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Last week for Early Bird State Conference savings

The VTA is urging members and others interested in attending *State Conference 2018* from 18-20 March at Mantra, Lorne to finalise their registration this week, with discounted Early Bird rates concluding this Friday, 2 March.

Over 30 high-profile speakers from industry, government, regulators, and sector suppliers are now locked in to address the two-day conference, being held at Mantra Lorne on the Great Ocean Road. Speakers and panellists will address delegates around the theme of *Profit or Perish – Achieving Sustained Success in Transport*.

“Operators are unashamedly in business to be successful and profitable, and at a time when business costs are rising astronomically, it is more important than ever that steps are taken to ensure long-term prosperity,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson. “We are thrilled to have such a great line up of speakers to present and share their experiences with delegates to the conference.”

Among the many notable confirmed speakers confirmed are:

- Victorian Roads, Ports and Road Safety Minister **Luke Donnellan**;
- Western Distributor Authority CEO **Peter Sammut**;
- North East Link Authority Director **Sebastian Motta**;
- Melbourne Metro Tunnel Authority CEO **Evan Tattersall**;
- National Transport Commission CEO **Paul Retter**;
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator CEO **Sal Petrocchio**;
- Victorian Small Business Commissioner **Judy O’Connell**;
- Victorian Shadow Minister for Ports **David Hodgett**;
- Transport Certification Australia CEO **Chris Koniditsiotis**.

Early Bird pricing of \$1225 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.

For the first time, the VTA is offering a partners’ program and discounted accommodation on the Saturday night for delegates wanting to make a long weekend of it with their partner or spouse, and enjoy the many attractions Lorne has to offer. The partners program includes a 60-minute massage and lunch and wine tasting at Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant. Further information is contained [online](#).

Early Bird and other registrations are possible [online](#) or by completing the registration [form](#) or phoning the VTA on 03 9646 8590.

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