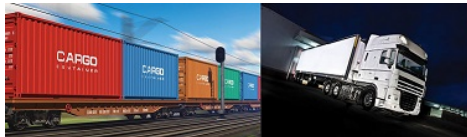


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VTA State Conference 2018 a resounding success

Around 150 delegates, speakers and sponsors gathered at Lorne this week for the annual VTA State Conference, which was another resounding success based on feedback from attendees. Under what many described as the very relevant theme of **Profit or Perish: Achieving Sustained Success in Transport**, delegates heard from around 35 speakers from government, regulators and operators, including the **Hon Keith Pitt**, Assistant Minister to Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, and Victorian Roads Minister **Luke Donnellan**, attending his first VTA conference. Thanks to event sponsor TWUSUPER and all other sponsors for their support.

VTA calls for establishment of Victorian Freight Authority

Peter Anderson used his opening address to this week's State Conference to call for the establishment of a Victorian Freight Authority to advise government on the unique requirements of the transport and logistics industries. The authority would provide a transport industry perspective to decisions impacting planning and development, as well as roads and infrastructure, user charges and the environment. The requirements of operators need to be factored early on in decisions being made by regulators and legislators, which is why the VTA is pushing for the creation of an authority that looks after the unique needs of freight operators.

Operators urged to be aware of disparity in stevedore performance

The VTA has written to members this week urging freight operators to be aware of the disparity between stevedores when it comes to Truck Turnaround Times and other performance indicators. Following the introduction of, and increases to, infrastructure surcharges by all the stevedores, the VTA has undertaken extensive research to establish a cost model for the notional value on a heavy vehicle's cost per wharf trip. The data is available in the member's only section of the VTA website, and further information about the model is available from Rob Connelly at the VTA on 0419 767 002.

Congratulations to 2017 VTA Cadetship graduates

The VTA recently hosted a ceremony for graduates of the 2017 Cadetship Program, bringing together candidates and their families, along with mentors and program facilitators for a celebration of their achievements. The VTA cadets had all successfully completed their Certificate IV in Logistics, involving a combination of face-to-face classes, online learning methods and specific workplace projects and assessments. VTA President Cameron Dunn and CEO Peter Anderson were joined by David O'Flynn and Peter Burn from Victoria Polytechnics for the presentation of certificates to graduands, along with Claude Savino of TWUSUPER who are terrific supporters of the cadetship program.

Pay rates for Victorian public holidays

The VTA has written to members to advise of pay rates for Easter, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday and Grand Final Eve public holidays. Contained within the latest Industrial Circular is a chart applying award conditions to specific public holidays, with an explanation of rates of pay for work performed on each such day. For further information about the pay rates contact VTA Industrial Adviser Paul Ryan on 9646 8590.

Registration opens for VTA Annual Women's Lunch

Registration is now open for the VTA's Annual Women's Lunch, featuring the independent Victorian Upper House MP and Reason Party Founder **Fiona Patten**, Transport Women Australia Chair **Jacqueline Brotherton**, Viva Energy Australia Logistics Manager **Kersten Ross**, and other speakers being confirmed. The Annual Women's Lunch is always one of our best attended events and this year should be no exception with many interesting speakers involved. Further information is contained in the [flyer and registration form](#). To register online, visit www.vta.com.au

Changes to CityLink tolls

CityLink operator Transurban has announced small increases to tolls on passenger and commercial vehicles, which take effect 1 April 2018. The increases for heavy vehicles have been capped at around 0.65% of previous rates. For a complete breakdown of the new tolls follow this [link](#).

Sale to get new heavy vehicle bypass

Concept designs for an alternative heavy vehicle route around the Victorian town of Sale are currently being drawn up by VicRoads for consultation with industry and the community. Numerous options are being explored to enable trucks to travel more efficiently around the township, which would reduce travel times and the need for through traffic to travel through the town.

VTA nominee accepted for Daimler Leaders' Forum

The VTA wishes to congratulate Linfox Logistics' Transport and Scheduler (Government and Defence) **Coralie Chapman** on her acceptance as the VTA's nomination into the Daimler Future Leaders Forum 2018, being convened by the ATA in Canberra. Coralie and other State participants will have the opportunity to develop her potential leadership skills in this special program. The VTA wishes Coralie every success in coming weeks and we look forward to hearing more about the program.

Training programs

- Transition to Transport - 28 March 2018
- Chain of Responsibility – Fatigue Management – 4 April 2018
- Chain of Responsibility – Load Restraint – 11 April 2018
- Transition to Transport - 19 April 2018
- Prescribed Industrial Waste – 19 April and 7 May 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 Women's Lunch, Friday, 20 April, Fenix
- VTA Port Outlook, Wednesday, 9 May, MEGATRANS