



Shaw's and Tracks Gear join forces

Following a successful trial, Will Shaw of **Shaw's Darwin Transport** is now fitting his entire fleet of road trains with the **Tracks Gear Wireless Fleet Management** system.

"Previous systems have not been as reliable, or able to do as much as this system can. On an average 200 hour trip around Australia, our trucks are moving for 70 per cent of the time. It's essential that we have real-time monitoring of vehicles, to ensure we're maximising efficiencies over that time," explains Will. Aside from locating trucks at any given time, the system is also user friendly for drivers, allowing them to take advantage of its benefits.

The drivers transmit information through a Mobile Data Terminal – detailing such things as litres of fuel, trailer and dolly information and odometer readings.

This information, along with real time monitoring of journeys, allows analysis of fuel, distance and time travelled – with the journey around Australia comprising combinations of singles, doubles and triples.

"We can pinpoint the areas where a high level of fuel is being consumed, due to a variety of factors, such as load, terrain and so forth and then plan efficiencies accordingly," said Will.

"Our drivers have taken to the Tracks Gear system well. Messaging of pre-set canned messages makes it simple and fast to keep in touch and the option for drivers to type in individual messages as required is helpful, and safe, as they can only send the messages when the vehicle is stationary."

The Tracks Gear system also assists in



Able to monitor the amount of fuel used, distance travelled and trailer and dolly information, Shaw's Darwin Transport say the Tracks Gear Wireless Fleet Monitoring System is reliable, robust and helpful to their business.

adhering to fatigue management responsibilities, with route planning, electronic driver logs and monitoring of trips.

"The drivers can check how long they've been driving for during a trip and so can I and they can differentiate between time spent off-duty in the sleeper berth and time spent off-duty elsewhere," said Will.

"I needed a system that was robust, reliable and helpful to my business. The

Tracks Gear system meets all of those requirements." **TBB**

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