



# Taylor Bros Transport Ltd celebrate 50 years

Taylor Bros Transport Ltd started in Katikati in 1965. It's now based in Tauranga, although they still operate their Katikati yard. Founder, Kevin Taylor purchased his first truck in June 1965; several months later his twin brother Garry Taylor joined him and KM & GM Taylor trading as Taylor Bros was formed.

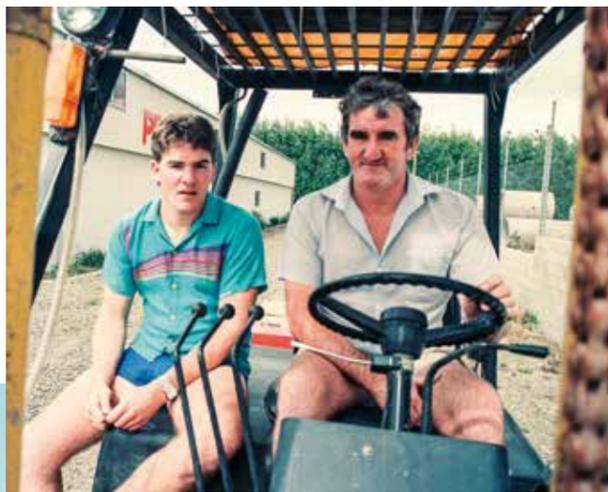
Andrew Taylor, the son of Garry, is now the managing director, but Garry and his wife Evelyn, along with Andrew's wife Lee-Ann are all involved as directors.

Presentation supplied by Debbie Hobart, Taylor Bros Transport office manager. Debbie started with Taylor Bros in 1985.

*A young Andrew Taylor (left) learning from the ropes from the ground up with Garry Taylor.*



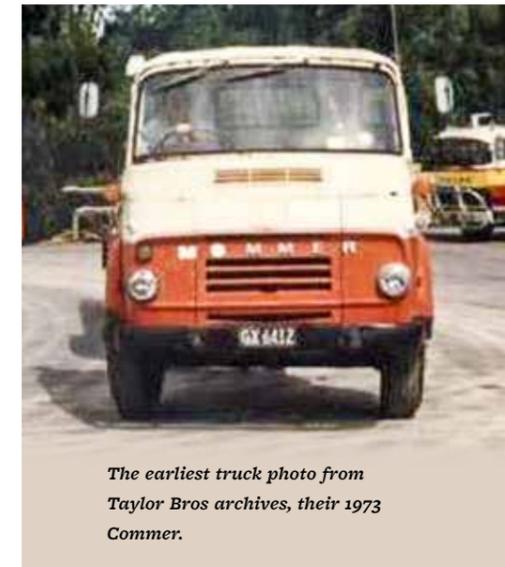
*Kevin and Garry Taylor, outside the Katikati office in 1993.*



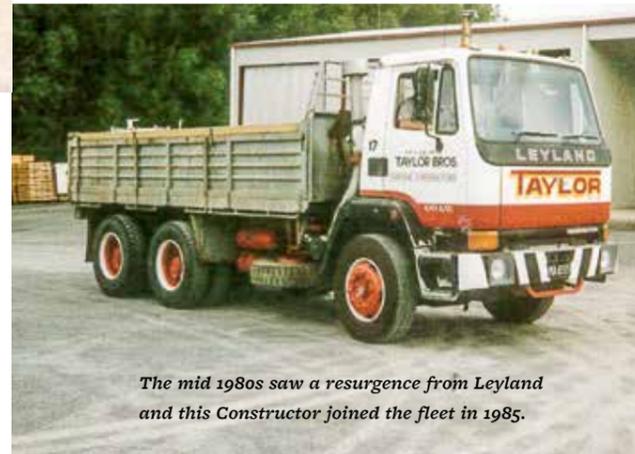
*An impressive lineup of Taylor Bros Mitsubishis outside the Katikati Dairy Factory in 1983. This photo featured in Transport News at the time.*



