

Staff News

Bulk Storage Terminals (BST) typically has a very low staff turnover but two events of recent months have changed this.

Wellington Operator Mark Popple died tragically in a car accident on his way home from holiday in the Bay of Islands. A hard working and likeable character, Mark is sorely missed by the team.



Adding to this, Managing Director Warren Banks was made redundant at the end of April after 16 years at the head of Bulk Storage Terminals. Cumulatively Warren had 26 years of continuous service with this employer. This made him an institution in Bulk Storage Terminals Limited and the industry that it serves. To many he was the face of Bulk Liquid Storage in New Zealand!

His position was made redundant under an internal Australasian restructure of BST's parent - ANZ Terminals. The American owners decided that the best way forward for the New Zealand (Bulk Storage Terminals Limited) and Australian (Terminals Pty Limited) businesses was for the two companies to be integrated and to operate as one entity.



To this end, the New Zealand operation has been re-configured. The functions of Marketing and Accounting now report through to Head Office in Melbourne. The New Zealand Managing Directors position has been replaced with a newly created General Manager - Operations NZ, who will also report directly to Head Office in Melbourne. The four New Zealand Terminal Managers will report to the General Manager - Operations NZ.

The person appointed to the General Manager - Operations NZ position is Doug Eng. Doug was previously the State Manager NSW for Terminals Pty Limited. He took up this new appointment, based in Mt Maunganui, on the 18th May 2009.

Earlier in his career, Doug had spent time as the Terminal Manager at Mt Maunganui for BST. The result is that he arrived in his new position with good knowledge of the operations of ANZ Terminals from both sides of the Tasman.

Operations

Front bund lining upgrade - The front bund at the Mt Maunganui terminal has had its lining upgraded. There are eight tanks in this bund with a total storage of 5 ½ million litres. The tanks in this bund were the first to be built by BST back in 1964. Secondary containment has changed a lot since then and this upgrade brings the front bund into alignment with world best practice.

Class 3 Pipeline – Commissioned in March 2009, the class 3 pipeline in Mt Maunganui is dedicated to the handling of flammable liquids. This is the third line that connects BST with the liquids berth at The Port of Tauranga.

Class 3 Facility - Commissioned in the first quarter, this Class 3 facility at the Mt Maunganui terminal is proving a world class operation. The tanker truck sub-contractors are revelling in the efficient loading times and the convenience of having product at this location.

URS recently bought staff from their Auckland office down to Mt Maunganui to check out the result of their engineering drawing and design.