

15,000th Kiwi Hino



Main pic: The milestone Hino FY3248 joins other Hoskin Hinos including a '94 SS330KA

Inset: At the handover are (from left to right), Hino GM Ray Roberts, Dave and Darrell Hoskin and Hino's Tony Pedley



HINO, THIS YEAR CELEBRATING 50 years on the New Zealand market, has also recently achieved another milestone – with the delivery of its 15,000th new unit.

The truck, a 700-Series FY3248, was handed over to Dave Hoskin Carriers at the Whanganui transport firm's depot.

Making the presentation, Hino NZ general manager Ray Roberts said it was fitting Hoskins had bought the milestone truck: "Truck owners are typically brand loyal, and Hoskins' new FY3248 is just one of 11 Hinos the company now owns."

Indeed, the longterm association between

Dave Hoskin Carriers and Hino was evident at the handover – with the fleet's long-serving SS330KA model in the yard at the same time. First registered in 1994, the 340-horsepower unit is still going strong, having clocked over 1.77million kilometres during its 20 years of service.

The Hoskin/Hino connection goes back even further than that – to 1983, when the company bought an FF173 model, which it ran as a

furniture truck.

For operations manager Darrell Hoskin, staying loyal hasn't been difficult: "We've always purchased Hinos. They consistently perform well and can be used in a number of applications," he says.

"They make ideal fleet trucks, and are good value for money." **T-D**

SI show a sellout

INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR THE South Island's first truck show in several years is growing strongly. The event, hosted by the NZ Trucking Association and to be held at Christchurch's Wigram Air Force Museum on October 11, has attracted a sold-out list of 80 trade exhibitors and, so far, more than 250 trucks from all over the South Island.

As well as putting the road transport industry on public display, the show will also feature a careers hub – a dedicated area where careers agencies, driver training companies and fleets

looking to recruit drivers can interact with visitors. A key focus of the hub will be the newly-formed WiRT (Women in Road Transport) initiative.

Trucks will be lined-up on the tarmac of the former Air Force base, competing for trophies in the Show and Shine. Visitors will see dynamic displays of trucks working, and cyclists and truckies will be offered a sense of the challenges faced by both groups in a hands-on activity run by Cycle Safety.

The Saturday show will be preceded by a mini-

convoy of trucks on the Friday with children from Ronald McDonald House and Child Cancer Canterbury as passengers, and will be capped by a dinner at the museum on the Saturday evening. This too has been sold out, says NZ Trucking's executive officer, Carol McGeady: "The venue's capacity is 650 and we've reached that. In fact, there's no aspect of the event that hasn't attracted great support."

With the success of the initiative almost guaranteed already, the Association is planning to make it a biennial event, she adds. **T-D**