE Field Service team will attend and repair ASAP.

It's always a good idea to take a few photos as well, to further assist with and expedite repairs."

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people."

– Theodore Roosevelt

KEE Transport:

This quarter has proven to show another remarkable result for KEE Transport. We have added a further two 130 tonne rated prime movers and another two 100 tonne low loader and dolly combinations to our already growing fleet. This expansion in transport is due to the ever increasing demand for our services.

We have completed some major mobilisations to some of Western Australia's primary civil and mining projects for a few of our strategic partners and have once again proven we are to deliver on our promise.

KEE Fuel:

If you own a car, truck, bus, boat or any piece of earthmoving equipment we can all agree and align on one issue; these fuel prices are really beginning to hurt.

We are seeing unprecedented pump prices for fuel, driven by a falling Australian dollar vs the Greenback and the highest prices we have seen for the sale of crude oil in almost half a decade as the price passes \$80 USD for a barrel of crude oil and international politics drive the supply price ever further upwards.

As we are all on this fuel pricing course together and we are all paying for the escalated prices, here at KEE Fuel we will work with you to try and come up with a solution to ease the increasing pain. We don't have a magic wand to cure the symptoms of the problem but we may be able to help mitigate some of the associated pain!





INDUSTRY NEWS

Renewed confidence in WA as billions poised to transfer our economy

WA RESOURCES PIPELINE

IRON ORE:

South Flank, BHP.....	\$4.7 billion
Koodaideri, Rio Tinto.....	\$3.5 billion
Balla Balla, Todd Corporation.....	\$3 billion

LNG:

Browse, Woodside/Shell/BP/Japan Aus LNG/Petro China	\$28 billion
Scarborough, Woodside Petroleum/BHP.....	\$15 billion
Gorgon Subsea Expansion/Co2 Project, Chevron.....	\$7.6 billion

LITHIUM:

Kemerton Lithium Hydroxide Plant, Albemarle.....	\$1 billion
Mt Holland Lithium Mine and Refinery, Kidman/SQM.....	\$800 million
Kwinana Lithium Hydroxide Plant, Tianqi.....	\$700 million

MINERAL SANDS:

Thunderbird Project, Sheffield Resources.....	\$463 million
Cataby Synthetic Rutile, Zircon and Rutile Project, Iluka.....	\$275 million

Source: *The Weekend West*

KEE Sweeping:

After one of the wettest winters in recent years, finally the sun is trying its best to come on out and kick start another contracting season. This is also the season where our sweeper operators say goodbye to the daylight, grow feathers and turn into owls for several months as Main Roads and affiliated contractors undertake a night time resurfacing program from October through to April.

Anyone who has had to work through the long night shifts knows how challenging this can be and how it affects the support network of friends and family. KEE Sweeping will be there, alongside the rest of the road construction industry, completing this mammoth task and ensuring the majority of Perth's population will be able to enjoy a maintained and free flowing road network during the daylight hours.

KEE Group understand and respect the sacrifices all these individuals make as they prepare to embark on their six month night shift challenge.

To all you nightshift workers out there - take care, stay safe and know that we all appreciate and respect what you are doing and applaud a job well done!

As the old saying goes "a dollar saved is a dollar earned". If the trend keeps heading in the same direction these dollars become more important than ever.

KEE Surfacing:

Last month, our first Rhino was let loose in Perth City. This Rhino symbolises KEE's unrelenting passion to deliver a value proposition that has no equal. The Rhino is an unmovable force that will never back down. Nor ever turn its back on its destiny to create a World Class business!

The brand new 766HP Wirtgen Profiler was put to task on Victoria Park Drive and can be hired (along with our diligent profiling team) by calling Bumpy on 0487 178352.

Alongside our profiling team, our surfacing crews have been busy working on NorthLink Two, and (between rain and showers) achieving targets of around the 50,000 tonne mark, which is no mean feat for a year's production, let alone reaching these enormous targets in one month! Well done men!

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

ROD MACGREGOR, LEAD TRUCK DRIVER



KEE'S LONGEST SERVING WARRIOR

After 32 years in the industry, Rod Macgregor is one of the most respected truck drivers in WA. He is known as the 'Asphalt Transport King' and highly regarded in the industry for helping out his colleagues at the drop of a hat. "As a low-loader driver I'm carting around millions of dollars worth of machinery every single day, so I have to be on the ball from the get-go. I tell the men and women I train that it's all about pre-planning. Knowing about your equipment and machinery and every possible obstacle along the way is crucial to a smooth delivery".

Born in Parramatta, Sydney, Rod was brought up alongside two sisters. "I was really into my sports back then, I played Rugby League and Club Footie and represented my school- I even made Champion Boy three times, for field and track". And the sporting gene has definitely rubbed off on his two youngest, with his daughter equalling Rod by winning School Champion three times and his son has been accepted at the Darling Range Sports Academy for next year. Of his childhood he said; "As a kid I can remember cutting out pictures and posters of trucks from magazines and putting them up on my bedroom walls, so there must have been something that was drawing me to driving from an early age".

In 1992 Rod started working for Boral Asphalt as a loader operator in Townsville and after three months he joined their asphalt crew. "It was a real eye-opener" he said, "I started with another bloke who had been training in the army, but these conditions were even too much for a soldier. It was in the middle of summer in the middle of Cairns and the humidity just killed us- it was unbearable".

Two years later he was transferred to Perth to work on a re-opened gold mine. "The drive over to the West was like arriving in Armageddon", he joked, "we started in Cairns, down to the Gold Coast and across to Perth, with our three small kids and all of our worldly belongings crammed in the back of a Toyota Hi-Ace van and trailer. Unfortunately for us, it was the night of The Super Storm. There were huge trees strewn all over the roads and the 120kmph wind was so strong it kept knocking my van out of gear! When we arrived the whole of Perth was in complete darkness due to the power outage and nothing was open, so we had to spend an extra night in the van. Not the best of welcomes but the kids thought it was a great adventure".

Roll on to 2004 and Rod started driving low loaders with Clayton and Damon. "We'd known Rod for a while and kept asking him to join us and eventually he cracked", said Damon, "he was one of the original crew along with our dad". Rod now drives a 600HP, FH16 Volvo with quad set up and we've estimated this highly experienced trucky has clocked up at least 1,600,000 kms during his lifetime. Clayton acknowledges that Rod is a truly dedicated KEE man, "If I ring Rod up at 2am and ask him to do a job, he'll just get on with it, no questions asked", he said, "whilst his depth of transport knowledge is vast, he doesn't put himself above others, he is a true team player". Rod lives with his wife Ruth and their two children Larissa 10 and Jackson 11. He has three older children Bill, Rikki and Jamie and eight grand children. "My favourite place to be is with my mum on the Gold Coast, we're off to see her for my birthday and I cannot wait".

This issue is in loving memory of four-legged friend Zelda

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