

# 100th DAF on milk run

**Brown and Hurley of Brisbane hand over their 100th DAF truck to milk transport contractors United Milk**

The hand over from Brown and Hurley's Pete Brown to United Milk's Ivan Wendt, Wally Holcombe and Brian Lergessner was of a DAF CF85 prime mover destined to collect milk from farms in the Beaudesert area to the west of Brisbane.

With a 430 hp engine fitted with the intarder option the truck features a low mounted European style cab coupled with Kenworth back end.

"This is the second DAF we have bought. We prefer the European style cab for its driver comfort and ease of access in and out of the cab. Our

first DAF has done 80,000 km and has had no problems we are pleased with the fuel economy and tare weight that it delivers," United Milk's Brian Lergessner says.

The truck makes about 10 pick ups per load and two loads a day around the dairy farms of South-East Queensland. The milk is then transported into the Paul's dairy in Central Brisbane. The company runs four vehicles and remains a small family-run operation.

"We are getting 1.9 and 2.3 km/l from our DAF prime mover at the moment, which is pretty good considering the small country roads we travel on. The tare weight of the prime mover is just over 8 tonnes fully fitted and that includes hydraulics and a double rail chassis and tare is an important factor in any tanker work."

Although the truck stays in the local area the company decided to buy the truck with a sleeper fitted as it helps



(L to R) Ivan Wendt, Wally Holcombe, Jim Hurley, Brian Lergessner and Pete Brown

retain resale value later on.

"We are comfortable dealing with Brown and Hurley, they are a family firm and we speak the same language," he adds. ■



# HAPPY DRIVERS

***A North Queensland tilt tray operator likes their drivers to have a few creature comforts on the road***

***MODERN EUROPEAN-STYLE driver comfort is not something that you normally associate with driving a tilt tray. But one North Queensland operator is now specifying DAF trucks and is seeing the benefit in improved driver acceptance.***

***Mackay tilt tray operator R&J Tilt Tray have now got four DAF trucks in their fleet of 12 trucks. Starting with their first four years ago, they now intend to standardise with the DAF brand.***



***The company was started nine years ago by husband and wife team Russ and Judy Edgar with just one vehicle. They now specialise in moving equipment for the mining industry covering the large mining areas between Townsville, Emerald, Rockhampton and Mackay.***

***They will handle any type of shifting work that is needed but most of their work comes out of the large number of mines in this North Queensland region of the Bowen basin.***

***Russ and Judy's son Doug now manages the operation. "We cover the whole of the mining area inland from Mackay," he explains.***

***"Some of the runs can get up to around 800 kilometres. There is the occasional job down to Brisbane or whatever but most of the time we cart stuff from mine to mine."***

***The latest addition to the fleet is a 430 horsepower DAF CF 85 prime mover joining a pair of 12 tonne and an eight tonne rigid tilt tray DAFs that have been introduced to the fleet. It is now the largest DAF fleet in Northern Queensland.***

***"We are very pleased with the DAF trucks and the drivers are also extremely pleased with them," Doug says.***

***"They complain now when they have to drive the other trucks like the couple of old Hinos that we still have."***

***Doug has also been impressed with the support Brown and Hurley in Mackay have given the trucks.***

***"They have been excellent, if anything has gone wrong it has been sorted straight away," he says. ■***