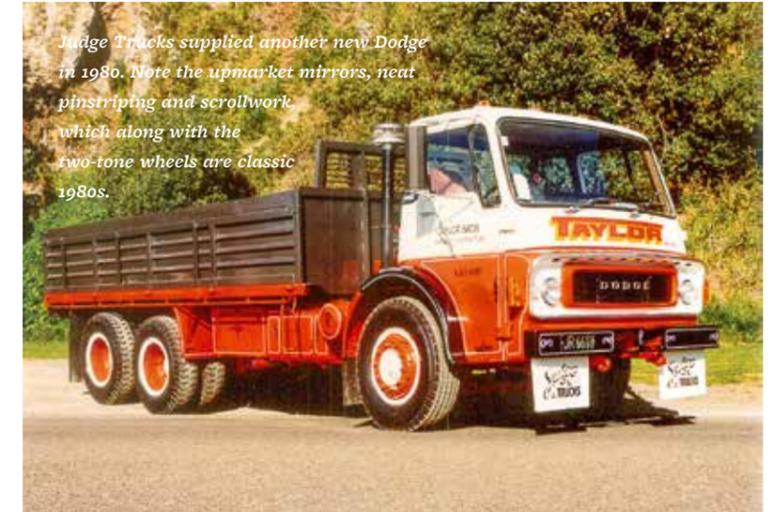
*This Mitsubishi 6-wheeler joined the fleet in 1982.*



*The earliest truck photo from Taylor Bros archives, their 1973 Commer.*



*The mid 1980s saw a resurgence from Leyland and this Constructor joined the fleet in 1985.*



*Judge Trucks supplied another new Dodge in 1980. Note the upmarket mirrors, neat pinstriping and scrollwork, which along with the two-tone wheels are classic 1980s.*



The drivers of these rigs will be entering in next year's Tauranga Truck Show driving contest and their boss Gary Taylor is confident that one will be taking home the prize.

EARLY entrants in next January's Tauranga Truck Show and Driver of the Year contest are Taylor Transport's six drivers.

Kevin and Garry Taylor run Mitsubishi and Dodge trucks and are active members of the Tauranga RTA. All their drivers will be entering in the driving contest and they are confident that at least one of them will walk off with the prize of a trip to the States.

The Taylors set up their business in 1965 and currently run 10 trucks, a Hitachi hydraulic digger, two IH B100 loaders, a Kato Hydraulic digger, and forklifts. They believe distributor service should be improved and that equipment suppliers should provide more assistance to the transport industry.



*Loading metal onto a TK Bedford at Metal Haulage quarry, for the Kaimai Rail Tunnel in the 1970s.*

