

We hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy and truckin' on in this cooler weather. Each season we like to send an update to stay in touch & to share farm, depot & industry news.

## **MORRIS TRANSPORT WINS at the COLAC TRUCK & UTE SHOW 2023!**



On the 1<sup>st</sup> April, Morris Transport entered 7 trucks into the Colac Truck & Ute Show.

All our drivers and mechanics worked through the night to get the trucks looking shiny and show ready.

A fantastic day was had by all and that hard work paid off as our 604 won the Competitors Choice – Truck Award 2023.

We look forward to participating in 2024, seeing you there!



Will accepting Competitors Choice – Truck - Award 2023

## NEWEST TEAM MEMBER UPDATE ...



**Here's Travis!** We introduced Trav last newsletter as our Yard Hand that came in after school to help at the depot.

Since then, Trav has become Morris Transport's first Apprentice Heavy Diesel Mechanic! We couldn't be happier for him. Trav has a such a great work ethic, enthusiasm and willingness to learn – we're lucky to have him.

Welcome aboard, Trav!

## OPPORTUNITY – Weekend Livestock Trailer Washer

If you're a keen young person who loves trucks and getting dirty, please call out to the depot with your parent for a chat.

We are looking for a strong and enthusiastic person for a Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday to wash out the inside of our livestock trailers.



## **BUMPY ROADS, OVERHANGING TREES or MISSING SIGNAGE? REPORT THEM.**

As a business we strive to reduce the risk of damaging our client's fences, livestock and valuable equipment. That includes the driver's vehicle that's often their home away from home! If you notice that the entrance to your property (that you are not responsible for) has any potholes, overhanging branches or obstructions please contact your local road authority or council.

If you notice a problem – either call or email – and safe driving.

**Colac Otway Shire** – 03 5232 9400 – [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au)

**Corangamite Shire** - 03 5593 7100 - [shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au)

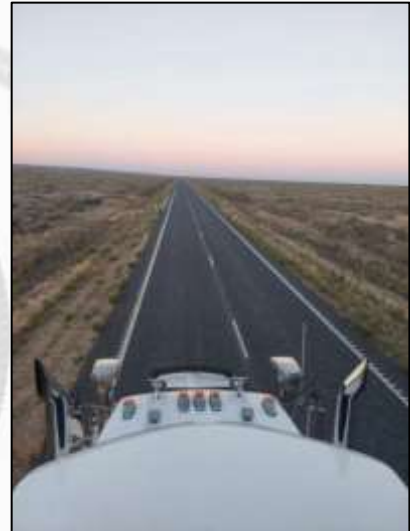
**VicRoads** - 13 11 70 - email via online customer service portal



## HEADING ACROSS THE NULLABOR AGAIN

During April/May our drivers, Al, Will, Steve and Trent made the trek across the Nullabor to pick up lambs in WA to bring them back east. Al was fortunate to drive a road train.

Along the way the boys have shared some photos with us.









Al's road train at Australia's longest straight road – The 90 Mile Straight.

## DON'T GET DISTRACTED – NEW VICTORIAN ROAD RULES

As at 31 March 2023, new laws were introduced in Victoria to prevent all drivers from being distracted while driving. All devices must be mounted, but **DO NOT** – enter text, numbers or symbols – scroll – play videos or games – display text messages, social media, pics or emails.

**Drivers caught driving distracted will receive penalties of 4 demerit points and a \$555 fine.**

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Restrictions on how you use devices while driving will apply	Keep portable devices mounted, not on your lap	No scrolling or entering numbers or text on any device	Restrictions on touching any device	No phone calls or voice control permitted	Set up navigation and audio entertainment before you start your journey

(Image. Dept of Transport & Planning, Victoria State Government 2023) – Road Rules

## 2023 WAGGA GOLD CUP & BYRNE TRAILERS TOUR

Peter and Murphy were very pleased to attend the 2023 Wagga Gold Cup as guests of Byrne Trailers. The social aspect amongst like-minded business figures from the livestock transport industry was very rewarding. They were also fortunate to be taken on a guided tour of Byrne Trailers to view the newest set of Morris Transport stainless steel sheep crates.



### BRISBANE TRUCK SHOW 2023

During May, Peter attended the Brisbane Truck Show 2023 to view discuss and learn from industry leaders. Peter is interested in the innovations and practicalities of heavy vehicle automotive technology.