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VTA releases State Conference 2017 speaker list

Expert line-up to reinforce productivity message to operators

With just over a week until the Victorian Transport Association's (VTA) annual State Conference in Lorne, the peak freight industry representative body has revealed the full list of speakers that will address delegates over the two-day event, from June 4-6.

"Productivity impediments remain the number one barrier to transport operators being more successful, which is why we've built the program around a group of expert presenters and topics that can help delegates improve their operation's KPIs across the board," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"The program reveals an interesting mix of keynote addresses and presentations from politicians, regulators and industry leaders, supported by several panellists that will share insights and learnings on key productivity drivers of technology, safety, people, customers and equipment during a number of interactive discussions.

"VTA State Conferences have earned a reputation for being content rich, and with over 30 speakers confirmed, 2017 is certainly no exception. We appreciate the support of our speakers and look forward to their remarks at the Conference," he said.

New keynote speakers released today include Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Director Programme Delivery **Simon Thomas**; Viva Energy Australia National Sales Manager (Transport) **Jonathan Dexter**; DP World Australia Chief Operating Officer **Max Kruse**, WorkSafe Victoria Regional Operations Manager **Ian Matthews**, and CMV-Volvo Product Manager **Thiago Leal**.

These addresses will be supplemented by panel presentations and discussions from a mix of equipment manufacturers and suppliers, insurance and finance providers, human resources, and superannuation and legal experts, all geared towards helping delegates to make their business more productive, the Conference theme.

The VTA continues to accept full or single day registrations to the State Conference online at www.vta.com.au

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VTA State Conference 2017 Speaker Line Up

Monday, 5 June	
The Big Picture	
Peter Anderson	Victorian Transport Association
Hon Darren Chester, MP	Federal Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Jeremy Wilmot	JANA
Paul Retter	National Transport Commission
Hon David Hodggett, MP	Deputy Victorian Liberal Party Leader & Shadow Minister for Ports
Safety	
Sal Petrocitto	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
Owen Driscoll	NTI
Cade Turner	3M
Brendon Kropp	Arthur J Gallagher
Ian Matthews	WorkSafe Victoria
Technology	
Chris Koniditsiotis	Transport Certification Australia
Nick Dabner	Trimble
John Tsoucalas	Fleet Effect
Alexander Robinson	Seeing Machines
TBC	In Vehicle Camera Systems
Anthony Desira	Victoria International Container Terminal
People	
Judy O'Connell	Victorian Small Business Commissioner
John Cotter	TWUSUPER
Russell Hutchinson	Logical Staffing Solutions
Allan Wildbore	Sustainable Performance Partners
Max Kruse	DP World Australia
Adrian Misiano	Matthews Steer
Tuesday, 6 June	
Customers	
Jonathan Dexter	Viva Energy Australia
Kristine Alleva	ACQUUM Consulting
Brendan Richards	Ferrier Hodgson
Merv Rea	Zurich
Grant Dickson	Thorn
Simon Thomas	Australian Rail Track Corporation
Equipment	
Thiago Leal	CMV-Volvo
Stuart Farrow	FleetMark
David Threllfall	SG Fleet Group
Kevin Manfield	MaxiTRANS
TBC	SAF Holland
Stan Alves	Former AFL Coach and Player