









## DEALER OF THE YEAR 2024

# WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT EASTERN TRUCK HAS BEEN NAMED SOUTHPAC TRUCKS DEALER OF THE YEAR 2024

Alongside this top honour, we also took home Service Dealer of the Year and Parts Excellence—a testament to our team's dedication and expertise.

Winning Dealer of the Year against 16 other dealers is no small feat. We're especially proud of our top-tier facilities, commitment to ongoing training, and exceptional afterhours service—all key factors in securing this award.

This marks our third time winning Dealer of the Year (previously in 2017, 2021, and 2024) and adds to a long history of excellence, including multiple wins in service and parts categories.





And, of course, a shout out to our incredible inspections team and our superhero admin staff for their significant contribtion to our win of Dealer of the Year for 2024



Our workshop team, proudly taking home Service Dealer of the Year 2024



Our parts team, receiving the award for Parts Excellence



### BEN SECURES A TOP 10 SPOT AT PACCAR TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR!

A huge congratulations to Ben, who placed 8th out of 152 competitors in the Paccar technician of the year competition!

This prestigious event challenges the best in the industry on Kenworth, DAF, and Cummins products, making a Top 10 finish a massive achievement.

To qualify, technicians must first pass a rigorous written exam, testing their knowledge of diagnostics, repairs, and industry best practices. The top performers then move on to an intensive hands-on assessment, where they must troubleshoot real-world faults under strict time constraints.

With such tough competition, securing a spot among the top technicians in the country is an incredible effort.

Well done, Ben!



We're proud to announce that Eastern Truck has achieved SiteWise Gold status, scoring an impressive 92% on our recent health and safety assessment!

This achievement reflects the high standards of our health and safety systems and our commitment to keeping our team and customers safe. A huge shoutout to Mark Wilson, whose hard work and dedication made this possible. His effort in ensuring we meet and exceed industry safety requirements has been invaluable.



### EASTERN TRUCK SECURES ANOTHER 5 YEAR FIRE AND EMERGENCY NZ CONTRACT

We're proud to announce that Eastern Truck has once again been chosen to service Fire and Emergency New Zealand's (FENZ) Hawkes Bay fleet—securing our partnership for another 5 years! After more than a decade of dedicated service, winning this contract renewal was no small feat. The rigorous health and safety audits required to meet FENZ's high standards are extensive, but our commitment to compliance and quality workmanship made all the difference.

One of the key factors in securing the contract was our advanced JALTEST diagnostic tool, which allows us to service and repair all truck makes and models—not just Kenworth and DAF. This flexibility ensures that every vehicle in the FENZ fleet receives top-tier care, keeping emergency services on the road and ready to respond.







Thursday 17 April - Normal opening hours **Good Friday - CLOSED** Saturday 19 April - CLOSED Easter Sunday - CLOSED Easter Monday - CLOSED Tuesday 22 -24 April - Normal opening hours **ANZAC Day - CLOSED** Saturday 26 April - Normal Saturday hours









#### **BUCKLE UP - THE IMPORTANCE OF SEATBELT SAFETY FROM OUR COF TEAM**

A properly worn seatbelt is one of the most important safety features in your vehicle, protecting you in a crash by keeping you securely in place. Even minor damage can weaken a seatbelt and affect its ability to protect you

Don't wait for your next WOF—inspect your belts and replace them if you notice:

- Fraying, cuts, or fading
- Damaged buckles (cracks or rust)
- Belts that won't retract or are twisted

Operators should also be aware that some seatbelt brands do not meet NZ safety requirements—be cautious when purchasing replacements. If you have concerns about which seatbelt replacements you should be purchasing, our expert inspections team are always here to help!

Stay safe—buckle up on every drive, and ensure your seatbelts are in top condition!







