

# THE KEE BOARD

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF KEE GROUP



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With the election over, one thing is for certain in these unsettling times; **KEE** Group will continue to power on in 2022, excited and hungry for new opportunities. Our state is poised once again to be the backbone of the country and friends and clients of **KEE** Group are now in a position to have some margins back in their projects with **KEE** beside them to support and deliver.

Even in the face of adversity with increasing Covid cases, our management team as a whole has kept the train pumping, stepping in and stepping up by re-organising the work load with the available personnel. Special mention to the Damonator (Damon), who has been on point and giving our great clients support and options to cover all requirements.

We wish every single one of you good fortune for the start of the new business year.

**Clayton Spiers, Director**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **KEE Hire:**

The much-anticipated BELL B2806E 16,000L watercart (pictured) has finally been delivered to **KEE**! This world class articulated watercart is the first of a fleet **KEE** has on order from Hitachi Construction Machinery Australia. Director Damon Spiers designed the striking red and white wrap in homage to BELL Brothers Transport, whose family business has been a constant inspiration to **KEE**.

Designed and manufactured by BELL Equipment Global in South Africa, it is a true marvel of engineering. The watercart



## INDUSTRY NEWS

Multinational mining company Anglo American has unveiled a prototype of the world's largest hydrogen-powered mine haul truck. Launched in South Africa at the Mogalakwena PGMs mine, the 2MW hydrogen-battery hybrid truck (pictured above) is capable of carrying a 290-tonne payload. Incredibly, the hydrogen powered truck generates more power than its diesel predecessor. The prototype is part of Anglo American's nuGen Zero Emission Haulage Solution (ZEHS).

Australia's gold industry contributed \$23 billion to the economy in 2021, furthering the nation's economic prosperity. Australia has 82 operating gold projects accounting for 9 per cent of global mine production. WA has 11 of the largest gold mines in the world, making it the country's major gold producer, and accounting for almost 70 per cent of Australia's total gold production.



can currently be seen at work on the Metronet Ellenbrook Project. "This particular unit will now remain as a constant sign of respect and a reminder of those who have tread before us."

Our clients from Perth Hills Contracting were the first to test-drive one of our brand new BELL B30 dump trucks. Manager Zac Robertson said, "We were amazed at the fuel efficiency of the dump truck. It only used 100L of fuel for the whole job. No issues, nice new gear, thank you!"

April saw **KEE Hire** enter the Darwin market with some new BELL B45 dump trucks and a mix of Dynapac and Sany rollers in partnership with Hamish and the team at IRentals.

**Natalie Martin, On-Hire Manager**

### **KEE Surfacing:**

This month, **KEE Base** welcomes the return of a familiar face, Rait "I'll be back" Sagor, who has accepted the new position of Basecourse Manager. Welcome home Rait! The Base business is getting swift traction as our clients become aware of the difference in quality precision when conditioning through the pugmill.

**KEE Base** is currently working with CPB at the Pearce RAAF Base to condition and paver-lay new base course material for the runway extension and hardstand areas.

**KEE Profiling** has been fully engaged with our asphalt and spray crews on nightshift around the Perth metropolitan area. By using two x 2m profilers on the DM Roads Annual Resurfacing Project, they were able to maximise production on the Reid Hwy projects. The crews were profiling, sealing and asphaltting 3,000 – 4000m2 per shift, and reduced the program and public impacts by a whopping six shifts.

**KEE** took delivery of two Matthews Bros sprayers in March and May to add to the spray fleet, providing our crews and clients with the latest plant for their projects.

**KEE Asphalt** has had a busy season with large portions of the works being completed on nightshift.

**Anthony Lee, KEE Surfacing**





## KEE'S AWARD-WINNING TEAM

We are delighted to have been awarded the 'Systems Excellence Award' in recognition of KEE Group's quality management. The award from Global Registrar of Systems (GRS) was in recognition of the five years of ISO Certification and five years of continual improvement in quality management.

The prestigious award was given to our team by Focus Consulting ISO Auditor Said Shah, saying, "This award is presented in recognition of organisations with management systems certified by GRS that are 'best of breed'."

As part of our continual aim for improvement, KEE Group has implemented better systems to give our employees a sound structure and work-frame. It also gives our customers peace of mind that we have been audited and approved by an independent regulator.

