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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DESK BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES



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As Mawsons celebrates another family day together, I would encourage all of us to continue to build strong families. Strong families that share positive values create a great training and equipping environment for both children and their parents. A very effective model for training can be learned from our tradesmen where an apprentice will work alongside a skilled craftsman learning a trade. The model goes something like this.

I do it. I do it and you watch. You do it and I watch. You do it.

This training is not undertaken in a one day course but takes many years to prepare a skilled craftsman.

In the same manner children learn very quickly from their adult models in the home, whether it is good or bad. It is quite understandable how the habits of one generation are transferred to the next generation in the home.

I once heard someone joke that home is the place where family members go when they are tired of being nice to people. Unfortunately some homes seem to work that way.

A plant manager spends his day treating his customers with kindness in order to build the business, but he's rude to his wife when he comes home. Or a doctor spends the day being caring and compassionate with her patients, but comes home exhausted and blows up at her children.

To build a strong family, you have to make your home a supportive environment. Psychologist William Jones said, "In every person from the cradle to the grave, there is a deep craving to be appreciated."

Feeling appreciated brings out the best in people. And when that appreciation comes in the home and is coupled with acceptance, love and encouragement, the bonds between family members

grow and the family becomes a safe haven for everyone.

Mawsons would like to congratulate four members of staff that are being inducted into the 25 year club for their efforts in contributing to making Mawsons a great company to work and deal with.

Merv Taylor is the fifth member of the Taylor family to be ushered into the Mawsons 25 Year Club. After commencing his work at Lake Boga quarry as a plant operator, Merv transferred to the Swan Hill Concrete Plant where he managed for several years before taking up his current position as Deniliquin Concrete Plant manager as well as being the concrete truck allocator for the group.

Colin Smith spent most of his working career at Mawsons as the manager of the Wangaratta Concrete Plant and now holds an important role as sales coordinator for the North East.

Mario Pigatto commenced with Mawsons when we bought Supermix concrete in Shepparton in 1989. He has remained on staff since that time undertaking various roles in the concrete division and is currently engaged as a coordinator of Mawsons concrete technical support.

With concrete and quarry products running in his blood, which he inherited from his father John, Wayne O'Brien started driving both concrete and quarry delivery trucks from the Cohuna plant. When Mawsons decided to engage concrete delivery owner drivers, Wayne accepted the challenge of owning his own truck and was appointed to a position at the Cohuna Concrete Plant. He is now based in Echuca as one of Mawsons owner drivers.

Alan Wilkins

SHOW AND TELL

The prep and grade one classes at St. Luke's Primary School in Shepparton have had their parents come into school recently to explain what they do at work. Two parents usually arrive one afternoon, to give the other children a greater appreciation of what their parents do whilst they are at school.

On a recent school day, the children were treated to a talk from Adam Pigatto's dad, Ivan. Ivan spoke to the classes about what he does at work, and passed around samples of sand, crushed rock, and cement. Ivan described making concrete as just like 'baking a cake'. The class teacher Mrs Melanie Ford

then prompted several of the students to ask questions, which Ivan did a magnificent job of answering at a level appropriate to the age group!

The children then walked outside to see one of the 'cake mixers' that Ivan had arrived in. The children were fascinated by the truck and asked lots more questions when Ivan turned the agitator on.

Afterwards the children all received a Mawsons Showbag, with a pencil, magnet, and a key ring. It was a tremendously worthwhile exercise which will hopefully be repeated in the future.

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CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

Mawsons recently conducted a series of seminars on new Chain of Responsibility legislation. The seminars were held throughout the Mawsons group, with Wangaratta, Shepparton, Echuca, Kerang, and Swan Hill hosting the forums. The laws aim to give greater scope to Vic Roads and Police to prosecute those responsible when laws are broken and/or accidents occur.

Principally organised by Phil Ryan, these seminars were not just open to Mawsons employees, but to the wider community as well. Many of our customers turned out for these events, as well as representatives from local government. The evenings were run by John Welsh, who has over 34 years experience with Victoria Police and Vic Roads as an enforcement officer, as well as holding various roles with the National Transport Commission.

