



Victorian Transport Association Update 16 February 2018



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VTA State Conference features a who's who of infrastructure

The annual VTA State Conference being held at Mantra Lorne from 18-20 March is shaping up as a who's who of the Victorian infrastructure community. Headlining the road infrastructure list is Roads Minister Luke Donnellan who is attending his first VTA State Conference. The Minister will be supported by the heads of two of the biggest infrastructure authorities in the State – Melbourne Metro Rail Authority CEO Evan Tattersall and North-East Link Authority CEO Duncan Elliott. Speakers from VicRoads and Transurban will also feature at the Conference, which has as its theme Profit or Perish: Achieving Sustained Success in Transport. For further information please review the attached flyer and register online at the VTA [website](#) by 2 March for Early Bird savings.

Congratulations Mark Watt AM

The VTA offers its sincere congratulations to Whitelion CEO Mark Watt, who was inducted as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community, particularly to disadvantaged and at-risk youth, through social welfare support organisations. Mark has had a decorated career serving the community in a number of roles, and the VTA has been pleased to support his work through sponsorship of Whitelion. Mark and Whitelion do inspirational work for at-risk youth and we congratulate him on this well-deserved honour.

NTC releases updated load restraint guide

An updated [load restraint guide](#) and is now available on the National Transport Commission (NTC) website, providing practical advice on how to safely transport a load. The guide includes information on understanding the characteristics of the load to choose a suitable

vehicle, as well as equipment and restraint systems which meet the performance standards legally required by law. The VTA also runs numerous load restraint training courses and we encourage you to consider one of these courses should you or your operation require additional training and instruction.

VTA urges operators to pass on Patrick infrastructure surcharge hikes

Following stevedore Patrick's decision to raise infrastructure surcharges at its Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Fremantle terminals, the VTA is urging operators impacted to pass the costs on to their customers in full. Infrastructure surcharges are a business cost that cannot be absorbed by operators and ultimately consumers must bear the brunt of higher transaction costs throughout the supply chain. Costs will continue to increase so it's important you let your customers know as early as you can of the need to raise prices to offset these increases. Please contact the VTA on 03 9646 8590 with any queries.

Monash lane restriction trials commence

Operators are reminded that a trial announced last month by the Victorian Government to restrict heavy vehicles from using the right-hand lane on the Monash Freeway has taken effect. As part of the nine-month trial, heavy vehicles travelling in both directions on the Monash between Huntingdale Road, Mount Waverly and Jacksons Road, Noble Park will be restricted from using the far right-hand lane. The VTA supported the dynamic speed trials on the Monash last year for similar reasons that we support this latest trial, because any measure that can potentially improve productivity and safety for operators is good for business and worth trying. Should you have any queries about the trial please contact the VTA on 9646 8590.

First TCA 2018 Breakfast Series to discuss regulatory telematics

VTA supporter TCA is holding a series of breakfasts during 2018 aimed at those impacted by regulatory telematics. The series aims to bring stakeholders together to discuss current and emerging opportunities and to exchange ideas and simulate change. The breakfasts are not-for-profit and free to attend. The first breakfast on 14 March is aimed at the Public Sector, with a focus on those that work in the public sector or have dealings with Government agencies. To register for the breakfast, being held at the TCA, 33 Queen Street, Melbourne, visit the TCA [website](#).

Training programs

- Pallet Management - 21 February 2018
- Transition to Transport – 28 February 2018 and 28 March 2018
- Chain of Responsibility – Awareness for Managers and Customers – 7 March 2018
- Chain of Responsibility – Sub-contractor Management – 14 March 2018
- Master Class – Improving Profit / Waste Reduction - 15 March 2018
- Incident Management – 22 March 2018
- Prescribed Industrial Waste –8 and 24 March 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.

Upcoming events

- VTA State Conference 2018; 18-20 Mach, Mantra Lorne
- VTA Women's Lunch, Friday, 20 April, Fenix
- VTA Port Outlook, Wednesday, 9 May, MEGATRANS