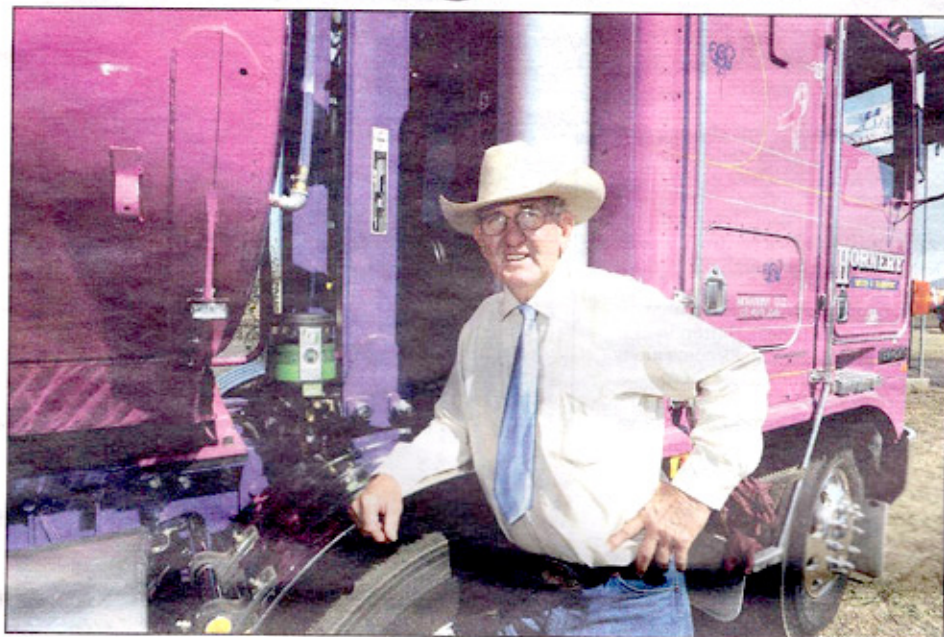


Cancer research is well-greased



Percy Hornery with one of his 25 water trucks painted pink for Cancer Council research in memory of his son Lachlan.

A MACKAY family has developed a unique way to help raise awareness and support for cancer research.

When Percy Hornery lost his son Lachlan to cancer last year, he decided to draw attention to the cause by painting one of his 25 water trucks a striking pink and donating \$20 to the Cancer Council for every hour it is hired.

"Lach was a wonderful father of five children and a highly-respected member of the community," Mr Hornery said.

"We wanted to do something to promote awareness and help fundraising for research."

Mr Hornery runs Hornery Water & Transport, which supplies water for coal seam

operations of Arrow Energy gas on the coalfields of Moranbah, west of Mackay.

Mr Hornery's tanker fleet of Acco, Kenworth and Mack B-doubles and road train combinations carries between 36,000 and 44,000 litres per load used to flush out drill holes.

"The 4ULOC registered truck is already booked for three functions and set to be a familiar sight at numerous events," he said.

"We have 25 water trucks that work in shifts around the clock, seven days a week.

"Our intention is to take on other major sponsors to give them an opportunity to participate and help with keeping the truck highly visible

at public venues."

Mr Hornery said Groeneveld automatic greasing systems had been installed on 20 of the fleet and they had also donated a system for the Cancer Council truck which had 73 grease points, saving the family valuable maintenance time.

"We're very impressed with the performance of the Groeneveld system - absolutely no problems," Mr Hornery said.

"After inspecting the trucks at the end of each shift it's great to see all the points well-greased and operating perfectly.

"It gives us great peace of mind knowing the equipment is being maintained in peak condition."