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ECL is a freight brokerage company offering all the services of a transport business and much more.

While getting the goods of its clients from one place to another is the focus of the business, ECL offers a number of other services that limit the workload of its clients.

Not only are all the goods monitored throughout their journey to keep clients up-to-date with their progress, but because ECL buys bulk space through its business partners, the company always has extra space available. This means that clients never need to look elsewhere for their transport needs.

Buying bulk space also means the company is able to offer extremely competitive rates.

## Housekeeping with Alastair Mathews

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## Wayne Pickering returns home at last

After post operative complications that saw him back in hospital for almost three weeks, Wayne Pickering is back at home recuperating after heart bypass surgery.

"Five bypasses were performed which the doctor said was up there with Boris Yeltsin who also had five," says Chris Pickering.

Following the operation, doctors were happy with Wayne's progress and he returned home a few days later. But unfortunately, just over a week after that he began experiencing intense pain in his right shoulder.

After a trip back to hospital and several morphine injections, it was diagnosed as nerve pain following the operation.



He returned home after two days, but was back in hospital a few days later after the excruciating pain returned.

This time it was diagnosed as an infection to the sac the heart sits in. It took a few days for the pain to settle down,

thanks to steroids, morphine and other pain killers.

It was still two weeks until Wayne would return home. After changing the diagnosis again, CT and MRI scans were performed that found several blood clots that appear to have been causing the pain.

"This was irritating because we had requested these scans in the first few days he was in there," says Chris.

"It's been a long haul and some days we just couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel, but it was there," Chris concludes.

## Forum welcomes trial of heavier, more productive trucks

The Government's trial of trucks carrying up to six more tonnes is a positive step forward, according to the Road Transport Forum.

The trial was launched in Canterbury on May 29 and will involve selected road transport companies from across industry. They will

take part in the six-month project, carrying loads of up to 50 tonnes, rather than the current legal limit of 44 tonnes.

Road Transport Forum Chairman Steve Doughty says allowing existing trucks to carry increased payloads will reduce fuel consumption,

help hold transport cost increases and improve productivity and road safety.

"The road transport industry is looking forward to a successful trial and a firm Government commitment to the benefits of more productive trucks," Mr Doughty concludes.



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## Alastair Argues - Shipping Funds

Both main political parties are well aware that road transport is an important issue in the lead-up to General Elections.

This means that roading policy will play an important role in the coming months.

Labour will need to improve on last year's Budget where roading hardly rated a mention, apart from a new policy allowing local councils to impose a tax on diesel and petrol to help pay for passenger transport initiatives.

This was on top of an

increase in road user charges of 11 percent.

Since then, they will have been well aware that they will need to do better than that as we approach another election.

They have already shown signs of listening to the road transport industry. But this has not included spending lots of money.

They have decided to consider allowing bigger trucks on selected roads. Such a move would see far fewer trucks needed to carry freight, having huge

economic and environmental benefits.

They are also looking at allowing a Public Private Partnership to build the Waterview Project in Auckland.

While these are signs that the Government understands the importance of an efficient roading network, they will need to back up these announcements with action.

This is something successive Governments have failed to do over the last two decades.

## Finance executive heads back to London

After three years with ECL, Finance Executive Kristin Oliver has taken a five week break to return to London.

Before joining the company, she had just completed a five year working holiday in the British capital and is now going back with her partner.

"Brocket has never traveled, so we thought this would be a good opportunity for me to show him the sights and my old stomping ground," Kristin

says.

Express Cargo News spoke to Kristin two years ago and her role at ECL has changed a bit since then. She now focuses more on her role as PA to Mr Pickering and overseeing the finances of the company.

The big change in her personal life came when she and Brocket purchased a house together.

"That was almost two years ago. We are doing it up

ourselves and then plan to sell it before buying another one to do up."

Kristin returns to work on July 8.



Kristin Oliver

## World record holder wins Super 14 Sweepstake

He may be more famous as a player in a rugby team that won 150 consecutive matches, but Marty Brown has just added another page to his rugby resume.

He not only won the ECL Super 14 Sweepstake, but he had all his picks organised on week one of the competition.

"Because I have Fridays off, I forgot to do some of my picks last year. So I decided to do them all in the first week this time. I only made one change to those throughout the competition," Marty says.

His picks were based solely on last year's performances. He moved well up the rankings on week 12 where he scored 64 out of a possible 70 points. The following week he managed 54, and that was the week the Highlanders beat the Crusaders.

"And no-one would have picked that result," he says.

A customer service rep at International Freight Forwarder UTi, Marty was a member of the famous Shirley Ws, the team that broke the world record of 113 consecutive victories in 2002. They went on to

post 150.

Before that 9.5 year reign, Marty played senior rugby for the Shirley club.



Marty Brown

## ECL moves Disney on Ice production around the country

The equipment required for the recent visit by the international ice show, Disney on Ice, was moved around New Zealand by ECL.

"The job required a huge amount of preparation and planning because of the strict timeframes we were working with," says ECL Auckland Sales Manager, Des Dudley.

The job began by moving 15 40 foot containers from the Ports of Auckland to the Vecta Arena. Three of these contained the ice floor, which is fitted together on arrival before the ice is made.

"A big challenge of the job was getting the show from Auckland to Christchurch in time," says Mr Dudley.

The last Auckland show finished on a Monday and the first one began in Christchurch three days later. That meant 12 dedicated trucks had to be ready upon the completion of the last Auckland show to get the equipment down to Christchurch.

"It would normally go by rail or coastal ship, but with the short timeframes, we had to get it there

as soon as possible."

Despite the many challenges, the job was completed without incident and each show was presented on time.



Some of the Disney on Ice equipment before its move to Christchurch