**WONDERFUL NEWS!** Our Hire Manager Natalie Martin, who was diagnosed with cancer in May 2021, has completed all of her treatment and she is now 100 % clear. We are all incredibly happy for Natalie and her family. Thank you again for all the kind words and support from our KEE family, customers and clients.

**"Action is the  
foundational  
key to all  
success"**

— Pablo Picasso

### KEE Fuel:

KEE Fuel will supply more than 50 million litres of fuel into the WA market this year. Half of this is supplied to major infrastructure projects in and around Perth including Metronet and other projects to keep Perth moving. The other half is delivered to other regional projects and sites in the Pilbara and the Goldfields.

There are a number of exciting changes occurring in the supply of fuel into WA, allowing us to increase our capacity further. This will allow us to better service your project and develop new partnerships.

- Direct to your mine,
- Direct to your depot,
- Direct to your worksite,
- Direct to your tank, or
- Direct to your machine.

If you are thinking about exploring a career change or have a valued family member that may be interested, please feel free to contact us and discuss how to become part of the **KEE Fuel** family!

Get excited and watch this space, we are close to being able to share some massive news for **KEE Fuel**!

**David Cox, KEE GM**

### KEE Transport:

I am sure all our customers want to know when the fuel price is going to come down. Unfortunately, there is too much volatility across the world at current to even take a guess.

Traditionally, fuel costs have accounted for around 14% of our revenue. Over the last few months, this has now reached almost 30% - the reason why you have seen an increase in our rates recently. Please bear with us, as soon as the fuel prices come down to normal levels, so will our rates.

Our trucks are now travelling to more Australian cities and destinations than ever before. This quarter we have been to Darwin, South Australia and Newmont Gold on the Tanami "Track" – not bad for a WA business.

**Neil Casey, KEE NW Scheduler**

# EMPLOYEE PROFILE

SCOTT KOSTIN, KEE TRANSPORT OPERATOR



## KEE'S EVEL KNIEVEL

"Scotty is one of THE best drivers I've seen in Perth for a long time," said RJV Site Supervisor Karl Husten. "He can reverse a dolly like no one else, he is a true professional; highly-skilled, punctual, respectful and reliable." When a client is this impressed with one of our employees, it of course makes us feel exceptionally proud and this year we celebrate Scott Kostin's ten years of service to **KEE** Transport.

Scott's family moved over from NSW to Perth in 1988 after his Army Engineer dad was posted in WA from Townsville. Coming from a very fitness focussed family, Scott excelled at every sport at school, but it wasn't until he was 25 that he found his true love, motor-bikes. When he was younger all his mates were into freestyle motor-biking, and they all watched the "Crusty Demons" a group in the USA who made videos of themselves doing daredevil stunts. This inspired Scott and his pals to copy the tricks. They built ramps and jumps in the bush and soon he was hooked. One of Scott's top stunts is called "A Nothing", which is where the rider launches himself off a jump, lets go of the handlebars and pedals and 'starfishes' so not one part of his body is touching the actual motorbike.

He now competes in motocross where the jumps are about 25 metres long and he can fly as high as a house! Of course, this kind of crazy activity can lead to various gruesome injuries. For Scott, he has been knocked out cold and stretchered away from competing. He has, in separate instances, shattered his scapula, broken his ribs and de-gloved his finger. The photos of the bruising sustained in another fall can send shivers down your spine!

Yet this lean, mean, speed-demon loves it. He loves the adrenaline and the competition. Asked where his favourite place to be is, he answered without hesitation "on my motorbike". At the moment he rides a four-stroke Husqvarna FC450. He also owns a 1974 SLR Torana that his dad bought him as his first car for \$1k. Now a much sort-after vintage car, it is worth around \$100,000!

Before becoming a transport operator, Scott worked for BGC Asphalt for six years. He then moved on to driving machinery to sites and learned the ropes working for a low-loader firm. Having these two skilled professions under his belt, it was a natural transition to join **KEE** Group. When asked if he uses a sat-nav for transporting, the 45-year-old said "No need really, I helped build half of the roads we drive on in WA so it's quite easy for me to find my way around!"

Scott bought a plot of land in Martin and built his own house on it five years ago. "I still have a bit of work to do on it, but now I've at last built my man-shed I can finally move the bikes out of the spare room!" He is a life-long member of Coastal Motor-Cycle Club and Scott can be seen competing at the next Manjimup 15000, a three-day event on a world-class track on Sunday, 5 June.

Words and pictures by Katharyn Quinn