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THE SCT EXPRESS

This edition marks the last issue for the first half of the year. Time has flown, and as we step into the second half, we feature notable SCT stories that deserve a look back on. In our people pages, we recognise years of service and excellence in performance. We have our first customer showcase for the year and have some news on the latest additions to the Sugar business. This issue's cover image is courtesy of our very own Harry Bekkaya, Live Run Manager in Altona.

Remember to share your news or any pictures with us. Send all updates to Sarah.Segwati@sctlogistics.com.au

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Bill Cooper Retirement

In the first week of June, staff members gathered in Melbourne to honour Bill in a warm farewell. After 36 years of dedicated service, Bill Cooper was retiring, and it was essential to show our appreciation for what he has added to the business and the lives of his colleagues. Speeches were delivered by Glenn Smith, CEO; Michael Hilder, Victoria State Manager; Ashley Haining, Transport Manager and Mena Govalan, P&C Business Partner Victoria. Among the mementos presented to Bill was a model SCT locomotive with an honorary plaque gifted by Geoff Smith, MD.



Michael Hilder : Victoria State Manager

Michael recalls how Bill was one of the first team members he met and someone who made him feel very welcome when he joined SCT.

He says that a lasting impression Bill leaves with anyone at work is that of a dedicated employee. An interaction that stands out for him is when Bill took time out of his day not long after he started to walk him through the complexities of an account. Bill shared insight into how he managed the workload and delivered customer satisfaction despite many hurdles. "I remember thinking when I left that discussion, just how committed he was to get the customer what they needed when they needed it. He gave a sense of really being the customer's champion which I was very impressed with."

"He will be sorely missed in our Melbourne team, but we wish him all the very best in his retirement and hope he has many years of enjoying some downtime."



Years of Service

We celebrated more staff who have marked significant milestones with SCT.

10 Years

Katy Jackson
Noel Gough
Emosi Gosche
Philip Youten
Cody Griffin
Glen O'Brien
Darrien Newman
Robert Groth
Sonia Holmes

10 Years

Mark Lindley
Vincent Mcilwrick
Morgan Foot
Kristy Wood
Scott Jones
Stacy Schnoor
Colin Ball
Adrian Sherlock
Hamish Tovey

15 Years

Patrick Kerin
Derek Meertens
Francesco Di Pardo
Mervyn Merridan
Michael Coleman

20 Years

Noel Beam
Alan Morton
Lindsay Campbell
David Atkins
William Faulkner

Sonia Holmes _ 10 Years



SCT Motorsport Indigenous Livery



We were proud to be one of the brands highlighted on the four Brad Jones Racing (BJR) Chevrolet Camaros for the Indigenous Round of the V8 Supercars in Darwin from 16–18 June. The cars were wrapped in artwork created by Goomeroi/Kamilaroi woman Elenore Binge and titled "Journey." The piece was a visual story of the land on which the Australian Rail Track Corporation operates, commissioned as part of its Reconciliation Action Plan 2021.

BJR decided to keep their Chevrolet Camaros wrapped in Indigenous art, this time for the 7–9 July Townsville 500 and later in the sixth Repco Supercars Championship round in Queensland's North. BJR believes that their wrapped Camaros are "stunning representatives of First Nation's culture and their rich history in the Indigenous Round."

Before the team left for Darwin, they opened their doors for a visit from the artists who created the pieces for Townsville 500 to meet the team and talk about their inspiration and process behind the work. Not only was the opportunity to meet the artists special for the drivers, but it was equally meaningful for the artists who could see the finished product.



Australian Grain Export

Matt Eryurek

According to Grain Growers, a body representing Australian grain farmers working to build a profitable and sustainable grain industry, the industry accounts for 6% of Australian employment, with grain constituting approximately 22% of the country's agriculture's gross production value. They believe that the sector's performance can play an essential role in driving continued economic growth on the path to COVID-19 recovery.

Our part as a logistics partner in the commodities' movement between inland and port through our rail network is, therefore, something to appreciate. It has also created invaluable relationships with the likes of Australian Grain Export (AGE).



AGE buys and sells various commodities from growers in South Australia, Victoria, NSW, Queensland, and WA while exporting these to numerous destinations worldwide. Dealing with commodities from red lentils, chickpeas, wheat, barley, and oats.

Australian Grain Export demonstrates the importance they place on its relationship with its growers and sets them up for success by providing automatic pricing options to keep them informed about the best times to sell their product. Its Rupanyup site is a 3.5hr drive from Melbourne. Its storage, cleaning, grading, and bagging capabilities have allowed them to pack volumes of 20ft shipping containers to be delivered to the Port of Melbourne with destinations such as India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Japan, Egypt, UAE, and Gulf states.

Sudath Pathirana & Sarah Pathirana

Husband and wife, Sudath and Sarah Pathirana moved to Rupanyup in 2013. The business was operating as Wimmera Grain Company and owned by David Matthews while transitioning to the new ownership of Australian Grain Export when Sudath joined. By 2018, Sarah Pathirana came on board. Sarah's previous job had her travelling for many years, so when an opportunity presented to enter AGE, it made sense to take it up because of the ability to be close to home.

Working well together is easy for them because of their shared work ethic and drive to make the business thrive. They believe that relationships with teams create a competitive edge. "If you all have that same passion and drive to make the business thrive, that is what makes it work." – Sarah Pathirana.



Watching the site grow and create jobs each year motivates Sudath and Sarah to challenge themselves to continually do better for the future. Not only is the contribution of this industry to our economy something to be proud of as a freight logistics provider, but the story of the people behind the Rupanyup Site inspires us as a family-owned organisation.

New prime movers for Sugar

Michael Sommers

In true SCT form, we continue to find ways to stay on the right track in delivering to our customers. The latest development comes just as we have kicked off the 2023 cane season at the 3 Sunshine Sugar mills. A recently imposed load limit on a bridge in the Broadwater needed a solution for extra haulage capacity that would feed the sugar mill without interruptions. We have received delivery of two new Freightliners for the raw sugar haulage operation, "They come standard with all the safety features we need, are very comfortable to drive, and have excellent fuel consumption."- Grant Corson, NSW Sugar Manager. This meets the need for extra haulage capacity and will undoubtedly improve the driver experience in their long-day shuttles during the June-December season.



We were able to react quickly to our client, Sunshine Sugar's additional capacity needs, to the credit of our supplier, Murwillumbah Truck Centre, who accomplished a turnaround time that is rare in the current truck supply market.