John gave an overview of the new legislation to begin with, then launched into a simulated role play which brought the legislation to life. At the Shepparton seminar, the various roles in the simulation were played by Charlie Walsh, Ross Salter, Phil Ryan, Jim McInerney, and Pete Michell from Vic Roads in Benalla. Pete's knowledge of the legislation was highly beneficial and he gave some terrific insights into the practical nature of the new laws.

The evenings were a terrific success as well as a tremendous learning experience. John Welsh mentioned that Mawsons area leading the industry with forums such as these, and was particularly impressed that many people outside the Mawsons community attended. All Mawsons employees who were part of these forums certainly now have a greater understanding of the Chain of Responsibility.



FIRE TRAINING

After a recent fire drill in the Cohuna Office, it became known that training with fire extinguishers was a need for many of the administration staff. Ros Dwyer organised Tom Waterson from the CFA to do a sessions with both the Workshop and Administration, who all now know how to operate the fire extinguishers competently. If any other sites would like this invaluable training, please contact **Colleen on 0438 562 409.**



FOOTY TIPPING

Peter McMullan from Lake Boga has taken out this year's Footy Tipping competition with 121 winners. Sheryl Sutherland was runner up on 119, with Rowan Dobie finishing third on 117. Peter received \$300 for his efforts, while Sheryl picked up \$200 and Rowan \$100. Mawsons tipsters are just like the newspaper ones, with no one picking the underrated Kangaroos to finish fourth.

Tipping will commence again in 2008 and is a great way to stay in touch with fellow colleagues across the company. Stay tuned to early editions of Mawse Code next year for more details.

Congratulations to Peter, Sheryl, and Rowan!

Bruce Clymo has been busy travelling on recent holidays. Here are some pictures from his adventures!



Engagement news at Yabba

Rob Wren & his girlfriend, **Katie Mitchell** are engaged.

Rob and Katie will celebrate their wedding day on the 30th of December this year

Congratulations!!

WAYNE'S BIG BROTHER EXPERIENCE

Zach applied unsuccessfully for the 2006 show however he reapplied for the 2007 show and went through a series of interviews, background checks, and photo shoots. The show has approximately 50,000 applications each year and Zach got into the final stages before entering the house. The Big Brother people made their choices, allocating Zach an "Intruder" status which he wasn't particularly interested in. However they contacted him about four weeks into the show and wanted him to go into the house as an intruder. Zach's thought was "why not, you only live once!"

Everything happened extremely quickly. Zach rang us on a Tuesday in mid June to tell us this and he was gone on the Wednesday prior to his entrance into the "house" on the Sunday night. Zach only thought he would be in for 2 weeks as intruders usually only lasted for this period.

The telephone started ringing from people who went to school with Zach, with relatives and friends from across the Echuca/Moama region and beyond ringing to wish Zach the best. We were also contacted by various media organisations.

Channel 10 contacted us one night indicating for us to watch that particular night which was my birthday. Zach made a tribute to me as he had missed my birthday for the first time ever. The following week the same thing happened as it was Donna's birthday which was particularly hard as Zach and Donna are very close.

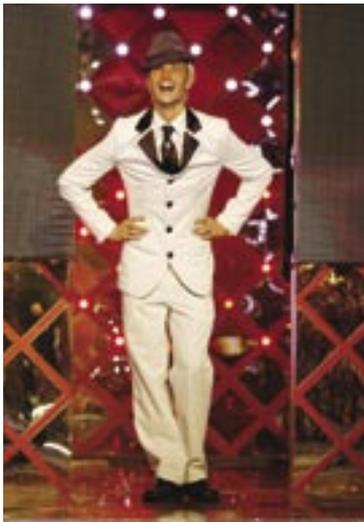
After surviving eviction a number of times, Zach made it into the final week of the show. We were overwhelmed with all the attention and support we received. Radio interviews, telephone calls, and people stopping us in the street with gifts and cards was a surreal experience.

