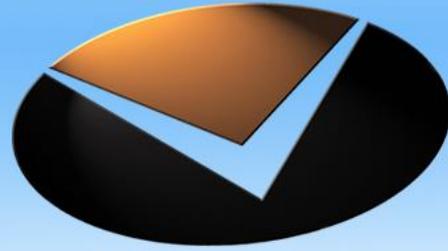




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VTA push for Inner West Cleaner Freight Initiative

The VTA has [renewed its push](#) for the Cleaner Freight Initiative we launched with the Maribyrnong Truck Action Group last September to be implemented by VicRoads and Freight Victoria. The Initiative would provide operators that qualify greater access to roads in Melbourne's inner west that are presently subject to curfews, as well as provide better amenity and safety outcomes for residents in the area. The VTA has had further meetings with relevant stakeholders on this important Initiative and we are hopeful it will be given the green light in the very near future.

Lights On to Shine a Light on Road Safety

The VTA is pleased to support the [Shine a Light on Road Safety](#) campaign as part of National Road Safety Awareness Week. We encourage operators to ask drivers to switch on their headlights today to help spread further awareness of road safety. Road trauma impacts many thousands of Australians and costs our economy an estimated \$30 billion every year so we are pleased to support any initiative that can help reduce fatalities and injuries sustained on our roads.

Heavy Vehicle National Law Review – VTA briefing session

The VTA is providing a briefing session and overview of the Heavy Vehicle National Law review process as part of our engagement with industry on this important review. Feedback received from the briefing will help to inform a submission from the VTA as a key industry stakeholder. The briefing session will be held on Tuesday, 14 May 10:30AM-12:00PM at the VTA. To register your interest in attending please contact Amelia de Laine on 96468590 or email amelia@vta.com.au

Secon Freight Logistics to expand Victoria presence

Congratulations to VTA member Secon Freight Logistics on their recently announced expansion of their Victoria operation through investments in a new purpose-built logistics hub in Truganina. Secon has partnered with property and supply chain firm TM Insight on the design and delivery of this new facility. The new 21,000 square-metre facility will be situated on a 90,000 square-metre site.

ARTIO review of major party workplace relations policy

The Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation has reviewed the Workplace Relations policies of the major political parties ahead of the May 18 Federal Election. To access the review please go to the ARTIO web site at this [link](#).

Review of OSOM Vehicle Arrangements

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack has announced state and territory transport Ministers have agreed for 12 of the recommendations from the Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) Review to be implemented. Recommendations prioritised for short-term implementation and the agreed implementation approach and status can be found [here](#). Concurrently, the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities is consulting with industry to understand which recommendation should be considered next for implementation. Submissions can be emailed to osomreview@infrastructure.gov.au by Friday 17 May 2019.

City of Melbourne releases Transport Plan for consultation

The City of Melbourne has released a draft 10-year [Transport Plan](#) for public consultation. The VTA is reviewing the plan to ensure the needs of transport companies that operate in and around the city are being met, and that heavy vehicle access to Lorimer Street and the Fishermans Bend industrial precinct is not compromised by light rail, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Safe and seamless heavy vehicle access to the Port of Melbourne must be

maintained for Melbourne to remain the freight capital of Australia, and for the health of our economy.

Next phase of fatigue-monitoring research – NHVR seeks feedback

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is seeking feedback from heavy vehicle operators that have used fatigue-monitoring devices as part of the next phase of ongoing research into fatigue-monitoring devices. An independent research team has been appointed by the NHVR to work with companies currently using, or who have previously used, fatigue detection technology and devices in their business. NHVR fatigue specialist – Andreas Blahous is seeking expressions of interest from transport companies and manufacturers in an attempt to better understand how they can encourage the broader use of different fatigue and distraction detection technology operators are already using. More information can be found [here](#).

MaxiTRANS to showcase product & service offering at Brisbane Truck Show

With an extensive product portfolio and services capabilities, trailer builder and VTA supporter MaxiTRANS will showcase its MaxiPARTS and MaxiTRANS servicing divisions at the 2019 Brisbane Truck Show. MaxiTRANS has over 20,000 truck and trailer parts available at over 20 plus locations across Australia, or online via the MaxiPARTS website. They also offer customers an automated inventory management system called MaxiSTOCK – staff will be available at the show to discuss the benefits of their cloud-based system, which has proven to cut administration and improve uptime by automatically ordering parts. For further information about [MaxiTRANS](#) and the 2019 Brisbane Truck Show can be found [here](#).

Qualified VTA Driver Delivery drivers available for employment

Over the past 16 months, the VTA has been conducting a very successful Driver Delivery Program whereby suitable candidates complete an extensive eight-day training program with Armstrongs Driver Education. The program involves 60 hours whereby the candidates gain essential driving skills, road craft and safety procedures in a range of driving settings to become a more confident and competent driver. A number of suitable candidates who have successfully completed the Program are ready to be placed with VTA member organisations. The candidates have predominately heavy rigid licences and several have heavy articulated licences. All candidates are subject to the recruitment and selection processes of the organisation. If you have available driver positions and interested to know more about the VTA Driver Delivery Program, please contact Deborah Hogg at the VTA on 9646 8590.

Bail Out VTA Transport Torts in support of Whitelion!

The VTA is pleased to be involved in [Whitelion](#)'s annual Bail Out fund-raising event, with our team of [Transport Torts](#) participating in the Lock Up at the Old Melbourne Gaol Watch House from 5.30pm on Friday, 24 May. You can contribute to either the Transport Tort team [donation page](#) or to individual team members by clicking on their donation page on the team's [web page](#). All donations raised will go to Whitelion in support of their valuable work with young people and are tax deductible (over \$2). Please visit www.whitelion.asn.au for further information about Whitelion and its terrific work in the community.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) –14th, 21st & 28th of May 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safe Loads](#) – 15th May 2019
- Master Class – [Coaching & Developing People](#) – 16th May 2019
- [Incident Management Workshop](#) – 22nd May 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 29th May 2019

Upcoming Events

- Port Outlook, 28 May, [Sketch Docklands](#) POSTPONED – NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED
- Australian Freight Industry Awards, 7 September, Crown Palladium Ballroom