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Regional road trauma underscores VTA safety push

The VTA is supportive of measures announced by roads minister Luke Donnellan as part of the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, which includes \$340 million for infrastructure improvements on Victoria's most high-risk rural roads. This follows the release of data showing rural roads remain over-represented in the number of fatalities in Victoria. The data shows of the 155 people who died on Victoria's rural roads last year, 109 were involved in a crash where a vehicle left its lane, with 72 lives lost in single-vehicle crashes on the roadside, and 37 deaths resulting from a head-on collision. The Christmas holiday period was among the worst in recent memory for fatality accidents involving heavy vehicles, which has prompted renewed industry calls for national safety rules to help reduce road trauma and its associated impacts on the community.

Unions facing \$100 million claim over Webb Dock picket

VTA supporter VICT has launched damages claim against the MUA and CFMEU over their involvement in a three-week picket of its Webb Dock terminal prior to Christmas. The VTA was highly critical of the unions' so-called 'community protest', which crippled activity at the dock and disrupted supply chains throughout the state during the busiest time of the year. VICT has flagged an \$8 million damages bill, which could climb beyond \$100 million based on loss of future earnings and reputational damage.

Save the Date for VTA State Conference 2018

The annual VTA State Conference is being held early this year to avoid clashes with numerous other industry events in May and June including Megatrans. The conference will be held from Sunday, March 18 – Tuesday, March 20, with members urged to Save the Date ahead of registration and program information being published next week. Should VTA supporters wish to sponsor an exhibition booth please contact Kevin Halpin on 03 9646 8590.

TCA releases new telematics IVU specification

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) has released an update to the Telematics In-Vehicle Unit (IVU) Functional and Technical Specification to reflect changes in national and international standards, feedback from industry, and the growing number of apps. The Specification can be used across transport modes, supports multiple uses consistent ISO 15638/TARV and enables interoperability, and mitigates end-users having to install separate, stand-alone devices to perform individual functions. The Specification also meets the requirements of regulatory telematics apps which can improve productivity and safety. A copy of the Specification can be obtained by visiting www.tca.gov.au.

Mark Smith appointed new VWMA Executive Officer

The VTA is pleased to welcome Mark Smith as the new Executive Officer of the Victorian Waste Management Association. Mark brings more than 14 years' experience across the private and public sectors, including roles at the Environmental Protection Authority Victoria, Sustainability Victoria, Toyota and VicRoads. He has significant experience working with legislators, regulators, various statutory authorities and research institutions and will make an important contribution to the advocacy work of the VTA and VWMA. Mark can be contacted on 03 9646 8590 or via email at mark@vta.com.au

Registration open for Viva Energy Australia Golf Day

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) is continuing to accept registrations for the annual Viva Energy Australia Golf Day, being held on Friday, February 16 at National Golf Club, Long Island, Melbourne. The day is a terrific way to reconnect with fellow members after the Christmas/New Year break. The VTA encourages those intending to play to register early, as being one of the most popular social networking events, it is typically over-subscribed. To register, visit the VTA website [here](#).

Fleet Effect Registers with NHVR for EWD Approval

VTA supporter Fleet Effect has welcomed the progress the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has made on Electronic Work Diary policy and technical requirements, ahead of EWD System approvals after March 2018. Fleet Effect will be providing feedback on the policy and technical requirements based on its over 10 years' of operational experience with EWD's across numerous fleets. Fleet Effect advises it looks forward to commencing the EWD approval process with the NHVR once the process is finalised. For further information on Fleet Effect's work on EWD's visit the [website](#).

NTI seeks industry assistance on restoration project

NTI is calling for industry assistance and input on its next restoration project following the success of its 1946 International K5 project, which raised funds for Motor Neurone Disease. The insurer is looking to restore another vehicle for charity and is urging suggestions to be posted to its [Facebook](#) page or [Truck Assist Forum](#). We encourage all members to get behind this worthy project if you have ideas or suggestions for a truck in need of restoration.

Upcoming events

- VTA Golf Day, sponsored by Viva Energy; Friday, 16 February, The National Long Island Golf Club
- VTA State Conference 2018; 18-20 March, Mantra Lorne
- VTA Women's Lunch, Friday, 20 April, Fenix
- VTA Port Outlook, Wednesday, 9 May, MEGATRANS
- VTA Ministerial Breakfast, Thursday, 10 May, MEGATRANS

Training programs

- Chain of Responsibility - Awareness – 7 February 2018
- Chain of Responsibility – Safe Loads – 14 February 2018
- Master Class – Business Planning you can implement - 14 February 2018
- Pallet Management - 21 February 2018
- Prescribed Industrial Waste – 27 February 2018

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.