



Hauling a deadly message

WHITE crosses adorned a Geelong overpass yesterday in a campaign to improve working conditions for truck drivers.

Placed on the pillars of the Church St overpass on the Princes Highway, the crosses were marked "287" to represent the number of people killed in truck-related accidents every year on average.

Transport Workers Union state secretary Wayne Mader said truckies were overworked due to client pressure. "It's a matter of the faster they are the more money they'll make and that obviously causes problems," Mr Mader said.

Mr Mader said truck drivers wanted a better pay system and more investigations into workplace accidents.

Truck driver Ron Fountain said drivers faced unrealistic workloads each day.



GETTING CROSS: Former driver Ron Fountain with the TWU's Wayne Mader.

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