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VTA State Conference 2016 program taking shape

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA) is close to finalising the program for State Conference 2016 being held from 29-31 May, with guest speakers progressively being confirmed around the conference's stated theme of ***Focus on Fundamentals – Tools for Success***.

"We have had a great response from invited speakers from industry, government and regulatory bodies to participate in the conference, which is indicative of the willingness of transport industry leaders to share their knowledge and experiences with colleagues," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"We have invited a wide cross-section of speakers representing transport operators, suppliers, academics and policymakers who will address what we are calling the five transport pillars that operators need to get right to be successful, with these being revenue, cost, people, operations and infrastructure.

"The conference will give delegates the opportunity to hear stories, insights and anecdotes from presenters about practical strategies and tactics they can deploy in their operation to be successful," Mr Anderson said.

Among the growing list of confirmed speakers are the Hon David Hodgett MP, Shadow Victorian Ports Minister; James Dixon, General Manager Transport, CoR and Network Safety, Australia Post; Kersten Ross, Logistics Manager (Australia), Viva Energy Australia; David Galbally AM QC, Partner, Madgwicks Lawyers; and Max Kruse, Chief Commercial Operator, DP World Australia.

Representatives of Zurich Australia, Matthews Steer, MaxiTRANS, 3M, Logical Staffing Solutions, Transport Certification Australia, Delta V, Fleet Effect, TWUSUPER and Transurban are also confirmed to address the conference.

"We look forward to finalising and publishing the full conference program over the coming few weeks as we lock in remaining speakers and finalise the schedule, but it's shaping up as a very full and interesting program," Mr Anderson said.

The VTA is accepting Early Bird registrations up until Friday, 6 May for the conference, which is once again being held at Mantra Lorne on the Great Ocean Road.

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.

Early Bird and other registrations are possible at www.vta.com.au or on 03 9646 8590.

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