Channel 10 contacted us again for the final week of the show as Zach had made it into the last week which was extraordinary for him being an intruder. They arranged for us to fly up again for the final show/s and took care of our accommodation as well.

During this final week Donna did a live interview with Kyle Sandilands and Jackie 'O' on Sydney radio. We also had Channel 10 visit our home and do an interview for the final show.

We again travelled up to Queensland for the final weekend and experienced the 'rock star treatment', which was totally overwhelming. We were met again at the airport by the Channel 10 people and taken to the 5 star resort and travelled together on a private bus with tinted windows to the Dreamworld complex.

I was interviewed on stage during the Sunday night telecast with the fathers of the remaining housemates which was totally unrehearsed and very nerve wracking! Zach survived the eviction which meant both himself and Aleisha were the final two housemates. The audience erupted and the place went ballistic! Donna and I had to be escorted out but still had many people taking photos and wishing us all the best for Zach.



The Caledonian Hotel in Echuca ran a final eviction night on the Sunday night with a large screen in the lounge, signs and voting donations with a crew of their staff placing votes on Zach's behalf. From accounts they had a large turnout and had a follow up night on the Monday with over 200 people attending, including the Riverine Herald.

The final day, Monday, started with phone calls from various media outlets. After breakfast we went for a stroll along the beach and went back to the resort as we were recognised again.

The waitress at lunch recognised us and put us in a section by ourselves. After lunch we headed back to the resort but were interrupted again by people and the phone started ringing again!



Channel 10 arranged for a limo to take us back to Dreamworld again, escorted by bodyguards again! During this whole process we could watch the house situation as it was monitored 24 hours, 7 days and never left idle. We were all made up again and miked up for another live stage interview. Our mobile phones were constantly ringing and actually ran flat.

The show was 'stretched' by the network deciding to take the parents into the house to meet our children which was totally unrehearsed as both Zach and Aleisha were separated for the experience. For people to have spent so much time in these confined spaces with no outside world contact such as TV, Radio, time or people contact is something that we take for granted.

With over 800,000 votes cast, the final outcome was a mere 64 votes with Aleisha winning the \$450,000 first prize. Zach was very gracious to Aleisha which we are very proud of. However Zach was already a winner to us and he took away a new car, two new age mobile phones, and an overseas trip for two people to anywhere in 18 different countries as well as \$20,000 in cash.



After the show finally we all met up and were escorted out by bodyguards again to an awaiting limo which took us to a lush after show party. We were treated like rock stars with photos, meeting TV Network executives, TV celebrities and many other people who we can't remember. We were taken back to the resort and rolled into bed at about 2.00am. What a night!

The next morning the phone started ringing at 6.30am and I did a live radio interview for the ABC. Then another phone call from the Riverine Herald newspaper that ran a full front and second page colour article on the nights' events.

When we got home the answering machine was loaded, there were letters everywhere and the phone didn't stop ringing for days. To all the Mawsons people, thank you for all the kind words, best wishes and thoughts. It is greatly appreciated and the whole experience has been surreal and 'once in a lifetime'.

Wayne, Donna, & Zach Douglas.

MAWSONS COMPANY SAFETY AWARDS

All sites are encouraged to discuss workplace hazards, risks and incidents at their site health and safety meeting. When discussing ideas and solutions to issues in the workplace it is always good to refer back to the hierarchy of control. The hierarchy of control provides you with guidance on what you should be aiming towards when deciding on and implementing control measures.

Hierarchy of Control:-

- Elimination (can the hazard be eliminated);
- Substitution (can the hazard be substituted with something less hazardous);
- Engineering controls (can the hazard be engineered out);
- Isolation (can you isolate the worker from the hazard);
- Administrative controls (can you implement procedures to deal with the hazard);
- Personal protective equipment (can you issue PPE to protect from the hazard).



One or more control measures in the hierarchy of control can be used.

