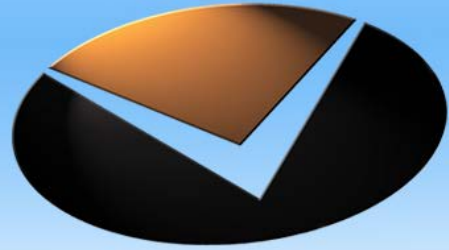


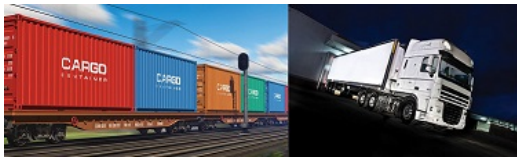


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## Industry celebrates AFIA winners

The outstanding achievements of several individuals and organisations were acknowledged at the 28th VTA Australian Freight Industry Awards on Saturday, 2 September in another fantastic celebration of the transport Industry. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Dr Hermione Parsons, Deakin University, Personality of the Year Award – sponsored by the Victorian Government Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- Matt Simmons, Rocke Brothers, Young Achiever of the Year Award – sponsored by Viva Energy Australia
- FBT Transwest, Waste & Recycling Award – sponsored by CMV Volvo

- Redstar Transport, Application of Technology Award – sponsored by Transport Certification Australia
- Victoria International Container Terminal, Application of Technology Award – sponsored by Transport Certification Australia
- Metropolitan Express Transport Services, Best Practice Safety Award – NTI
- DP World Australia, Investment in People Award – sponsored by Logical Staffing Solutions

Over 700 members and guests attended the awards this year, which were presented by Victorian Treasurer Tim Pallas. The night was another great success with guests celebrating late into the night and enjoying another great line-up of entertainment. To re-live the night, we've put together a compilation of award presentations and the entertainment accessible from the VTA [website](#).

## ARTIO making progress on ATO determination re-think

The Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation (ARTIO) in conjunction with other industry representative groups is making steady progress with the Australian Tax Office to reverse or alter the recent tax determination, which significantly reduces what drivers can claim on meal allowances whilst working away from home. The ATO is now considering a response from ARTIO, NatRoads and the ATA to its follow up proposal, and we hope to have a favourable resolution on the matter by the end of the month. In his September [Prime Mover magazine column](#), VTA CEO Peter Anderson makes the case for why the recent Tax Determination needs to change.

## Chester appoints National Road Safety Strategy inquiry co-chairs

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Darren Chester has made new appointments to chair the National Road Safety Strategy inquiry. The inquiry aims to improve the effectiveness of the existing strategy, and subsequently reduce the social and economic impact of road trauma. University of Adelaide associate professor and director of the Centre for Automotive Safety Research Jeremy Woolley, and Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' Trauma Committee Chair Dr John Crozier are the new co-chairs of the inquiry.

## Qube International Terminal Fee underscores need to pass on costs

Qube Logistics has announced a new \$30 International Terminal Fee at its Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth freight station terminals. The fee's introduction has been attributed to significant cost increases incurred across Qube's business including rent, energy, labour and property maintenance costs. As regrettable as new and higher fees and charges are, they are a part of doing business at a time when costs everywhere are increasing across the board. Ultimately, costs must be passed on by operators through the supply chain to consumers because if they aren't, many will go out of business. When new or higher charges are introduced, it is important they are clearly explained and justified, and operators given a reasonable amount of time to plan for the increase and notify their

customers of any pricing impact. Where a new fee or higher charge cannot be justified, the VTA will ask for an explanation on behalf of the industry, and take further action where warranted.

## VTA critical of Beach Road curfew extensions

Operators are reminded that despite fierce opposition from the VTA, the Victorian Government has decided to trial extending heavy vehicle curfews on Beach Road. The extension will see the Saturday curfew extended to include 6am-1pm, with local deliveries exempted. The VTA advocated strongly against the curfew extension, which appears to have come at the behest of Albert Park Labor MP Martin Foley, responding to pressure from a minority of local interest groups. The unfortunate by-product of this kind of laziness is it pits industry against community, and is a set-back to years of progress and compromise industry has made elsewhere. The VTA will continue to work with state and local governments, VicRoads and local communities on road-sharing solutions that encourage greater harmony and balance from all users. Should you have any questions about this new restriction please contact the VTA on 9646 8590.

## Vale George Razumic

The VTA extends deepest sympathies to family and friends of George Razumic, one of the founding members of Colin Rees Transport, now known as CRT Group. George was a long-standing member of the CRT Group team, working closely with Col Rees to make the business the success it is today. In his tribute to George, Col said he was a great company and family man, and that CRT is the quality operation it is because of people like George. "George and his family are the unsung heroes that make this industry great," Col said. George is survived by his wife Paula, and sons Jason and Michael, to whom we offer our condolences.

## Deakin University releases pallet survey report

The Centre for Supply Chain Logistics at Deakin University has released the findings of its Australian Pallet Survey, which was produced in consultation with industry. Among the many findings, cost was identified as the prevailing concern of pallet users who rent or buy pallets, with the ability to meet customer requirements, strength of the pallets, durability and rack-ability also ranked as further considerations. The VTA, on behalf of Deakin University, thanks those members that participated in this vital research, which help to improve productivity and efficiency across the industry. For a copy of the research paper is available on the [VTA website](#) or by contacting the Centre for Supply Chain Logistics on 03 9246 8071.

## Fleet Effect adds Seeing Machines technology to ConnectedTruck

VTA member [Fleet Effect](#) believes it's closed the loop by adding Seeing Machines into its "ConnectedTruck" offering. The technology uses AI to monitor drivers for signs of fatigue and moments of distraction. When incidents are detected by camera using a facial recognition algorithm, the seat vibrates and an alarm sounds to alert the driver. According to Fleet Effect's John Tsoucalas, operators have a lot of data at their fingertips. "In real-time they can view incidents in HD, analyse time-based fatigue breaches and be alerted when their drivers display signs of tiredness. Overall, I think this amounts to lifts in driver safety

and performance across the board." For further information about Fleet Effect and the "ConnectedTruck" email [contact@fleeteffect.com](mailto:contact@fleeteffect.com)

## Expressions of Interest – Port Rail shuttle

The Victorian Government has opened expressions of interest from industry that are interested in establishing and operating port rail freight shuttles in Melbourne. Both the federal and state governments are providing incentive funding totalling \$58m to assist successful proposals. An information session will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with submissions closing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Further details are available at the [Victorian Government tender web site](#).

## Upcoming events

- VWMA Golf Day – 9 October 2017
- TMC – 16 to 18 October 2017
- [Developing Greater Melbourne Conference](#) – 30-31 October 2017
- VWMA Breakfast – 8 November 2017
- TWUSUPER Golf Day – 13 November 2017
- VWMA Christmas lunch – 1 December 2017
- VTA Christmas Lunch – 8 December 2017

## Training programs

- Chain of Responsibility – Safe Loads – 20 September 2017.
- Transition to Transport – 27 September 2017.
- Incident Management Workshop – 4 October 2017.
- Chain of Responsibility – Awareness – 11 October 2017.
- Prescribed Industrial Waste – 26 September, 5 October 2017 and 21 October 2017.

For more details download the flyer at the VTA [website](#) or for the prescribed industrial waste courses download the flyer from the VWMA [website](#).