

B and B Transport



“We were taught to turn our weaknesses into strengths” – Charlene Dickens

A hard-working husband and wife team has turned a ‘one-truck’ transport business into a diversified operation with 52 permanent and 30 temporary staff, with opportunities for further growth.

In 2001 Bradley Dickens started a small transport business in Ixopo, hauling potatoes with one truck, working after hours while maintaining a day job as a traffic inspector. His wife Charlene resigned from her job to run the business. In year two they bought another truck to transport sand. Then they purchased a TLB, grader and grid roller and got into the road building business.

Eventually in 2007 Bradley resigned from his day job to work full time in B & B Transport.

Growing and diversifying

The business expanded further to include civils, road construction, plant hire and management of water reticulation projects. Clients include Mondi, the Department of Transport, local municipalities and private farmers.

In 2015 Mondi Zimele came on board to provide bridging capital to ensure the seamless delivery of services to customers.

“It was hard work juggling two jobs, but eventually I resigned and got full time into our own business”
– Bradley Dickens



Comprehensive business support

“Mondi Zimele’s support has been phenomenal,” says Charlene. “We went on the Mondi Zimele training programme, where we gained so much knowledge about business ... how to turn our weaknesses into strengths. It’s been an eye-opening experience.”

Laird Mitchell of Mondi Zimele explains that the development and support agreement that Mondi Zimele has with clients like B & B is very customised. “It’s really there to cement the relationship between ourselves and our loan partners, based on their specific requirements for growth and development.”

