



MINING SERVICES



Welcome

Haven't we just been through a blistering summer? The hottest February in 40 years!!! Despite the heat, the summer season is traditionally an uplifting time filled with parties, beach going and BBQs. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable time of it as we now move into the Autumn season.

We would like to thank you for your business and hope that you continue to view us as partners in your ongoing success.

This edition of MMT News has a distinct safety flavour to it. To start off, we touch on some recent statistics within the industry and then introduce you to Tina Astbury, our new Systems Administrator. Tina will provide some insights into her views on systems, quality and safety and what she hopes to achieve in her role.

A new product, which we are very excited about, is our 3B canopies. We will provide a sneak look at the product even before it hits the shelf.

In rounding out our focus on safety, we also provide you with information on the correct adjustment techniques for the ISRI 6860/870 seat. As operators work under trying conditions over many hours, it is imperative that they utilise all the features of our world standard seats.

We hope you enjoy the read.

Zero Harm Story

Recently the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, congratulated the resources sector during his closing address at a significant industry conference for achieving the first fatality-free year on record. He noted that the achievement was even more remarkable when one considers there are now 98,000 workers in the WA resources industry, more people than ever before. However, he us reminded as all that it is a goal the WA resources industry should look to emulate each and every year ahead.

This milestone is one which can be attributed to the high safety standards being enforced by those across the industry from the major miners to the companies providing goods and services to these large corporations on a daily basis. The hard work of each and every individual within these companies to embrace the resilient safety culture with the aim of achieving 'zero harm' is paying off. Western Australia is in an enviable position where executives, workers and the wider community are all working together to ensure even higher standards and better safety cultures.

Although these are welcome statistics, we all understand that we must continue to stay vigilant with safety continuing to be afforded the highest priority in the workplace.

Why is this important? It is important because safety saves lives and reduces injuries. The loss of life or incapacitation can have a devastating effect on the individual and the victim's family. While legislation helps, significant reductions in incidents can only be achieved if a resilient safety culture is encouraged and maintained.

At MMT Mining Services we are proud to say that we have fully embraced the philosophy of keeping safety at the core of our company values. As you will see in the article on the next page, we have recently employed Tina Astbury who will have a dedicated focus on safety. Both Tina and the executive at MMT understand there are three main drivers for industry safety; 1. legislation 2. capacity 3. competency.

Although legislation and staffing is important in achieving 'zero harm', competent staff working on well-designed equipment is essential. MMT Mining Services is all too aware of this and works extremely hard in playing its part in creating this environment of safety both within our workplace and on our customers' sites.

Staff Profile Tina Astbury



MMT Mining Services and Modern Motor Trimmers welcomes Tina Astbury.

Role: **Systems Administrator**

Department: MMT Mining Services

Focus: All systems within MMT Mining Services. The safety of all people both on MMT's premises and on customers' sites. Ensuring MMT products meet the safety standards that our customers demand.

In keeping with the philosophy of being a 'family business,' Tina Astbury has recently joined MMT Mining Services to take up the role as of Systems Administrator. As some of you may know, Tina is the partner of Owner Garry Spouge.

Tina has two children and she previously worked for Bailey's Fertilisers where she was the Quality Manager. This role entailed a day to day monitoring of all aspects of systems and procedures to ensure Baileys products continue to be market leaders in quality fertilisers and growing media supply.

Tina says she is looking forward to helping MMT grow through continuing

to improve MMT systems and to foster the culture of safety.

On product safety Tina says. "Organisations often struggle to reconcile quality, safety with cost effectiveness when incorporating these elements into a product. Bearing in mind that price is an important component in assessing value, finding this balance is no simple task. That is one area we must continue to monitor and assess."

Tina is also looking forward to working with customers to ensure all MMT staff are fully aware of their responsibilities when working in the field. "I want to make sure that we focus on ensuring our people are not only safe when working on our premises, but that they are provided with the necessary resources and education to make sure they operate with the highest of safety standards when on site with our clients. This just doesn't happen by accident - pardon the pun - it takes systems, processes and the dedicated effort of MMT people to ensure this happens as a matter of course."



Mobile Canopies

DEVELOPMENT

In an ongoing growth effort aimed at meeting customer needs, MMT Mining Services has recently acquired the Australian and New Zealand Dealership for the 3B Canopy to complement our existing range of products. These products are well suited to the markets we currently serve through providing sheltered areas for employees when working outside in the heat of the day to events and remote activities such as, field days, product demonstrations and launches.

Although the canopies will be marketed initially to the mining sector, we see opportunity to offer the product to event managers, sporting organisations, state emergency services, army and government.

The canopy is manufactured in Italy by 3B Fabbrica Tende Ltd. and since 1976 they have grown into a well respected company whose aim is to design, build and install shading systems. 3B now boast references from world leading

companies such as Yamaha sport team, Arrow, Pantani, Aprilia, Agostini, Alfa Romeo racing, Pirelli, Dunlop Tyres, Tony Kart Racing, Ducati, Renault F1, Mapei, Honda Motorsport, Kawasaki (motocross), Porsche Italy, Civil Protection, and Fire (Paris).

For a greater appreciation of the products and their utility you can access their website at: <http://www.3bsolutions.com/>

MMT is awaiting delivery of the first batch of canopies soon. Stay tuned for further information.



Adjusting the ISRI seat

Prolonged sitting with bad posture in a poor seat can have painful consequences on the spine. Recent research has found that people who drive vehicles for more than four hours a day are six times more likely to take time off work for back trouble than those who drive for less. This is because, in most cases, the driver either has bad posture or the seat he is using, is not ergonomically sound.

As mining operators spend many hours in their vehicles, it is imperative that they are seated as comfortably and ergonomically as possible during this time. With this in mind, as we have been telling all our customers, the ISRI seat is the most comfortable and ergonomically friendly seat around.

However it's not enough just to get the best seat. You need to know how to set the seat up in its correct configuration to suit you. With this in mind, we have recently developed a training video to make sure you understand what all the knobs and dials on the ISRI 6860/870 does, from adjustments to backrest, height, rake, lumbar support and slide.

We urge you to spend some time familiarising yourself with the various controls of the ISRI 6860/870 to help you stay comfortable and healthy while on the job.

<http://www.mmtisri.com.au/adjust-your-isri-seat>

Additionally we have a number of Training and Self -Assessment sheets on all our seats.

