





driving a certain style of lift truck for a long period - but even they have come to recognise the value of the Crown control layout and superior seating comfort.”

Another critical factor in choosing Crown was that of the promise of increased productivity.

Munro says, changing from an older fleet to a newer one, the fleet productivity has definitely improved, and along with other tangible benefits such as drivers affectionately taking ownership of ‘their’ lift trucks have all helped.

Due to the nature of its business, Hills Transport required for its lift truck fleet, a number of modifications such as the addition of side-shifting fork positioners which help in the handling of pallets and skids.

According to Munro, this particular Crown modification has been very useful in helping Hills Transport increase productivity but has also been pivotal in addressing a wide variety of OH&S issues that are endemic to the freight handling industry.



“The hydraulic fork positioners have been a great boon to our operation. In our part of the industry we handle many types of pallets and skids which require continual fork tyne repositioning.

“The fork positioners allow the drivers to remain on the forklift without the need to get off and physically struggle

with fork position, so naturally this allows for a substantial time saving, but more particularly it addresses the ever increasing industrial OH&S requirements.

“We have leased the vehicles over five years. In transport this could be viewed as a long time, but after checking many references as to the long term viability of the Crown product we were convinced that this was the appropriate timing.

Crown’s record of customer service played a big part in our decision and we find the Crown personnel to be pleasant and professional to deal with.”

Crown offers Electric, Diesel, LPG, Petrol and CNG powered lift trucks in capacities from 1,500kg to 16,000kg.