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## **Victorian Treasurer Tim Pallas to present Australian Freight Industry Awards**

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) is pleased to announce Treasurer Tim Pallas will attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Australian Freight Industry Awards presentation celebration on Saturday, 2 September, joining VTA President Cameron Dunn and CEO Peter Anderson on stage to present awards across the six major categories.

“The Victorian Government have been great supporters of the AFIA’s as the sponsor of the Personality of the Year award, and by sending numerous representatives on the night itself,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“We are thrilled that the Treasurer will join us to recognise and acknowledge award winners and finalists for their outstanding achievements and contributions over the past year. That such a senior representative of the Andrews Government is attending our most important social event is a testament to the high standing with which the VTA is held within government.

“We have worked closely with the Treasurer and numerous other senior ministers on wide-ranging policy and legislative matters, and continue to appreciate the Victorian Government’s support of the freight and logistics industry, and its vital role in keeping our state’s economy moving,” he said.

**Last week to book tickets!**

With less than two weeks until the awards presentation, the VTA is urging those intending to attend to finalise their tickets this week. Ticket sales will close on **Monday, 28 August**, and can be purchased online at [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

The Motown-themed evening will kick off with showman Matt Hetherington’s entertaining ***This is Motown*** act, followed by a powerful performance from Hunters & Collectors front man **Mark Seymour** and his band **The Undertow**. Matt Hetherington will return to the stage with his big band, performing covers of well-known classic and contemporary hits. VTA signature performer **Sarah Valentine** completes the line-up, entertaining guests from when the Crown Palladium Room doors open at 7pm

Peter Anderson said close to 700 tickets had already been sold.

“We’ve had another great response to the AFIA’s across award entries and ticket sales to the presentation celebration. Tickets are still available and I urge everyone in our great industry to get involved by purchasing a ticket or a table to yet another fantastic celebration of the Australian transport industry,” he said.

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