



# “Powerful Transport Management”

## TLP Systems.

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### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thanks to new and existing loyal customers, TLP Systems found the last 6 Covid months were not as challenging as first feared. Therefore, we remain confident about the future and know we must focus on providing a strong and professional team to support our clients. Hence over the winter months we have expanded our team, adding Tim Pryce to the Support Group and welcoming Mark Sadler in Marketing. This has also given us an opportunity to work on several key updates & projects we hoped to implement across our **5 Core Modules**:

- Transport
- Warehouse
- Financials
- Fleet Management
- Contract Project Management
- Plus, TOBY our mobility-based app

We would like to update you all on the new features, we have been working on across both the TLP Software and TOBY, both from feedback from our existing customers, what we have seen as a need coming from the market and our own project wish list plus road map.

#### 3 KEY NEW UPDATES



We are very excited to announce 3 New Product features we have added to **TOBY** our in the field Mobile App, as we know these will greatly add to what we can offer our customers and more importantly, the drivers out in the field.

#### Documents in The Field:

First up, we have added this feature, so when assigning or sending a job to TOBY (mobile field device) you can also attach documents. (E.g. Dangerous Goods documentation) The driver can then view and use the TOBY App to display and access while on the job.

Alerts/Reminders – In Field alerts, this is to notify the driver of an action or activity that will be required out in the field, such as reminding the driver that he must wash his tanks before/after loading.

Checklists: The demand for pre drive check lists or paperless pre-journey checks has become essential. Work equipment that requires inspection should not be used, unless you know the inspection has taken place. It should be accompanied by physical evidence of the last inspection, such as an inspection report or, for smaller items of equipment, some form of tagging, colour coding or labelling system.



Through using **TLP's Toby** Mobile Software out in the field, you can now set up and run your own check lists, how and when you like. Lists can automatically be sent to the driver or truck. Anything that is noted as a failure is then recorded against that vehicle in the workshop system and can be sent back to the Operator/Fleet Manager or whoever should be notified.

## NEW SYSTEM UPDATES

### BASE FRAMEWORK

- **Progress bars:** Allows the user to see that the system is doing something and is not stuck. Useful for larger processing runs, system refresh and so on.
- **Option to hide or show search parameters:** Provides the user with more screen real estate to display the grid view
- **Independent scroll bars on allocation views:** Can scroll either side of an allocation screen without disturbing the other.
- **User sizing of calendar views:** Allows the user to tailor the real estate taken by calendar views to the requirements of the task

### TRANSPORT

- **Scheduled release of work to trucks:** Allows the user to schedule jobs for release to (for example) the night shift to happen when the night shift starts work, not during the day.
- **Trip Planning now using concept of a Unit:** Allows the user to stipulate the equipment required for a trip without specifying exactly which units. E.g.: can specify we need a B Train but not a specific B Train.
- **PODs can be edited and saved on invoiced jobs:** Allows this task to be carried out even after the job has been invoiced.
- **Workflow facility introduced:** Enables fields to be set based upon other conditions. For example, you could say a job is ready for line haul based upon the pickup now being at the depot.
- **Global mandatory fields introduced:** Previously you could only stipulate that statistical values were mandatory, now you can specify any field is mandatory. E.g.: you must enter a Service
- **Item splitting by button click:** The splitting of items was previously quite manual. Now it can be done from the search by button click.

### WAREHOUSE

- **Colour used in grid views:** Provides a more readable and user-friendly facility
- **Transfers now able to change product and customer:** Allows a simple repack to be processed easily.
- **Easy stock adjustment facility:** Allows for the correction of stock figures without doing a stock take but still having an audit trail

### FINANCIALS

- **Reconciliation of Sub-Contractor Invoices to Movements:** When entering a Creditors Invoice, you can now check off the Movements that were charged on that invoice

### CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Planning Calendar:** Gives the ability to plan the tasks in a larger contract on a calendar format

