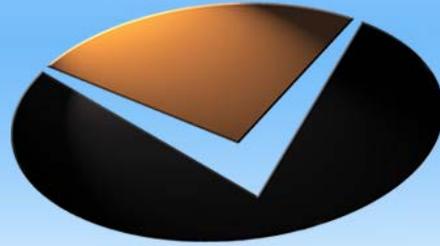




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Brendan Hopley presented with W.F.D. Chalmers Award

The Victorian Transport Association was thrilled to present Brendan Hopley with the 2018 W.F.D. Chalmers Award at the annual VTA Presidents Dinner on Tuesday, 16 October. Brendan has had a distinguished and life long career in transport and has been a devoted servant of the VTA as a councillor and past president. Congratulations to Brendan on receiving one of the highest VTA accolades, and thanks for his many, many contributions to the Australian freight and logistics industry. Read more about Brendan's accolade [here](#).

NTC to review automated vehicles and injury insurance

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released a discussion paper examining whether there is a need to change compulsory motor accident injury insurance schemes to cover automated vehicles. According to the NTC, motor accident injury insurance schemes differ in how they provide compulsory personal injury insurance cover for crashes, potentially creating uncertainty on how crashes involving an automated vehicle were covered. The paper identifies barriers to accessing compensation under existing schemes and seeks views on whether schemes or other insurance options should provide cover for injuries caused by an automated driving system. Submissions can be made via the NTC's website at www.ntc.gov.au/submissions until 12 December.

NHVR appoints independent reviewer of PBS tyres

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has appointed independent road safety expert Dr John de Pont to lead a review of PBS tyre standards and operations. The review will examine the marketplace to identify the best practice approach for the management of tyres within the PBS scheme. It will also look at the effects of tyre characteristics on safety performance, key tyre performance parameters, the performance of truck tyres currently available in Australia and the effects of tyre designs, tread patterns, case types, sizes, materials and operating conditions. For further information visit the NHVR [website](#).

VICT issues A-Double and opening hours update

Webb Dock stevedore VICT has issued recent updates about A-Double trucks and hours of operation. The stevedore has reminded operators it can service all lengths of A-Double trucks within its automated facility, with different reversing processes for configurations greater than 31 metres. Operators were also reminded of revised opening hours for the weekend of 20/21 October, with the facility open from 6am-10pm on Sunday for pick-ups for the COSCO Thailand. To subscribe to VICT notifications visit the website [here](#).

TCA releases National Telematics Framework videos

In an initiative designed to provide greater clarity to producers, providers and consumers, Transport Certification Australia has released a series of new videos focused on the National Telematics Framework. The videos set out to clearly explain the principles of the National Telematics Framework, and its role in assisting producers and consumers to run more efficient operations. Find out more [here](#).

Midland Highway heavy vehicle detours

Operators in and around Ballarat are urged to be aware of detours for heavy vehicles on the Midland Highway. Operators should avoid Gillies Road between the freeway and Olliers Road and will notice an alternative heavy vehicles route where trucks can enter the freeway outbound at the Midland Highway, exit at Gillies Road, and re-enter at the freeway Melbourne bound at Gillies Road. Temporary speed reductions to 80km/h are in place on various roads in the Mount Rowan area including the Midland Highway, Gillies Road, Kennedys Road and Olliers Road. These will remain in place until works are completed in June 2019. Further information and maps are available [here](#).

Trimble TMW Systems participates at In.novate 2018

VTA supporter Trimble TMW Systems is holding its in.novate event in Brisbane at Rydges Fortitude Valley from 22-24 October. There is nearly two days of in-depth session on the Truckmate TMS and the TMT Fleet Maintenance solution. The conference follows a successful North America In.Sight conference was attended by over 2,500 people, covering such topics as blockchain, predictive analytics and mobile workflows. While the In.novate 2018 ANZ Conference is tailored for existing Trimble customers, it is open to transport industry professionals by arrangement. To review the agenda and register visit <https://info.tmwsystems.com/2018-in.novate>

Registration opens for VTA Annual Christmas Lunch

VTA members, supporters and others can now register for the ever-popular Annual Christmas Lunch, being held on Friday, 7 December in the Members Dining Room of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Registration includes a sumptuous three-course lunch and beverages, along with entertainment from comedian Des Dowling, singer/songwriter Sarah Valentine, and heaps of games, prizes and giveaways. Registration is available [online](#).

Follow the VTA on LinkedIn

The VTA is now on the popular social media site LinkedIn. The site will be used to amplify VTA news and for the Association to weigh in on issues impacting our industry, members and supports. We encourage you and others in your LinkedIn network to follow us [here](#).

Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Safety Management System](#) (New) – 31 October and 28 November 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Awareness](#) – 14 November 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Safe loads](#) – 21 November 2018
- [Master Class – Business Planning you can Implement](#) – 14 November 2018
- [Incident Management Workshop](#) – 22 November 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 10 November and 13 November 2018

Upcoming events

- [TWUSUPER Golf Day](#), November 12
- [VTA Christmas Lunch](#); December 7