

# TMC TRAILERS TRUCKING 2016



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**T**rucking 2016 is a bi-annual trucking industry show and is being held again at the Wigram Airforce Museum in Christchurch on Saturday 8 October from 9.30am till 5.00pm. The inaugural event held in 2014 had over 10,000 people visit the show on one day, with 269 highly polished trucks in the Show & Shine, and over 80 industry trade stands and working displays. The event was the largest of its kind ever held in the South Island. Early indications are that the show in 2016 is going to be even bigger.

Features of this year's show include a new marquee village outside where many businesses will be displaying their products and services. Included in this area is the event's naming sponsor TMC Trailers Ltd. TMC Trailers is one of New Zealand's largest heavy transport engineers that specialises in the manufacture of truck trailers and decks, manufacturing the widest selection of trailers available in Australasia. TMC Trailers was founded in 1948 by Ian Currie; he started the business on his return from serving as an aircraft mechanic in WWII.

Working displays will include log truck loading and unloading of logs, cranes, container loading and unloading, and remote control diggers.

Various competitions will be running throughout the day including an 'old school' tarping competition on *Barney Boy*, one of the original L&P KW Aerodynes that has been restored to as good as new condition by owner Shane Pearson from STL Linehaul.

The Industry Careers Hub will be located in the front of the Museum Events Hall where a host of organisations and industry businesses will be promoting training and career options across the whole industry.

New activities this year include the Civil Contractors NZ Excavator Operator competition which is being held throughout the day. This also includes *Doug the Digger* where children young and old will get the opportunity to try their skills on a small digger. TR MasterDrive will be demonstrating the all new Rollover Prevention Tractor Unit and Tanker Semi.

The stars of the show are the Show & Shine Trucks – these are real-life working trucks. These trucks will line up along the old air force runway. The truck alley will showcase new trucks as well as a large contingent of classic trucks will gather to complete what will be a magnificent overall display of trucks. In addition, this year there is also a Ute Show & Shine for those lovingly pampered smaller trucks.

This year there is a new kids' zone which will feature the Heavy Trucks Giant Sandpit filled with toy ride-on MAN trucks. There will be a road system for scooters so kids can ride the scooters and learn traffic safety and awareness at the same time.

The Share the Road Safely with Big Trucks programme will be running. This is an interactive roadshow that is being taken to schools, community groups and industry gatherings. Participants of all ages are given the opportunity to climb aboard a large truck and to see what the driver can and can't see. The walk-through banner area illustrates the

safety tips and at the end, the miniature roadway and trucks highlight the different types of trucks and what they carry. Participants are then given a take-home safety tips booklet to further reinforce the key safety messages.

The day will be rounded off with a function in the evening which includes themed bars, food stations for a continuous dinner, and entertainment from Bryan Townley and his eight-piece band from Invercargill. Tickets are limited to 750 people and last time the dinner sold out two months before the show so don't leave it to the last minute to book your tickets.

Entry to the show is a gold coin donation per person and all donation proceeds will be donated to the event charities Ronald McDonald House South Island and Child Cancer Canterbury. A charity auction will take place at the evening function and all proceeds will be donated to the charities. In 2014 both charities received \$10,500 each, this year we aim to do even better. ■

**For more information, including registrations for the Show & Shine and ticket purchases for the dinner, visit [christchurchtruckingshow.co.nz](http://christchurchtruckingshow.co.nz)**

**If you would like to volunteer on the day, or wish to exhibit or sponsor at the event please contact the show co-ordinator Carol McGeady by phoning 0800 338 338 or emailing [carol.macgeady@nztruckingassn.co.nz](mailto:carol.macgeady@nztruckingassn.co.nz)**

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