NOMINATION 1 – J/TRACK

Modifications to the J Track feeder bin/hopper to eliminate ('engineer out') a hazard. The old feeder bin walls were hinged, which were required to be folded down for transport and then lifted and pinned into position prior to recommencing crushing. The hinged system has been removed and replaced with a rigid feeder bin wall unit, which is entirely removed when the J Track is relocated and subsequently lifted back into position prior to recommencing crushing. The change reduces 'working at height and 'crushing/entrapment' risks associated with folding up and down the old bin walls.



Employees involved:-

- Chris Mountjoy
- Paul Bell
- Ray Crellin
- Trevor Dennis
- Jarrod Hall

NOMINATION 2 – WAYNE DOUGLAS

Wayne contributed to health and safety as follows:-

- Undertaking various OH&S activities in the absence of the OH&S Manager (whilst on maternity leave) whilst still fulfilling his normal duties, including:-
Secretary of the Senior OH&S Committee,
Chairman & secretary for Quarry Site OH&S Meetings (he has since retained this activity),
Generally assisting and providing advice and direction to Site Managers in Colleen's absence.
- Undertaking Hazard and Risk Assessments associated with the establishment of plant and equipment and in response to surveillance or audit reports by FRH and/or VicRoads,
Assisting with the establishment of site specific procedures for the mobile crushing team on the FRH Project,
Generally supporting and providing OH&S guidance to the Mobile Crushing Team on the FRH Project,
Interacting with FRH OH&S Management Representatives, including assisting with closing out audits,
Co-ordination of minimal training / certification requirements to enable personnel to work on the FRH project (red card),
Providing additional support in the absence of Colleen and Paul Bell (back surgery), examples include arranging the provision of PPE equipment, etc, co-ordinating incident reports, and co-ordinating team OH&S meetings (even with egg & bacon breakfast cooked by Wayne !)
- Wayne's involvement with the FRH Project demonstrated commitment to comply and utilise Mawsons OH&S Management Policies and Procedures and to demonstrate, interact with and comply with OH&S best practice standards required by FRH/VicRoads and Mawsons Policies. Wayne's involvement on the Calder Project further enhanced Mawsons working relationship with FRH and in particular their OH&S Management Section.
- Wayne's involvement on-site was also much appreciated by Mawsons site personnel, where Wayne facilitated the resolution of numerous issues. He consulted Mawsons management, operators and FRH representatives, proficiently completing risk assessment and correspondence, advising how OH&S issues/problems could be simply/easily solved, whilst encouraging OH&S compliance by Mawsons operators.
- Whilst Wayne completed a number of Risk Assessments, he effectively demonstrated to and encouraged operators to complete assessments themselves (which subsequently occurred on number of occasions).
- Wayne's OH&S contribution to the mobile crew was also very much appreciated by management, in the absence of Colleen and Paul.



NOMINATION 3 – COBRAM CONCRETE PLANT

- **Description of the hazard.**

Manual handling hazard – Operator required to sustain an awkward work posture when unloading 45 slump concrete from chute using a scrapper.

- **How the hazard was identified?**

An incident was recorded – operated suffered muscular skeletal injury.

- **A description of the solution.**

Step at back of agitator truck implemented to act as a work platform to improve working posture.

- **What consultation processes were used to develop the solution?**

The site personnel, designated work group health and safety representative and mechanical workshop staff were all consulted and involved in the solution.

- **How effective was the solution to the identified hazard?**

Operator pleased with results. Working posture has been improved and no further injuries have been reported.

- **How well did the solution impact on the overall operations of the business?**

The employee has returned to work and has not had a re-occurrence of the injury.

- **How much potential is there for the solution to have broader application across industry?**

Solution was trialled at Cobram Concrete Plant and as a result provision has been made to implement this solution at any Mawsons concrete plant as requested.



MAWSONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

What are we doing for the environment?

High on the list of our corporate objectives is to care for the environment. Our customers expect us to be aware of issues like greenhouse gases and global warming, water resources and the development of alternative fuels and renewable energy. We have our environmental policy in place and procedures to follow.

What is our track record in this area and how can we improve?

Granitgard: - was developed in conjunction with the CSIRO to utilise a waste product and provide an environmentally friendly solution to termite protection for new buildings. Granitgard is produced at our Pyramid Quarry and sold throughout Australia to Granitgard Pty Ltd.