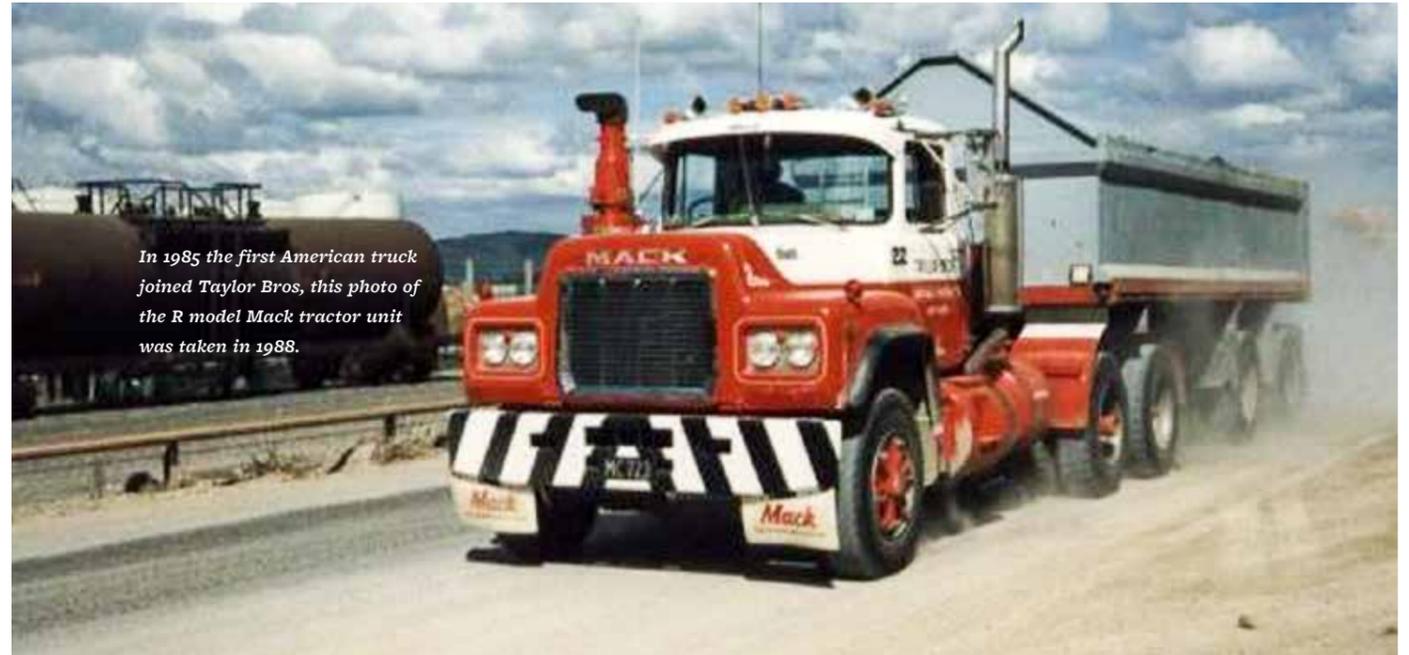


Taylor Bros new Mercedes-Benz 2233 featured in New Zealand Trucking in 1986, and is seen here with a 4-axle B-train and well-stacked load of posts.

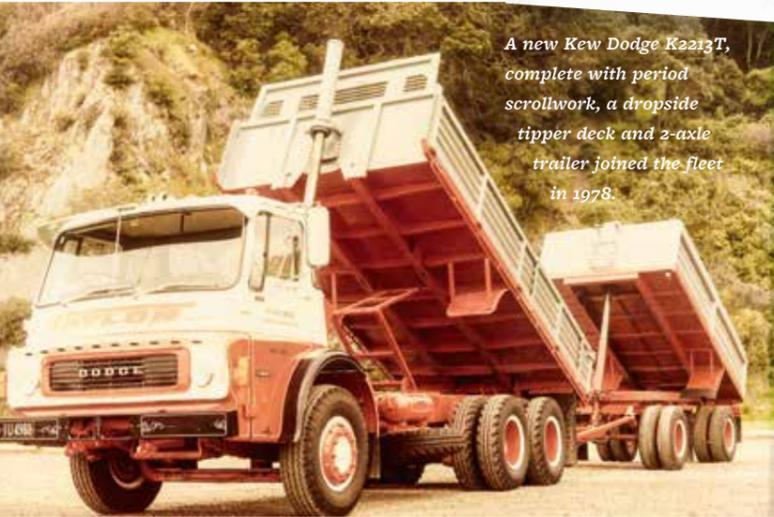
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 This new Mercedes 2233 — registration number M022331 — went on the road in the Bay of Plenty just in time for the kiwifruit season.  
 The 6x4 tractor unit normally pulls a Domett-Fruehauf B-train on general cartage, containers, timber and concrete products around the Bay and central North Island.  
 It was photographed in Katikati at Supreme Hoists where it was being used to test a 12-tonne truck hoist built for the R.N.Z.A.F.  
 The new Merc, powered by the 343kW (330hp) V8 engine, is operated by Katikati cartage contractors Taylor Bros.



