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THE SCT EXPRESS

In reflection on the history of this broadcast, we note our first issue was released back in 2009 by none other than Raelene McKinnon. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Roger Cole, who has assisted us with our newsletter publication from the very start. Thank you, Roger.

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Unreasonable East 200mile Race

By Ben Bailey



On Tuesday, 21st of June, I joined a group of 45 runners on a 325km running/hiking /adventure race through the Blue Mountains. This was over challenging terrain of over 10,000 metres of ascent/descent, battling freezing conditions, with average nightly temps below zero. We pushed through moving all day, only stopping every 15–20kms, with a total of 4 hours of sleep in 4 days, most of which was on the ground (dirt nap) with no cover and shivering.



I completed the race in 102 hours (over four days) with my Irish buddy, Paul, by my side the whole way. My wife, brother, and daughter were the support crew, managing my blistering feet and cranky attitude while keeping me fed 24 hours a day. While it was the hardest thing I've ever done, I loved every minute and will do another, hopefully in WA next year.

The Experience

Best Bits:- meeting amazing new people, the Epic scenery, the sun rise each day (and some warmth), seeing crew at checkpoints, bacon and egg burritos, that feeling at the finish.

Worst Bits:- feet covered in blisters, knee pain for 3 days, how cold it was from 4am to 7am, usually -2 degrees.

Scariest Bit:- Crossing a dodgy swing bridge in the middle of the night twice. I thought I was going to die, 60 metres in the air across a raging river and 150 metres long.



Wildlife encounter:- Nil snakes (too cold), a wombat, some cows that wouldn't move off track and a few possums

Lessons learnt:- No matter what, keep moving forward. When it really sucks, eat something, sleep for 20 mins, don't give up and get moving again.

Finish rate:- 40% of people quit due to injury or conditions





Women in transport dinner

We all know that diversity is not only an integral part of sustainability but also part of the recipe in creating success for organisations. National Women in Transport is an initiative aiming to increase the presence and support of women in the transport industry. As more women enter the sector and our organisation, we make it a point to recognise their excellence and contributions.

SCT in attendance

The Inaugural Women in transport dinner hosted by the ARA does just that by celebrating high-achieving women in the transport and logistics sectors. A large group of SCT's finest attended Rooty Hill, NSW, recently, and a great night was had by all. SCT is blessed to have so many remarkable women leading the way.



By Ben Bailey

Sugar season is upon us

The NSW sugarcane season is well underway after a challenging flood recovery effort. Well done to everyone involved in the preparation of another season.

The only 100% Australian grown and owned raw, refined sugar manufacturer comprised of 500 cane farming families. The history and heritage that starts from producing it to hauling it are evident in the passion of our people who make it happen. With that, there is some exciting news to share. We have extraordinary ladies joining and returning to the SCT family. We welcome Skye and Natasha for their first season with us, with Skye as part of our haulage team and Natasha as our new Fleet Support Officer. Margaret returns for another season as part of our haulage team. Skye Duce, Natasha Hoyer, and Margaret Stewart are pictured from left to right.



By Wendy Keel

BlueScope

By Beverley Pengelly

Delivery Teams

We have just headed into a new period with increased volumes and services for BlueScope, thus reinforcing the development and commitment to the ongoing relationship. Great work by the SCT team, who have worked tirelessly with a very committed BlueScope.



SCT welcomed BlueScope Steel as a major customer well before the contract commenced on January 1st, 2022. From the dedicated transition and implementation team to the team we have today, the relationship is going from strength to strength.

SCT is proud of the efforts the SCT Business Technology team has put into developing the interfaces to synchronise real-time product tracking.

BlueScope Australian Steel Products are an integrated Iron and Steel manufacturer producing and supplying steel products to the domestic building, manufacturing, and pipe & tube markets. BlueScope product transits from Port Kembla (NSW) and Western Port (VIC) via Qube Rail, with consolidation at the North Dynon Rail Terminal in West Melbourne for onforwarding by SCT from Victoria to South Australia and Western Australia. SCT moves BlueScope Steel products including Coils, Plates, and Beam. Six months into a long-term contract, we have had the opportunity to fast-track our knowledge, develop new processes and collectively work on new solutions. The contract commencement has not been without its challenges; we have had rail outages due to floods and several other network disruptions, which have forced us to pivot from standard processes and provide solutions lead by the dynamic SCT Rail and Service.



By Beverley Pengelly

New Altona Facility official opening



VECCI

SCT and The Victorian Chamber of Commerce (VECCI) formed a relationship through Mark Stone, past VECCI Chief Executive, now the current SCT Chairman. The connection has been both beneficial and a good fit with SCT. It was only fitting that VECCI be part of the site's official opening. In celebration of the occasion and mutual relationship, Paul Guerra, Victorian Chamber Chief Executive, was in attendance as a speaker to unveil the site commemorative plaque bearing his name.



The Event

The event took place on 4 August 2022 with guests, including the SCT Group Board and valued customers. Meticulously planned and executed by Kim Edwards, it began with a welcome of guests by MC, SCT Sales Director Pat Kerin, followed by speeches.

The key speakers were our SCT Group Chairman Mark Stone, CEO of Victorian Chamber of Commerce Paul Guerra, CEO of ARTC Mark Campbell, and SCT GROUP Managing Director Geoff Smith, culminating in the official opening by Paul Guerra, Mark Campbell, and Geoff Smith. At the end of the program, customers received a tour of our overall site, including the new facilities. A film crew from Victoria Chamber of Commerce interviewed Geoff Smith, and our talented in-house photographer SCT employee Michael Hollis captured moments with all our guests. The event was a resounding success that gave the new facility a worthy unveiling.



Doing our part

By Ben Bailey

Giving back

Corporate Citizenship is the recognition that organisations are responsible for the positive impact on the environments and communities in which they operate. We exist because of and for the people in and outside our organisations. As a family-owned business, we take pride in our employees who actively give back during and outside office hours.

There are approximately 60,000 registered charities and a host of national and international days of observance every year. Our people are constantly raising their hands and taking time out of their lives to either participate or contribute. Prime example is Convoy for Kids.



SCT taking part

Driving a truck day in and day out is no easy feat. Our drivers spend hours on the road moving our customers' products around the country. Tough jobs make for tough people, so one would easily assume that it equates to having equally tough hearts. On the contrary, our drivers have some of the biggest hearts on the road.

Convoy for Kids is an event where truck drivers and other passionate people gather to raise funds for special kids with life-threatening diseases and disabilities. They receive no government funding but instead rely on the kindness of companies and the public to make a difference. Our very own Andrew Toth, Muhammad Fayaz, and Lamin Fofana took part in the Convoy for kids back in March, flying the flag for SCT and proving that we can all take time out of our busy schedules to give back to the community.



Doing Our Part

Jersey Day Let's start the conversation

In 2015 the Gremmo family chose to save the lives of six people through organ and tissue donation after their thirteen-year-old Nathan was critically injured in an accident. The recipients were five young adults and a baby. Nathan's gift inspired Jersey Day, which was established to encourage the conversation about the importance of becoming an organ or tissue donor. The drive doesn't require fundraising but rather people to at least talk about it with family and friends in the hopes of getting as many as possible to join the Australian Organ Donor Registry. With around 1,850 Australians currently on waiting lists for transplants, wearing your favourite sports jersey to work is the first step in reducing those numbers just by the spark of a conversation.

Our employees honoured this day on 2 September through different initiatives, from having morning teas to bringing snacks for the office. Pictured are our Parkes, Sydney and Altona Intermodal teams who brought out their colours.