Recycled Oil and Paper: - Oil used in our machinery is collected during servicing of vehicles, stored in a protected area then sold for reuse. Used paper, cardboard, and phone books are recycled and confidential information shredded prior to being collected for recycling. We recycle printer and computer consumables. Lunchroom waste is also disposed of appropriately.

Water: - We are carting water from our natural catchment within our quarry to our Bendigo Concrete Plant to provide water for truck washing. Water at all our concrete plants is recycled on site into our concrete mixes to ensure no waste water enters the environment. At Lake Boga Quarry we are planning to introduce a means of harvesting salt from saline groundwater, by entering into a co-operative development agreement with an operator in the salt industry.

Tree Planting: - is an ongoing program. At our Lake Cooper Quarry, tree buffers offer a visual screen, noise attenuation and a reduction in airborne dust.

Buffer Zones: - At our concrete plants in Bendigo and Swan Hill we have recently taken steps to further reduce any noise or dust nuisance to our neighbours by installing physical barriers.

New Plant Efficiencies: - Our new Komatsu 480 loaders are much more fuel efficient than the machines they replaced. This had the dual benefit for the environment and reduced costs.

Partnering with Companies Responsible for the Environment: - Blue Circle Southern Cement are minimising their impact on the environment.

We are interested to explore other ways we may become more environmentally responsible. Please communicate any ideas you may have to your manager.



STUART APPLEBY PRO AM

The Annual Stuart Appleby Pro Am was held on Thursday the 6th of September at the Cohuna Golf Club. This year was the second time the event has been held, with a large crowd in attendance on the day. Professional golfers turned out from all across the state, with former local boy Darren Eckhardt taking home second prize with a 69!

Although Stuart himself was not in attendance, Mawsons was well represented by Greg Peace in his role as Cohuna Golf Club Captain. Mawsons were a major sponsor of the day, with our banner being displayed on the eighth hole tee off, as well as several signs being displayed on the racks holding the buckets of sand.

Mawsons are committed to our local communities, and

supporting the Stuart Appleby Pro Am tournament is just one example of our commitment. We look forward to supporting the day next year and into the future.



WELLBEING

Wellbeing is not just the absence of disease or illness. It is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social factors. Wellbeing is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction.

Factors effecting wellbeing

Every aspect of your life influences your state of wellbeing. Researchers investigating happiness have found the following factors enhance a person's wellbeing:-

- Happy intimate relationship with a partner
- Network of close friends
- Enjoyable and fulfilling career
- Enough money
- Regular exercise
- Nutritional diet
- Sufficient sleep
- Spiritual or religious beliefs
- Fun hobbies and leisure pursuits
- Healthy self-esteem
- Optimistic outlook
- Realistic and achievable goals
- Sense of purpose and meaning
- The ability to adapt to change
- Living in a fair and democratic society

How to achieve wellbeing

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with family and friends
- Make regular time available for social contact
- Try to find work that you find enjoyable and rewarding, rather than just working for the best pay
- Eat wholesome and nutritious food
- Do regular physical activity
- Become involved in activities that interest you
- Join local organisations or clubs that appeal to you
- Set yourself achievable goals and work towards them
- Try to be optimistic and enjoy each day

| EMPLOYEES Can make sure they: | EMPLOYERS Can make sure they: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat a healthy diet • Get adequate sleep • Exercise regularly • Lead a well balanced life • Communicate workplace concerns and problems to managers early • Seek appropriate medical advice and support when necessary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage a positive, supportive and engaging work culture • Foster people leadership capability among managers • Run good induction programs • Provide role clarity • Support flexibility in the workplace • Involve workers in decision making |

FATIGUE

A person suffering from fatigue has slowed reflexes and reduced function in daily life. Excessive tiredness is also a known risk factor in motor vehicle and workplace accidents.

Studies in the USA have found that a lack of quality sleep has been linked to hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease and heart failure, it can even have a significant effect on your body's blood sugar levels.

