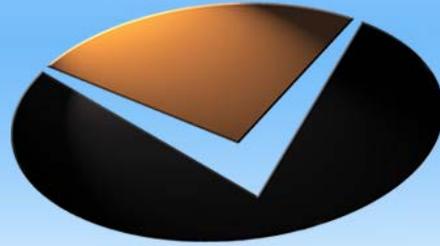




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### Cadetship places available for 2019

The VTA in conjunction with Victoria University Polytechnic is again offering its highly-acclaimed Cadetship Program in 2019. The unique blended learning program matches young and motivated candidates with member transport companies and delivers a Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics qualification. It is important to attract young people to our dynamic industry and this is a positive way of achieving this goal, with the VTA facilitating this pathway for candidates and its members. Effective adult learning is about ensuring the program's content is relevant and applicable to the 'real' world. Employer benefits include reduced cost and financial support due to Government funding; VTA's management of all administrative elements; the delivery of long term, hardworking and competent employees; and an opportunity to professionally develop either a new or an existing employee. Further detail are available [here](#) or by contacting Deborah Hogg on 9646 8590 or [Deborah@vta.com.au](mailto:Deborah@vta.com.au)

### TCA CEO Chris Koniditsiotis announces retirement

The VTA wishes to recognise Transport Certification Australia CEO Chris Koniditsiotis, who has announced his retirement this week. Chris has made an enormous contribution to the Australian freight and logistics industry at a time when technology impacts nearly everything we do. Under his leadership, TCA has helped transport operators adapt and respond to technology and all its challenges and opportunities, and we extend him our very best wishes in his retirement and thank him for many years of service.

### Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative boom for road safety

The NHVR has announce funding applications for Round 4 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVSII) program are now open. The HVSII program is supported by the Commonwealth Government working with the NHVR. As part of the program, \$3.92 million is being invested for projects that identify risks and opportunities and to improve heavy vehicle safety throughout the nation. According to the NHVR, Initiative is an opportunity for the Regulator to work with other safety-focused groups towards a common goal. Applications for Round 4 funding are open until 22 February 2019. For more information or the submission guidelines visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi)

### **TCA announces improvements to Intelligent Access Program**

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) has confirmed improvements will be made to the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) following the development of a business case. The approved business case includes 16 improvements, including enhancements to the Level 3 assurance IAP application, new applications of the National Telematics Framework, and new features which can be used across applications of the National Telematics Framework. TCA will hold information sessions during the first half of next year to explain how different stakeholders can benefit from the improvements contained in the business case.

### **Geelong Ring Road ramp closures**

Members and operators are urged to note the on/off ramps at the Ballarat Road interchange (Midland Highway) on the Geelong Ring Road will be closed for night works on Wednesday, 21 November and Thursday, 22 November. Resurfacing works will take place from 8.30pm to 5am on the Melbourne-bound carriageway on/off ramps. Additional road rebuilding works will also take place on the Geelong Ring Road near this interchange, with lane closures and traffic management in place. Drivers are advised to plan their journey and to enter/exit the Ring Road via Anakie Road and Cox Road on these nights.

### **Cameron Dunn re-elected VTA President at AGM**

VTA President Cameron Dunn and Vice-President Dennis Ryan were both re-elected for further terms at the association's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13 November. Peter O'Shannessy has stepped down as Vice-President but will remain on the Executive Council. Mike Lean was elected to the role of Vice President, replacing Peter, whom we thank for his continued service to the association and the industry.

### **VTA welcomes Amelia de Laine**

The VTA was pleased to welcome Amelia de Laine to the team in November. Prior to working as the receptionist for the VTA, Amelia worked in the administration field for various organisations including Hardwicks Meatworks and Quayclean. Amelia's role is to be the first point of contact for visitors, greeting and liaising with members and guests, and handling calls on the main switchboard. Amelia also provides administrative support for the VTA training and VWMA, handling registrations for events and training which also involves liaising with the management team and the finance department.

### **Places still available for VTA Christmas Lunch**

With tables filling fast, the VTA is encouraging those wishing to attend the Annual Christmas Lunch, on Friday, 7 December in the Members Dining Room of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, to finalise their registrations. Entry includes a delicious three-course lunch and beverages, along with entertainment from comedian Des Dowling, singer/songwriter Sarah Valentine, and heaps of games, prizes and giveaways. Further information is in the event [flyer](#) and registration is available [online](#).

### **VTA hosts successful Golf Day at Commonwealth**

Over 90 competitors participated in the VTA Golf Day at Commonwealth Golf Club on Monday, 12 November, another terrific turn out for this always-popular event, with the Vawdrey Australia four comprising Paul Vawdrey, Steve Fanning, Luke Wilkinson and Craig Parrow achieving consecutive victories. Their nett score of 53.375 held out Pacific National's Andrew Jena, Andrew Cridland, David Chick and Bilal Khan on 54.0 with DP World's Robert Snow, Ben Moke, Glenn McCluskey and Luke Gravell third on 54.25. Sincere thanks to sponsor TWUSUPER and congratulations to all winners and participants on the day.

### Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Safety Management System](#) (New) –28 November 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 27 November, 4 and 11 November 2018
- [Chain of Responsibility – Awareness for Managers and Customers](#) –5 December 2018

### Upcoming events

- [VWMA Christmas Lunch](#), November 30
- [VTA Christmas Lunch](#); December 7
- State Conference 2019; March 24-26