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## TRUCKING INDUSTRY CONGRATULATES ALAN BROWN OAM

The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) has today congratulated (Leslie) Alan Brown on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Alan Brown is the founding chairman and director of the Brown and Hurley Group, Australia's largest dealer of Kenworth trucks.

Together with his partner, Jack Hurley, Alan Brown started Premier Motors (which would later be renamed the Brown and Hurley Group) in Kyogle following their discharge from the Second World War.

Their first business was a bicycle shop with a workshop and petrol bowsers. However, their real love was trucks and in 1948 they obtained their first truck franchise.

The Brown and Hurley Group now consists of nine dealers, stretching from Tamworth to Far North Queensland. The company is still family owned and employs over 300 staff across the country.

Chairman of the ATA, Trevor Martyn, said the Medal of the Order of Australia was a wonderful recognition of Alan Brown's commitment to the Australian trucking industry.

"In over 60 years of business, Alan Brown has been a strong supporter of the Australian trucking industry. That commitment continues today through the Brown and Hurley Group," Mr Martyn said.

"As a long time supplier of Kenworth trucks, the Brown and Hurley Group has made significant contributions to the ATA. That support has allowed the ATA to make sure the industry's voice is heard by lawmakers.

"Alan Brown was previously recognised by the National Road Transport Hall of Fame in 2000; today his many years of service to the industry is recognised by the people of Australia.

"On behalf of the ATA and the whole trucking industry, I want to offer Alan my warmest congratulations on this most significant honour," Mr Martyn said.

As well as running a successful business, Alan Brown spent many years as a councillor of the New South Wales Motor Traders' Association and Australian Automobile Dealers' Association.

Alan Brown was also recognised for his commitment to his home town of Kyogle, where he still lives today.

He is a life member of the Kyogle Lions Club, a former President of the Kyogle Chamber of Commerce and former Kyogle Shire Councillor and Deputy Shire President.

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