

AAPA 2017 SA SAFETY INITIATIVE JOINT AWARD WINNER



GERARD KILLICK

Gerard Killick is Business Development Manager at Fulton Hogan in Adelaide. Gerard has 25 years' experience in road surfacing across New Zealand and Australia.

Reversing plant in spray seal applications is a leading factor in near misses and injuries of operators and crew. VicRoads, in association with AAPA, has announced its intention to phase out the use of reversing spreaders over the next five years, by 2022.

Responding to this, Gerard approached Caterpillar with an idea after seeing a seven-tonne asphalt compactor with its 360 degree rotating seat.

He proposed that by implementing the seat rotation technology on a spray seal roller, it would be possible to eliminate the need for rollers to reverse on job sites.



Gerard's passion for safety within his organisation, and commitment to drive change using exclusive Caterpillar technology resulted in the establishment of a collaborative relationship between Fulton Hogan and Caterpillar to design and build what would become the new CW12 pneumatic tyre roller. The roller is specifically designed for compliance on Australian spray seal job sites.

Fulton Hogan management were quick to get behind Gerard and their support for the initiative continues today. This collaboration, together with Gerard's drive and determination, has implemented a solution that can save lives and potentially change the industry.

'We're very proud to be part of this project and work beside Gerard' – Chris Powell, Sales Representative, Caterpillar.