

Truck-athon

Supporting the ITU World Cup Triathlon in Taranaki last year was a marathon of man and truck hours to help deliver this major event involving 120 of the world's top triathletes.

It was a huge coup for Taranaki to have attracted such a high profile international sporting race, which ran through the weekend of November 11 to 13 last year – and one that Hooker Pacific as a major sponsor were pleased to be associated with and more than willing to lend a hand.

Hooker Pacific carted the international athletes' gear from Auckland to New Plymouth and back again – making sure it was loaded by 8pm after the last race in time to meet the airport deadline by 7am the next morning. Also, four containers full of portable seating, barriers and signs were trucked from Tauranga to New Plymouth and return. And while in town, Hookers shifted this equipment when needed from Kawaroa Park to Port Taranaki.

However, the most fun in supporting the event was being involved with the kids' "Tryathlon", the day before the main event. Hooker Pacific provided a pilot vehicle for this event where thousands of children gave it a good go. Who knows, one of them might turn out to be New Zealand's next Hamish Carter!



Thanking you

"Hookers Moving & Storage you have an absolutely awesome group of workers, say thanks to them all from us here."

Customer Services – Opuake Library.

"I couldn't believe the response when asked to move the container over the weekend to meet the new cut off time. You had the box picked up and got it accepted by the wharf which was an amazing effort at short notice. Again, thanks for all the friendly and prompt service. Hookers will be getting all my long haul cartage bookings and my recommendations to others from now on."

Lep International Ltd – Andrew Sparey.

The Big Move's happening

Hooker Pacific tenants, Turners and Growers, have shifted into their brand-new distribution site at Bell Block.

The first-class, purpose designed site will service produce outlets such as Pak 'N Save, New World and Four Square throughout the Taranaki region. It includes three temperature-controlled produce rooms and a canopy area for product loading and receiving. Hooker Pacific is on-track to make the big move to Paraiti Rd by June this year.



Turner and Growers Branch Manager Colin Murphy is all smiles at the new Bell Block site.

Good on ya' Mates!

Down at Sportys Bar in New Plymouth on a Tuesday night in February a couple of guys spotted a bloke in Hooker Pacific gear and asked him what he did. The bloke turned out to be the company's managing director, Jim Ramsay – who asked the guys who they were. Turns out they were Greg Forrest and Basil Diack from Mates Brewery in Napier.

The story gets better – Greg and Baz shouted the beers – Mates Pure of course – in appreciation of the good job done by Hooker Pacific's Napier team, especially John McGrail, who they said has looked after them especially well since they started working together in October last year.

Mates Brewery deal in kegs only, catering mostly to charter clubs, which Hooker Pacific delivers around the North Island.



Assistant Brewer Jeremy Rimene and Hooker Pacific driver John McGrail.



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CARRYING THE LOAD FOR POHUKURA

From the first day the big Pohukura gas field was given the green light, Hooker Pacific has been intrinsically involved – working closely with a raft of contractors as one of the lead carriers for this project.

One of the most size-impressive moves was by Hooker Pacific's sister company Multi-Trans Heavy Haul which shifted the production platform's topside module in February from one side of New Plymouth to the other in the dead of the night – over a long four-hour trip. The load weighed a gross 256 tonnes and needed traffic lights and pedestrian markers to be temporarily removed along its path.

Owned and operated by Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS), the \$1 billion Pohukura field project is the first new major gas development in Taranaki since the Maui gas project.

Behind the scenes, work towards the project started two years ago when Hooker Pacific unloaded and transported around 4,000 tonnes of steel pipe from Port Taranaki to a STOS holding yard.

Early last year, 20 large portable buildings such as offices and ablutions were carted from Auckland to the Pohukura site. Meanwhile, more than 500 tonnes of specialised carbon steel and duplex pipes were stored at Hooker Pacific's Bell Block warehouse until trucks dispatched it to various engineering workshops to be made into pipe spools.

Manufactured components such as pressure vessels – ranging from 4 tonnes to more than 100 tonnes – and pipe spools from 4 metres to 25 metres long were carted by Hookers from Fitzroy Engineering to the site near Motunui.

