

Safety Notice

Notice to all network stakeholders.

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MEWP outrigger slip

What happened?

On the 8th April 2025 whilst trimming trees from a MEWP over the side of the truck, the operator has extended the bucket, and the ground has given way beneath the outrigger, causing the bucket to drop (approx 1m) and the roadside outrigger to lift off the ground. No injury or harm occurred.



Why would this occur?

To meet the CoPTTM requirements for lane closure of 1m clearance between the road cone and the workers, only one outrigger could be placed on the tar-sealed road. The nearside outrigger sat between the edge of the road and the grass berm. Despite the nearside outrigger being positioned on a pad, the transfer of weight and subsequent ground conditions and slope of the edge of the road led to the sudden movement.

Steps to remain safe:

- Ensure all MEWP have appropriate outrigger pads and wheels are chocked
- If placement of outrigger is not suitable, change position of MEWP and / or traffic management set up to provide stable outrigger placement
- After set up, fly the boom from lower controls and especially over the outrigger to test the set up

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