A wide range of causes that can trigger fatigue include, but are not limited to:-

- Undiagnosed medical conditions
- Unhealthy lifestyle choices
- Workplace issues
- Emotional concerns and stress

| Lifestyle Related Causes | Workplace Related Causes |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Sleep • Too much sleep • Alcohol and drugs • Sleep disturbances • Lack of regular exercise and sedentary behaviour • Poor diet • Smoking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift work • Poor workplace practices • Workplace stress • Burnout • unemployment |

Ways to fight fatigue:-

- Drink plenty of water
- Be careful with caffeine consumption
- Eat breakfast
- Don't skip meals
- Don't crash diet
- Eat a health diet
- Don't over eat
- Eat iron rich foods
- Get enough sleep
- Learn how to relax
- Avoid sleeping pills
- Don't smoke
- Increase physical activity
- Limit the time you sit down
- Seek treatment for substance abuse



Always see your doctor for diagnosis if you are suffering from chronic tiredness – that is, fatigue persisting over a long period of time.

FOOD VARIETY AND A HEALTHY DIET

Food variety means eating a wide variety of foods from each of the five food groups, in the amounts recommended. Eating many different foods helps maintain a healthy interesting diet and provides adequate nutrition. Eating a mixture of foods can help prevent diseases such as diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease.

Five Major Food Groups

1. Fruit
2. Vegetables and legumes
3. Lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs and nuts
4. Bread, cereals, rice, pasta and noodles
5. Milk, yoghurt and cheese

How Many Serves Women Need Each Day

| | Bread, cereals, rice, pasta and noodles | Vegetables and legumes | Fruit | Milk, yoghurt and cheese | Lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs and nuts | Extra foods |
|---------------|---|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| 19 – 60 years | 4 - 6 | 4 - 7 | 2 - 3 | 2 - 3 | 1 - 1 ½ | 0 - 2 ½ |
| 60 + years | 3 - 5 | 4 - 6 | 2 - 3 | 2 - 3 | 1 - 1 ½ | 0 - 2 |

How Many Serves Men Need Each Day

| | Bread, cereals, rice, pasta and noodles | Vegetables and legumes | Fruit | Milk, yoghurt and cheese | Lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs and nuts | Extra foods |
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EXERCISE

Exercise is a great way to get and stay fit. It also provides a wide range of physical and mental benefits, including:-

- Improved condition of the heart and lungs
- Healthier blood cholesterol level
- Lowers blood pressure
- Increased muscular strength, endurance and motor fitness
- Increased aerobic fitness
- Improved muscular tone and strength
- Weight management
- Better coordination, agility and flexibility
- Improved balance
- Increased physical confidence
- Reduced risk of chronic disease
- Improved sleep
- Feel more energetic
- Improved general and psychological wellbeing
- Effective treatment for depression
- Greater confidence and self-esteem



SMOKING

Quitting at any age will reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, chronic bronchitis and several other health conditions related to smoking. The earlier you quit the greater the health benefit.

Tip on quitting - Suggestions include:-

- Decide on a quit date and stick to it.
- Ring the Quitline on 137848 for encouragement and support.

- Tell your family and friends of your decision to quit and ask for their support.
- Think of prior attempts to quit and what went wrong. Plan how to avoid the same pitfalls this time.
- Decide on your strategy. For example do you intend to go cold turkey, use nicotine replacement therapy or attend group courses.
- Write a list of all the reasons why you want to stop smoking and refer to this list whenever you feel tempted to light up a cigarette.
- Throw away all cigarettes, lighters and ashtrays in your home and car.
- Plan for situations that you know make you want to smoke.
- Reduce possible weight gain by eating more fruit, vegetables and wholemeal cereals. Do some exercise you enjoy, such as swimming or walking.
- Your body will absorb more caffeine than usual in the first few weeks after quitting. Cut down on coffee and tea for the first month or so to prevent caffeine-induced anxiety and restlessness.
- Treat yourself with the money you have saved. Your efforts deserve to be rewarded.
- If you do have a cigarette, it's not the end of your quit attempt. A slip-up is a set back, not a defeat.