In September/October 2005, Hooker Pacific picked up around 30 loads of drilling equipment from the ports of Auckland and Tauranga and delivered them to the Pohukura site for the Australian drilling company, AJ Lucas Ltd.

Once Pohukura starts producing, Hookers will transport the well-cleanings and condensate (bi-product) to the Omata tank farm over a 3-4 month period. This will involve 3-4 truck and trailer units operating 24/7, as and when required.



The transporter inches the topside module across the Te Henui Bridge.

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Dear Readers

In this 4th issue we showcase the diversity of work Hooker Pacific enjoys.

An example is the massive Pohokura Project – and we are also heavily involved in other oil & gas projects underway in Taranaki, where our team plays an

important part in getting vital materials and componentry delivered on time to the right place.

There are reports of a slowing economy, but our branches are experiencing strong demand for services. Auckland enquiry levels have jumped, Napier is gearing up to handle more export containers, more wine, and more wool. The 'Naki boys are busy moving pipes, steel and containers, as are Wanganui and Manawatu. Even Fuel Haulage volumes have increased, despite the recent leaps in fuel prices. And it looks like there is more to come.

But it's not all work and no play! February 18th saw the running of the 6th Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup at the beautiful Pukekura Raceway in New Plymouth. This premier race day draws a terrific crowd and we enjoyed the company of more than 500 guests, including customers and staff, at our trackside marquee. A great day – best summer weather, a fun crowd and even the Punters Club achieved a 10% return on the day. Beats trucking margins! Thanks to all who helped organise the day and to everyone who participated.

Out at Bell Block, new premises being built by Hooker Bros Investments Ltd (HBIL) for the Taranaki operation are ahead of schedule, and you will see elsewhere in the issue that long-time HBIL tenants Turners & Growers Ltd have already moved into their part of the 5-hectare complex. We expect to be fully operational at Bell Block by 30 June 2006, and will cover this in more detail in our next issue.

Until then – thanks for your support – and KEEP ON TRUCKING.

Jim

HOOKER PACIFIC TARANAKI CUP

18 FEBRUARY, 2006

More than 500 Hooker Pacific clients and staff from all over New Zealand, turned out for Taranaki's premier race day - the Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup Meeting.

As major sponsors of the Taranaki Racing Club for the last six years, Hookers makes the most of the race-day to show appreciation and put on a social occasion where clients and staff from all the branches can mix and mingle and have a little punt.

In and around the Hooker Pacific marquee, guests were treated to refreshments, food, entertained by a jazz band and the success (or failures!) of the infamous Punter's Club - which this year "made some money" to the total enjoyment of all the financial members. As you can see by the montage of photos a fun day was had by all!

Sonny Vaafusu (Fitzroy Engineering)



Madam Shinko (Hooker Pacific cup winner)



Sonya Ross (MI Swacco)



Nigel Dodunski, Cliff and Trish Watson, Michelle Rosser, Sonny Vaafusu and Gary Lundt (Fitzroy Engineering)



Rodney Green (Kaimata Sawmills)



Steak Goodin (Taranaki Life Education Trust) and Wayne McCurdy (McCurdy Engineering)



Larry Stewart (Hooker Pacific) presenting the cup to Neil O'Styke



Alistair and Tracy Chilcott (Beaupairs), Tony and Tiu Hamilton (Hooker Pacific), Eve and Rob Kawana-Brown (STOS)



Tony Hamilton, Peter Hynes and Andy Stanley (Hooker Pacific)



Henry Kane (Hooker Pacific)



Gill Hickey and Howard Johns (Hooker Pacific)



Toko Waitere and George Slade (Hooker Pacific)



Chris Tilyard (Hooker Pacific)



Robin Aitken (Port Taranaki)



Lionel Phillips (Hooker Pacific)



Larry Stewart (Mr Punters Club)



Bob Kooge, Kathy MacNeill (Rockgas NZ), Neil Ramsay and Tatyana Moskvina (Hooker Pacific)



Barbara and Dave Stallard (Hooker Pacific)



Mike Greenlees, Murray Gray, Pauline Gray (Aluminium Taranaki), Natalie Blythe and Gordon Blyth (SGS (NZ) Ltd)

