



## VTA E-News

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### Victorian Government announces NEL corridor

The Victorian Transport Association welcomes today's announcement on the North-East Link route. The decision follows a concerted 18-month campaign by the VTA and the RACV for the government to commit to building the much-needed missing link to the M80 Ring Road, which will improve productivity for freight operators in the area. The route chosen, [Corridor A](#), will have the least social impact in terms of negative effects on the community, and the VTA recognises the efforts of Duncan Elliot and his team at the North East Link Authority, for their diligence in coming up with the best solution. This important project is in the best interests of all Victorians, and the VTA looks forward to moving into the next phase of consultation, planning and commencing construction.

### VTA welcomes Opposition plan for busting intersection congestion

The VTA has [welcomed](#) a plan by the Victorian opposition to build underpasses at some of Melbourne and Geelong's most notorious intersections. The \$4 billion-dollar project would see intersections transformed into underpasses at key locations, creating a more free-flowing road network which would reduce travel times and increase productivity. It is encouraging both major parties in government and opposition are heeding industry calls to build infrastructure that makes our roads more efficient for all road users.

### BITRE: Heavy vehicle crash fatalities remain stable

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics' (BITRE) latest Fatal Heavy Vehicle Crashes Australia quarterly bulletin reports fatal crashes involving articulated trucks rose 9.4 per cent in the 12 months to September, compared with the corresponding period

last year. It also showed an average 0.6 per cent per year rise for the three years to September. This is the first time since the last quarter of last year that such a three-year increase has been recorded, and only the second time since January-March 2012. The figures for rigids is generally unsettled, with fatal crashes falling 5 per cent over last year and increasing an average of 2 per cent per year in the past three.

### Managing sub contractors under 2018 CoR reforms

As 2018 fast approaches, the need to manage speed, fatigue, maintenance, as well as job management is growing in importance for operators who use sub contractors. As a leader in paperless CoR compliance, VTA supporter Fleet Effect can now deliver the same solutions to the subcontractor's smartphone (Android and iOS). For further information about the reforms read more [here](#)

### Accolades for NHVR online portal

The NHVR's online permitting system has received commendation at this year's Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management. NHVR portal was selected as a finalist for its innovation and customer-focused approach. Launched in August 2016, the NHVR Portal is an online platform for the transport and logistics industry to apply for permits, moving from a paper-based work environment to an online experience. As much as 99 per cent of all new applications are now submitted through the NHVR portal. Its three modules – Customer, Road Manager and Regulator – provide specific information for each stakeholder group to do their task, on a common platform. New functionality and updates have been made to the customer module with the road manager and regulator modules launched last month that allow transport operators, road managers and NHVR staff to interact on the same technology platform for the first time.

### Registration deadline for VTA Christmas Lunch looms

The VTA is encouraging all members to finalise registration for the annual Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 8 in the MCC Members' Dining Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The VTA is assembling a great afternoon of laughter and Christmas cheer, along with a fabulous three-course meal and drinks. Comedian Dave O'Neil and speed painter Brad Blaze headline the entertainment so don't miss out on what should be a great afternoon. Further information is contained in the [flyer](#), and tickets can be purchased [online](#).

### Upcoming events

- [VWMA Christmas lunch](#) – 1 December 2017
- [VTA Christmas Lunch](#) – 8 December 2017

### Training programs

- Transition to Transport – 29 November 2017
- Prescribed Industrial Waste – 7 and 16 December 2017
- Chain of Responsibility Awareness – 6 December 2017
- Chain of Responsibility Safe Loads – 13 December 2017

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