Cravings only last a few minutes.

Get through them by using the 4D's:-

- Delay acting on the urge to reach for a cigarette.
- Take deep breaths
- Drink water
- Do something else to occupy your mind while the craving passes.

PYRAMID QUARRY & GOULBURN MURRAY WATER

The staff at Pyramid Quarry were recently treated to an afternoon watching the end results of all their recent hard work. Ian Rogerson, Work Supervisor with Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) took the staff on a tour of the AMP program that we have been contributing to. As featured in the previous edition of Mawse Code, the principal focus of the AMP is erosion control.

A mini bus left the Quarry around 3pm with the staff on board, plus a few hangers on as well! Many of the channels in the Dingee area were viewed, which are all part of the Waranga Basin system. The Waranga Western Main Channel is the principal supplier of water for

GMW's Rochester and Pyramid – Boort irrigation areas. Ian gave an overview of the work already completed, provided insight as to what lies ahead, and also answered any questions about the project.

There was a break for afternoon tea, and then it was back to the Quarry in the mini bus. Many thanks to Ian for his time in showing us the great work that has been going into the Channels and their maintenance. Thanks also to Shirley Dobie for organising such a worthwhile and productive afternoon.



On the 1st June 2006 Mawsons Mobile plant started work on the F.R.H. site.

F.R.H. are the principal contractor who were awarded by Vic Roads the Faraday to Malmsbury Calder Freeway duplication which is approximately 22kms long. We started with the Finlay 883 mobile screen making type A fill. The mobile crushing plant then joined the screen in August being used to crush 40mm R E Wall back fill and crushed rock, finally the in line pug mill was fitted to the cederapids plant.

With experienced and dedicated personnel we soon built up a strong working relationship with the F.R.H. team. In July 2007 we completed crushing with a final figure of 300,000 tonnes of 40mm product. The 883 finished in August 2007 with approximately 600,000 tonne of product.

The pug mill is currently being used with a cement silo being fitted to it so that cement can be added at a controlled rate. This project would not have been possible without the great efforts of all persons involved in both the Mawsons and F.R.H teams.

I would like to extend an extra thank you to the following people for helping to make this such a successful project.

Craig James, Chris Mountjoy, Kerryn Prior, Peter Bloomfield, Brett Cowan, Jack Wepner, Lawrence Mathers, Mick Coobs, Russell McIntyre, Trevor Gilbert and all in the Cohuna Workshop.

Paul Bell - Manager Mobile Plant



Peter Ryan's New Truck



The TR88 has been traded in on a new Mack Truck and Hercules 3 axle Dog trailer. After doing 890,000km over 8 years of loyal service it has retired to start a new life in Townsville QLD. Peter Ryan never thought he would see the day driving a new truck, and he's now as proud as punch.

The official specifications are an impressive 470hp engine, 18speed gearbox, auto greaser on truck and trailer, both bodies are made of Bisalloy steel, so it will be versatile to do anything. All the best to Peter and his new truck, make sure you give him a wave if you see him driving around!



Geoff and the team have been busy recently with several major projects on the go. The old Rocklea Knitting Mill in Kangaroo Flat is being transformed by Associated Builders and FD Concreting. We have supplied the concrete for this significant project so make sure you have a look next time you're driving into or out of Bendigo.



One job in particular that has been the focus of widespread media coverage recently is the Great Stupa. Located in Myers Flat at the Atisha Centre, it is a Buddhist monument that gained recent notoriety when visited by the Dalai Lama. We have been involved in this project in association with Lieftings.



Another job about to start is the Skatepark Bendigo Project which has received recent media coverage. Principally organised by the Eaglehawk Rotary Club, the park will be a focus for youth across the whole Bendigo region. The organising committee for the Skatepark, Howard Osborne, recently hosted an open day at the site for local media and major sponsors of the project which was featured on WIN News. The concrete is to be poured about the time Mawse Code is going to print, which Mawsons will supply, keeping Geoff and the team busy in the lead in to Christmas.

