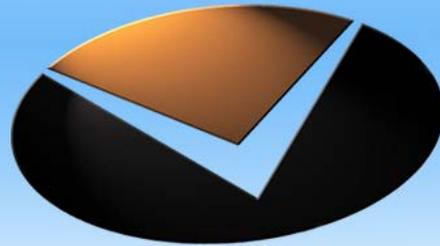




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### Get your entries in for Australian Freight Industry Awards

The VTA is encouraging those intending to nominate for an [Australian Freight Industry Award](#) to finalise and submit their applications, with next week's deadline fast approaching. Seven categories are being contested this year including the new Female Leadership in Transport Award, sponsored by Viva Energy Australia. Tickets to the September 1 AFIA gala presentation at Crown are also now available for purchase. Visit the VTA [website](#) for further award and presentation information.

### Last chance to register for Reception with Premier Daniel Andrews

Next week's cocktail reception with Victorian Premier Daniel has been warmly received by VTA members and supporters with over 100 expected to attend the event at Parliament House. There are still spots available for what should be an interesting presentation from the Premier on his government's perspectives on issues facing the freight and logistics industry. For further event information and to register for the Wednesday, 15 August event visit [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au)

### Maintenance enters CoR obligations from 1 October

In approximately eight weeks, Vehicle Maintenance provisions will be incorporated into National Heavy Vehicle Law and form part of the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) obligations. Managing vehicle maintenance, additional record keeping and entry into NHVAS Maintenance accreditation will increase costs and require additional expert staff. VTA supporter Fleet Effect offers a paperless solution which can assist in navigating through these new regulatory demands. [Read more.](#)

### Port of Melbourne Coode Road closures

The Port of Melbourne has issued a timely reminder that the section of Coode Road, between Dock Link Road and Mackenzie Road, West Melbourne is to be permanently closed to through

traffic from mid-night Monday 13 August. Traffic requiring access to tank farm facilities on Coode Island will need to use Mackenzie Road. Entry to DP World's facility will be from Coode Road, immediately west of Dock Link Road. For further information and a map of the closures follow [this link](#).

### VTA welcomes Opposition heavy vehicle toll plan

A plan announced by the alternative Victorian government to encourage private road operators to further incentivise the use of toll roads by heavy vehicles as been [welcomed by the VTA](#). Under the plan, announced by Shadow Roads and Ports Minister David Hodgett, a Liberal National state government would encourage private road operators to include further night time discounts and other incentives to encourage even greater use of toll roads. Operators are under significant pressure from higher road user charges and the VTA welcomes any measures that eases these pressures.

### Transition to Reach Stacker (RS) licence

The VTA has issued a notification about a requirement for operators of Container Reach Stackers to hold either a CN non-slewing crane Licence, or the new RS Licence. The licence has been available in other states for some years and was recently introduced into Victoria. There has been some confusion about this transition and more than a little concern about the process available to obtain this new RS Licence for operators in Victoria. The VTA was able to gain exemptions for members businesses and that exemption remains in place. To view the notification and exemptions attained by the VTA, follow this [link](#).

### Uptick in truck sales encouraging for industry

July truck and heavy van sales statistics compiled by the Transport Industry Council (TIC) show that 2018 continues to be a strong year for the industry. Historically, July sales typically show a tightening of the market after the push to take advantage of end of financial year offers from manufacturers during the preceding month. Year-to-date figures suggest the industry is on track for record sales with 19,834 new trucks up to the end of July – 3,430 more than for the same period last year (+20.9 per cent).

### VicRoads issues Somerville Road B-double permit correction

VTA members are advised to note that Somerville Road has recently been un-gazetted by VicRoads and is now a permit only B-double route as of 1st July 2018. This means that B-Double operators wishing to use Somerville Road will require a permit, which can be obtained via the [NHVR permit access portal](#). While there will be a period of reduced enforcement to allow a B-Double permit to be gained it should be noted that Somerville Road is not a gazetted B-Double route.

### Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Safe Loads](#) - 15 August 2018
- [Master Class – Improving Profit / Waste Reduction](#) – 15 August 2018
- [Incident Management Workshop](#) – 23 August 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 28 August 2018, 1 September and 4 September.

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

- [The Future of Freight – An evening with Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews](#), 15 August
- [Australian Freight Industry Awards](#); September 1