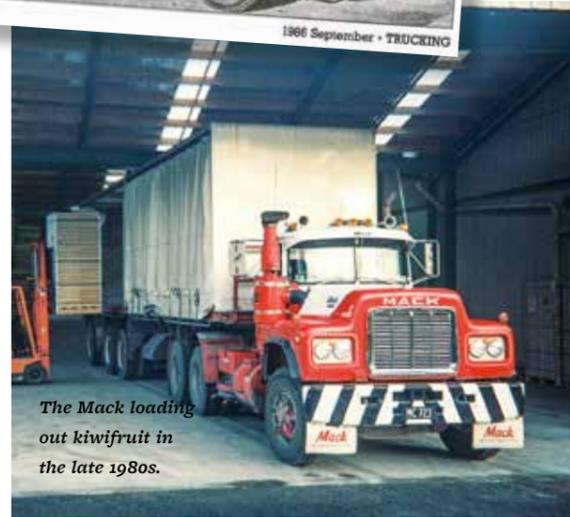
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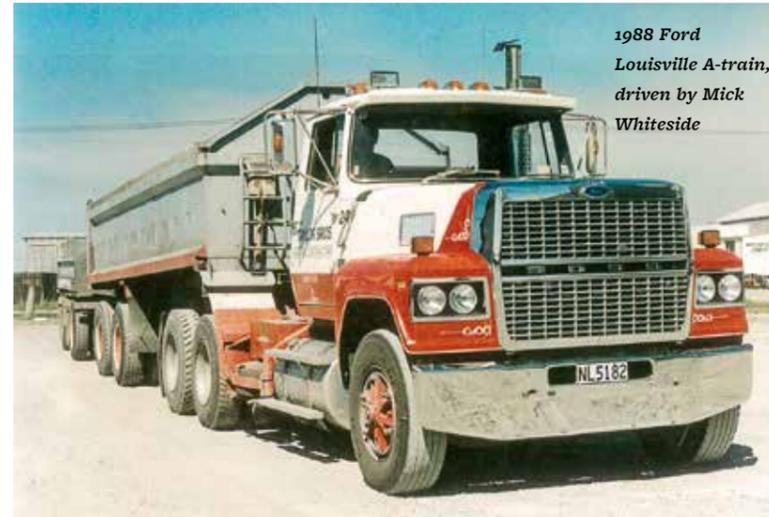
In 1985 the first American truck joined Taylor Bros, this photo of the R model Mack tractor unit was taken in 1988.



A new Kew Dodge K2213T, complete with period scrollwork, a dropside tipper deck and 2-axle trailer joined the fleet in 1978.



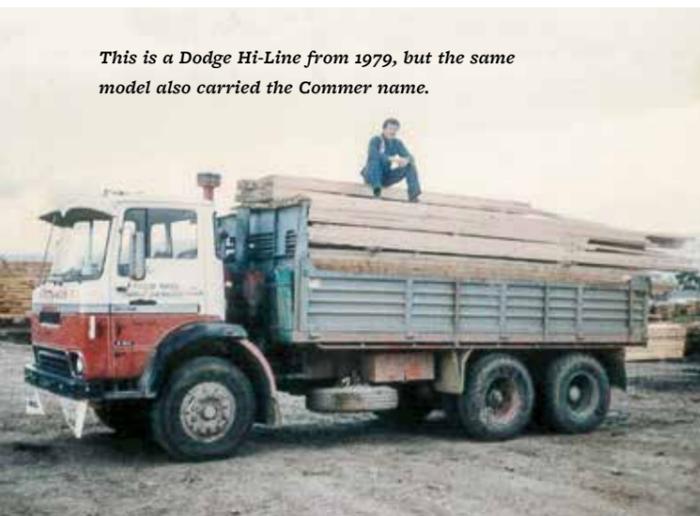
The Mack loading out kiwifruit in the late 1980s.



1988 Ford Louisville A-train, driven by Mick Whiteside



This UD Quon 9-axle high productivity unit, with a walking floor joined the fleet in 2013.



This is a Dodge Hi-Line from 1979, but the same model also carried the Commer name.



Taylor Bros were early adopters of Japanese trucks, this impressive Fuso tractor unit and 2-axle semi was the first of many Japanese trucks.