

Protecting investments

AFTER 45 YEARS IN BULK HAULAGE, **RICHIE BEAUMONT** KNOWS THE KIND OF DAMAGE THAT HEAVY AND ROUGH LOADS CAN INFLICT ON ALUMINIUM TIPPERS. THAT'S WHY HE PROTECTS HIS TRAILERS USING QUICKSILVER FROM **E-PLAS**.



Bulk transport has changed immensely since Richie Beaumont founded his Ipswich-based company, Beaumont Transport, in 1970. Back then, he says, bulk haulage transporters used small truck bodies and semi tippers were a rarity. "I first started with a small bulk haulage company in a partnership that only had three trucks. I bought out that partner and then over the last 45 years I've grown my company by acquiring around 12 or 13 other businesses," Richie says. While Beaumont Transport still calls Ipswich home and still specialises in bulk haulage of coal, cement, lime, gravel and grain, it has since been acquired by Qube and tippers are now a common sight at the company's four depots in Tamworth, Warwick, Rockhampton and at the New Acland coal mine Jondaryan. "Through all the acquisitions and company growth, the fleet stands at around 120 prime movers and over 300 trailers that travel all over the eastern seaboard," Richie says – revealing that around 15 per cent of the trailers are used to cart rough loads of coal and gravel.

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To safeguard his aluminium trailers while the abrasive materials are being loaded and unloaded, Richie explains that he has invested in QuickSilver tipper liners from plastics expert E-Plas. "Aluminium tipper bodies are a costly exercise to replace, and with QuickSilver the life of our bins has doubled," says Richie.

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Richie says the friction proofing from QuickSilver provides a slippery surface that coal and gravel don't stick to, so his drivers now raise the tippers one stage less than before. "As a result, we have

had significantly less rollover incidents. It's safeguarding the equipment, and my employees."

Since Qube acquired Beaumont Transport in March 2014, Richie has stayed on as a consultant and is recommending the continued use of QuickSilver. "We've been using QuickSilver since 2005 and it is worth the investment," says Richie. "Although a lot has changed over the years, I definitely see us continuing to use QuickSilver to protect our trailers." ■

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