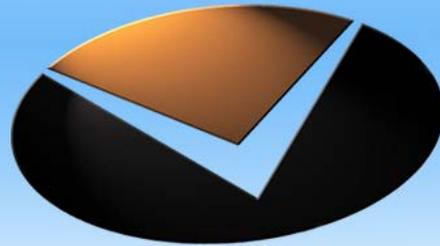




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### **Applications open for Australian Freight Industry Awards**

The VTA is now accepting applications for entries to the Australian Freight Industry Awards, which recognise the contributions and achievements of companies and individuals from across the transport industry. A new category recognising Female Leadership in Transport takes the total number of awards being contested this year to seven, with other categories covering safety, technology, human resources, waste & recycling, and young achievers. Tickets are also available to the AFIA presentation gala dinner at the Crown Palladium Ballroom on Saturday, 1 September. For award criteria, application forms and ticket sales visit [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

### **VTA Regional Forum series continues in Wodonga and Sale**

After an encouraging start in Portland and Geelong this week, the VTA Regional Forum series continues in Wodonga on Tuesday, 17 July and Sale on Tuesday, 24 July. The free breakfast events enable regional operators to receive important safety and regulatory updates from the VTA, VicRoads, WorkSafe Victoria and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. The forums run from 7.30-9.30am and include a complimentary breakfast. Further information and registration is available on the [flyer](#).

### **FWC issues Family and Domestic Violence Leave decision**

The Fair Work Commission (FWC) has issued its decision finalising the content of a model term for unpaid leave to deal with family and domestic violence leave (FDVL). This model term will be inserted into all modern awards, including the road transport awards. These new provisions will commence from the first pay period on or after 1 August 2018. The decision is available to be viewed [here](#) and the VTA Industrial Circular summarising the decision is available [here](#).

### **TCA launches telematics app guide**

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) has released an updated suite of documents for the National Telematics Framework, a government-endorsed, digital business platform for telematics and related intelligent technologies, which manages the relationships and interactions between producers, providers and consumers. The updated suite of documents includes National Telematics Framework Business Rules, Telematics Data Dictionary Telematics Data Exchange, and Levels of Assurance Application Builder, and have been prepared by TCA to provide greater clarity to producers, providers and consumers. For further information visit [www.tca.gov.au](http://www.tca.gov.au)

### **NHVR calls for input on Industry Code of Practice**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is seeking public input on a draft Industry Code of Practice jointly developed by fellow VTA industry groups the Australian Logistics Council (ALC) and the Australian Trucking Association (ATA). The Registered Industry Code of Practice has been drafted to help different parts of the supply chain meet their Chain of Responsibility (CoR) obligations under the new laws, due to be introduced on October 1. To view the draft code and obtain more information or to provide feedback visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/codes-of-practice](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/codes-of-practice)

### **Environment minister to address VWMA State Conference**

The Victorian Waste Management Association's annual State Conference is being held from 31 July to 1 August, and features an interesting line-up of speakers from the waste and recycling sectors, as well as Victorian Environment and Energy Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, who will deliver the keynote address. With transport an essential component of the waste industry, VTA members may have an interest in this event and are welcome to attend. For further conference information and to register, visit the VWMA [website](#).

### **Higher CityLink Tolls take effect**

Operators are urged to note higher CityLink tolls have taken effect and apply to all vehicle classifications using the toll road. Revised tolls can be viewed [here](#). As always, the VTA encourages operators to factor road user costs into their models and to ensure these cost increases are passed on through the supply chain to consumers.

### **Plan to avoid West Gate Freeway construction delays**

Operators should plan to avoid construction delays with sections of the West Gate Freeway to be closed for five nights next week for construction on the West Gate Tunnel project. The freeway will be closed between Williamstown Rd and the Ring Rd, 10pm-5am, from Sunday 15 July to next Thursday 19 July. Works to divert a section of the North Yarra sewer will also

start in coming weeks and will see northbound lanes on Whitehall St, between Leek St and Somerville Rd, closed for a year. Detours will send traffic via Leek St, Hyde St and Somerville Rd. For real time construction updates on all infrastructure works happening in Victoria visit the VTA [website](#). Located at :- 'Info Centre – Current Roadworks'.

### Training programs

- [Master Class – Business planning you can Implement](#) – 19 July 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Awareness](#) – 1 August 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 7 and 21 August 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

- Regional Visits; Albury-Wodonga (July 17), Sale (July 24)
- VWMA State Conference 31 July and 1 August
- Member Forum with Premier Daniel Andrews, 15 August
- Australian Freight Industry Awards; September 1