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# HHA Freight News

HHA Freight News aims to keep you informed of what we are up to and any new sources of information that we can pass on to help make your life easier. If you have an email address and would like to be notified when a new edition of HHA Freight News is available on our website please email [office@helenhenderson.co.nz](mailto:office@helenhenderson.co.nz) and we will add you to the mailing list. We are concentrating on the Freight Management software this newsletter.

## Freight Management News

There has been considerable time, resource and planning spent on this important module of the business software suite this year.

### GPS



As part of a review of the software and how it can be used by your company we are pursuing some technology changes to introduce into the software the ability to communicate with trucks via a third part GPI interface.

Following is a **flow diagram** of how we currently see this interface operating. This module will allow you to send messages electronically to your vehicles, from the Freight Management dispatch software and the driver to send keyed data back to the office. It is then processed.

We have been talking to several third party GPS suppliers in the past months, including Navman and Xlerate (Team Talk). Both offer features that may suit your transport operation and we would like to hear your thoughts. We will be meeting with Team Talk this week to assist with an existing client who is ready to investigate this step further. Navman have supplied their interface data and we are able to tailor to your requirements.

### SQL

We have successfully had running for the past three months a site using SQL for the Freight management software.

SQL is a step up from the Access database technology that you currently run, SQL has intelligence to manage the database to provide efficiencies in speed and data use, it smoothes the processing, recovers data if a crash and can be backed up with operators using the software. The most significant difference that was found was the even processing of data – the data update is smoother which is particularly significant when you have a number of operators. For more information please contact Andrew or Helen.



## Bits and Bytes

A few things that might like your life easier.....

- ✓ Do you feel your database is getting clogged up with historical batches of data. Andrew now has a batch deleter available.
- ✓ With the latest price changes in Diesel, don't forget that rate changes can be processed in bulk through your Freight Rating software. Use the trucknology available to give you the edge in the market.
- ✓ Have you a problem with a large number of customers that you haven't used for a considerable time – we have a new feature which will turn your unused customers to inactive if there has been no activity in say 2 years (flexible).

## Movember 2007

The boys of HHA have proudly grown their moustaches in support of Movember 2007. Well done guys, great effort. I had a comment the other day that Phil may be in the market for some hair dye? What do you think Phil? Phil and Andrew are part of the Intersoft Systems Ltd team and have so far have raised over \$500 to go towards a very worthwhile and essential cause.

Donations still gratefully received on [www.movember.com](http://www.movember.com)



## Christmas Hours

From the team at HHA we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Please note that we will be closed for the Statutory Days only. If you require support please ring 03 6931121 or email [office@helenhenderson.co.nz](mailto:office@helenhenderson.co.nz)

