

THE KEE BOARD

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"If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done." Thomas Jefferson.

And with that this September edition of the **KEE** Board is airborne and **KEE** is certainly breaking new ground this quarter. **KEE** Hire has its new Bell 2806E articulated mini 18,000l water trucks and several new models of loaders and excavators ready to go. Surfacing is about to commission its first mobile asphalt plant. This will give us a second-to-none controlled supply chain from beginning to delivery. Finally, **KEE** Group can proudly announce the further success of our groundbreaking (ground paving) base course division. **KEE** Base, led by the steady hand of Rait Saigor, has had success on every single job so far. It takes years of trialling, training and patience to expand our service provision, so we are more than happy with this early success. We are not motivated by anything other than delivering the best. We are the original. **WE ARE KEE**

Clayton Spiers, Director

NEWS IN BRIEF

KEE Hire:

Another financial year has come and gone and **KEE** Hire continues to add value to our already extensive fleet of machines. Over the past three months, we have purchased a significant amount of new equipment to further enhance our ability to deliver to our customers.

Our **KEE** Group Northwest Command (KGNC) continues to kick goals supplying to projects not only locally in and around the Port Hedland area, but across the entire North



INDUSTRY NEWS

- Mining magnate Andrew Forrest's Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) has lodged applications to explore vast tracts of WA's south coast for critical minerals.
- Imperial College London and Hitachi have announced that they have signed an agreement to establish a joint research centre for decarbonisation and natural climate solutions. They hope their research will lead to achieving a Net Zero future.
- Remember to book your tickets to the WA Mining Expo 12-13 October. Held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, industry professionals will be able to see firsthand where technical and digital innovation meets operational excellence.

Sources: ABC, Australian Mining, Hitachi

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West. The demand in our North West is extremely high at the moment and most projects are needing the same equipment. Todd and the team in Port Hedland have done an exceptional job keeping the machines primed, ready and rolling out the gate. The projects on the horizon are huge and set to keep many busy for the next 12 months at the least.

Natalie Martin, On-Hire Manager

KEE Surfacing:

KEE Surfacing has kept busy during the winter working in the Pilbara alongside one of the major mining companies to provide some road maintenance and shoulder widening works on the access roads around the mine. Although our work in the Metro areas was impacted by the wet weather, the work in the Pilbara kept our profiling, spray seal and asphalt crews busy in what is usually a quiet time.

KEE Spray Seal has acquired two new bitumen sprayers and two bitumen trailers from Matthews Brothers to add to the expanding fleet.

Asphalt has added to the paving fleet a Vögele 1803-3 paver. The addition of this paver provides flexibility on asphalt projects.

KEE Basecourse is developing its technique with the addition of level machine control to the paving setup. This setup ensures levels are consistently achieved providing efficiencies, minimising waste and eliminating any requirement for trimming.

Anthony Lee, KEE Surfacing

KEE Transport:

Over the last three months, we have taken the opportunity to put all our transport assets through the workshop to upgrade and rebuild our truck and trailer fleets. We have done this to ensure high availability of our assets and to ensure that our clients are not impacted by older or unreliable equipment. This will enable our trucks to spend more time on the



KEE'S TOURING TRANSPORT TEAM; DELIVERING FAR AND WIDE

In the last week, we have had two trucks that have performed transport moves from:

- Perth to Paraburdoo,
- Paraburdoo to Port Hedland,
- Port Hedland to Broome,
- Broome to Darwin,
- Darwin to the Granites Gold Mine,
- Granites Gold Mine to Alice Springs,
- Alice Springs to Adelaide,
- Adelaide to Perth

Nice work everyone!

**"Integrity is doing
the right thing
even when no
one is watching."**

— C.S. Lewis

road and less time in the workshop. As a result, our customers get better service and ultimately better rates. We have already seen the benefits of this work, with several new customers engaging **KEE Transport** to move equipment to new and exciting sites.

We are very proud of the team of drivers we have here at **KEE**. They continue to put our customers first and nothing is ever too much for them. Fortunately, the further they travel, the more of this great country they get to see and experience.

David Cox, KEE General Manager

KEE Fuel:

"Happy Birthday to us!" As we have just turned six years old, we thought we should get a few presents for ourselves to share with our loyal partners.

1) Our fourth Tieman Pink Pig is in build, due for delivery in a few months. Not only will this give us complete coverage for the Perth metro region, but the new piglet will also give greater capacity to service sites when they want and need their fuel. This in turn will create a solution to what we all need; more time to do what we need to do without interruptions.

2) We welcome Mr. Adam Panetta into the business to look after operations. One of nature's gentlemen and right up there with one of the nicest blokes you would ever expect to meet. Adam comes from one of Australia's biggest hydrocarbon transport operations. With almost 30 years of experience in the industry (not bad for someone in their "mid" 40s!), I'm sure Adam will prove to be a valuable asset to everyone who will be lucky enough to deal with him, he is a great gift for the team.

Lastly, as much as I want to avoid talking about fuel prices, just a reminder to everyone with a bulk tank. It would be a prudent move to ensure your tanks are full by September 28th, before the full federal excise returns.

Leigh Hayward, KEE Fuel Manager

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

MICHAEL MIDDLETON, KEE PAVER OPERATOR



KEE'S SWISS-ARMY KNIFE

"Mike is like a Swiss-army knife," said our Surfacing Manager, Bumpy Samuel. "If we need something done he has the skills and mindset to get on and do it. He adapts and diversifies according to the job. He can jump on to any machine to get the project finished. He is a great asset to any crew."

Michael Middleton is our top paver operator, and after being in the industry for 15 years, he can turn his hand to most machines. First thing in the morning, Michael will set the paver up, then mark up the job and make sure everything is working. "I'm very fortunate to be working with such a competent asphalt crew," he said. "Everyone is very capable and knows their job inside and out, which makes life easier. The task is almost automatic for us, we get on with each other and we get on with the task at hand."

He grew up in a village on the outskirts of Edinburgh. "Life was hard growing up," said the 51-year-old six-foot-one Scotsman. "The family did not have money and unfortunately for my mum, I was rarely out of trouble," he grinned. At school, however, he excelled at woodwork and he was hoping to become a joiner, but as the pay for an apprentice was not enough to live on he had to look elsewhere. He was inspired by his uncle, who had his own loader business and after going on a few trips with him, his career path was steered into the truck driving industry, which then led him into surfacing.

Michael moved to Perth in 2007. "I first thought about moving to Australia when my sister had moved over to WA and we travelled to see her in for a holiday. Just the vastness and the wide open spaces drew me to want to live in Perth," he said. "The good weather is also a big advantage and I felt the kids would thrive over here."

Michael's top tip on life; "If you want to do something just do it... don't hold back."

On his days off, he likes to go on walks with his family and their two Golden Retrievers and for a good holiday, he says you can't beat the beauty and quiet of the Scottish Highlands.

Michael has been married to Suzanne for 26 years. Suzanne is a teacher at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School and they have two children Sean (26) and Kirsty (22).