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Last week for Early Bird discounts for State Conference 2016

The Victorian Transport Association is urging members and others interested in attending **State Conference 2016** from 29-31, May to finalise their registrations this week, with discounted Early Bird rates concluding this Friday (6 May).

“With over 30 speakers from industry, government, regulators, and sector suppliers confirmed to address the conference, the program is close to being locked and we urge those planning to attend to register this week to benefit from Early Bird savings,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“We have a great line-up of speakers that will address attendees around the theme of **Focus on Fundamentals**, with the intent of outlining some of the tools they need to be successful in transport.

“There will be a particular focus on the importance of operators to get their business model right with respect to revenue, cost, people, infrastructure and operations, and our speakers have been deliberately chosen that can effectively speak to these issues.”

Early Bird pricing of \$1100 plus GST includes the full conference package of two nights’ accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks each day, including the Welcome Networking Reception and main Conference Dinner on the Monday night. All conference materials and attendance at each session is also included.

The conference is again being held at Mantra Lorne on the picturesque Great Ocean Road, just a short two hour drive from Melbourne.

Early Bird and other registrations are possible online at www.vta.com.au or by phoning the VTA on 03 9646 8590.

VicRoads Chief Executive **John Merritt** is the latest high profile speaker to be confirmed for the conference with an address about the major infrastructure and transport challenges that face Victoria’s major roads authority.

Mr Merritt joins NHVR CEO **Sal Petrocchio**, NTC CEO **Paul Retter**, and **Vin Vassallo** of Transurban in what will be an informative session on infrastructure and how operators can start to plan for changes afoot.

Other confirmed speakers include Australia Post’s **James Dixon** and DP World’s **Max Kruse** talking about revenue, sgfleet’s **David Threlfall** and MaxitTRANS’s **Mario Colosimo** talking about cost, and Madgwick’s **David Galbally** AM QC talking about people.

The VTA will publish the complete program next week.

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