### TOBY (Mobility App)

- **Sending Documents to the Driver:** Any paperwork that needs to go to the driver can now be sent.
- **Alerts for Drivers:** Warnings of activities that must be carried out. E.g.: the tanks need cleaning before loading.
- **Check lists and Defect recording:** Check lists are now sent to the TOBY Device. These are mainly for pre-trip check but could be used for anything. Any failures get logged into the workshop defects facility automatically

**For more information on any of these modules or updates.**

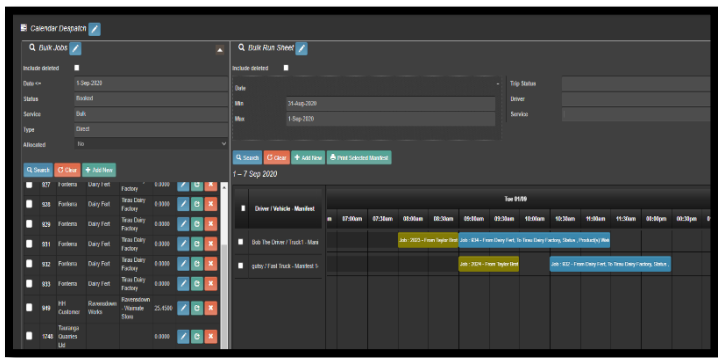
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## FEATURED PRODUCT: Electronic Planning Calendar

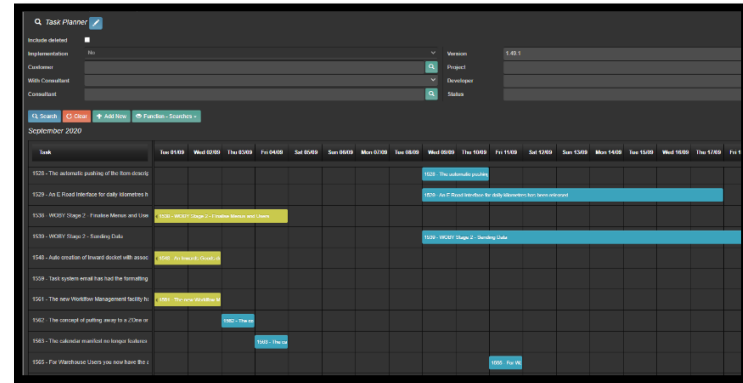
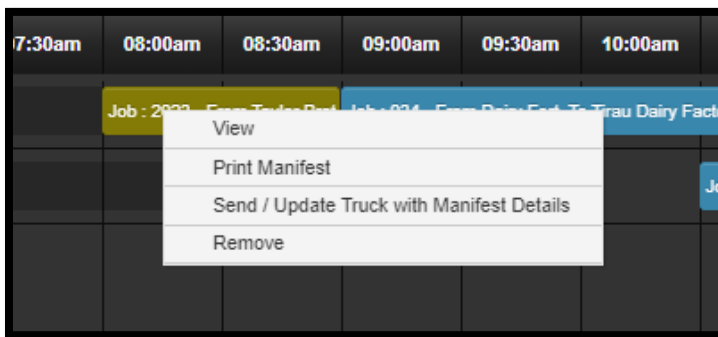
A picture is worth 1000 words, so TLP seeks to give you simple yet effective ways of visualizing your scheduling information. The screen below illustrates this through the new TLP's New Calendar based Job Allocation facility.

Unallocated jobs are shown to the left and Trucks with available time to the right. To allocate you merely click and drag the job to the appropriate time slot.



**Below:**

- Colours change to denote status.
- Hold cursor over job to get a list of options
- Use the mouse to extend or alter times for the job
- Use as an Allocation Tool or Operations Dashboard



**Above:** Calendar views can also be used for Planning tasks Such As.

- Contract Planning
- Job Planning
- Workshop Planning
- Slot Bookings
- Dock / Door Booking

## Coming Up?

Some items you can expect in the next Quarter are

- New TLP Menu System
- GPS Interface for Distance Travelled
- Workflow Management Facilities

And plenty more...

To find out more on any of these features or to schedule a demo or Zoom session, please contact.

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