

Incident Alert



Incident Title:

Wheel bearing collapse on Wood-chipper
(2010 Vermeer BC1000 Chipper P282U)

Date of Incident:

Thursday 31 June, 2014

Incident Description and Details:

While driving on Grays Road (Plimmerton) at approximately 35km/hr the driver of a Transfield Services ute towing a wood-chipper noticed a shudder through his vehicle. As the driver looked in the rear-view mirror he saw smoke coming from the right wheel of the chipper.

The driver pulled over at the nearest possible safe place (about 20 metres away) and found that the right wheel was about to come away from the chipper.

After it was jacked up it became apparent that the outer right wheel bearing had collapsed and there was damage to the stub axle.

Recommendations / Lessons:

- A better-way has been put-forward by the vegetation crew to undertake thorough machinery inspections three-monthly.
- The wood-chipper was within its Warrant of Fitness date and a pre-start inspection was carried out by the work crew prior to leaving the depot on the morning of 31/07/2014.

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