

Paul Curry - TMC Trailers

Paul started his career with a Tool & Die apprenticeship at Alec Farrar Ltd which led to working on ships at Lyttelton in the marine engineering field.

Although Paul was accepted as an officer and engineer on the Coastal Pacific Trading Ship he, instead, went to work at the original TMC Ltd located at Blenheim Rd. which was owned by his father Ian Currie, and Uncle, Bruce Currie & Gordon Busfield. Around 1975 this Company was dissolved and Ian & Paul started the present company, TMC Trailers Ltd.

Paul has always had a passion for designing new concepts; one example - the first panel trailer built in New Zealand, designed in conjunction with Marty Collins from Collins Carriers.

Other innovative concepts Paul has developed include:

- Gull wing sided bodies and trailers
- Concertina curtain-siders
- The Shockless air suspension – I understand this was tested by Paul lying in a frame attached to the underside of the trailer while it was driven down the road!



Today, Paul is still fully involved in the running of TMC, alongside his son Richard and a team of dedicated staff. The business has grown and now includes an Auckland workshop. Paul is highly respected by his staff, which is reflected by the number of long serving employees at TMC. Paul remains a perfectionist and only the highest quality of work is accepted on every trailer built

Outside of TMC, Paul is an avid hunter & jet boater. He has won many national jet boating titles. However, he has also managed to sink his boat 3 times. Paul is a wonderful husband to Lorraine, father to Victoria and Richard and Grandfather to 5 grandchildren.

I have known Paul Currie for almost 30 years. He, like his father before him, is a true gentleman and a cornerstone of the trailer building industry. TMC was a founding member of TTMF and is still represented today by Richard and Paul. So It is with great pleasure that we award Paul, life membership of the NZ Truck-trailer manufacturers Federation.

Kate Bucknell, Executive Secretary, 2017

