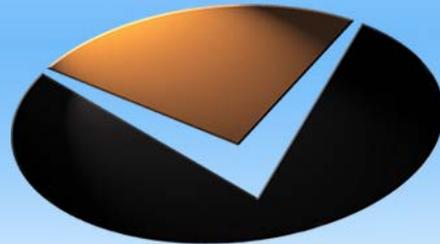




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Industry farewells Peter Rocke

The transport industry farewelled Peter Rocke at a funeral service in Melbourne yesterday. Peter was a past President of the VTA and a dedicated and generous servant of our industry over many decades. We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to Peter's wife Anne and their children, extended family and friends. Peter will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all in the Australian road transport industry.

VTA briefs new Victorian road, port and freight ministers

VTA CEO Peter Anderson met with new Roads & Road Safety Minister Jaala Pulford and new Freight & Ports Minister Melissa Horne this week on a range of issues impacting members and the transport industry. The VTA has enjoyed productive working relationships with successive ministers in these critical portfolios, and we look forward to continuing the constructive relationship we have with the Victorian Government, which is essential for getting effective legislative and regulatory outcomes for members. We wish the ministers every success in their new roles.

Plan ahead for summer road and rail maintenance blitz

Under a \$183 million blitz, stretches of Melbourne roads, including the Princes Highway, Nepean Highway and Hume Freeway will be closed over the January holidays to fill thousands of potholes on 200 freeways and arterial roads. Victorian Roads & Road Safety Minister Jaala Pulford announced the upcoming works less than a week into her new role. While the upgrades will be carried out across 2019, the bulk of the work will be conducted over the quieter January period. Parts of the Cranbourne, Pakenham and Gippsland rail lines will also be shut for most of December for upgrades in preparation for the new high capacity trains. For travel advice regarding roads & rails and regular updates please note these links; [PTV live travel updates](#), [VicTraffic](#), and [Big Build](#). Other useful links are at the VTA [website](#).

Sod turned on ARTC Inland Rail project

The Australian Rail Track Corporation has announced construction of the Inland Rail has officially begun, boosting jobs, creating vital infrastructure and strengthening the economy. The Inland Rail will span 1,7000km and will complete the spine of the national freight rail network, offering less than a 24-hour transit time between Melbourne to Brisbane with 98% reliability. It is estimated that the project will generate 16,000 jobs and inject \$16 billion into the Australian economy – stimulating business activity beyond the construction phase. The first train is expected to run in 2025.

NTC examines driver distraction and road rules

The National Transport Commission (NTC) is currently examining the effectiveness of the Australian Road Rules relating to driver distraction. NTC Acting Chief Executive Dr Geoff Allan noted that the current approach was developed in 1999 when mobile phones were primarily used for calls and text, rather than in-vehicle technology. The NTC has released an [issue paper](#) for public comment. Following the receipt of submissions, the NTC will develop a discussion paper outlining possible solutions for release in June 2019.

VTA and VU Polytech launch video in drive to recruit Cadets

The VTA and our training partner Victoria University Polytechnic have produced an informative new [video](#) to promote the highly-regarded Cadetship program. The unique blended learning program matches young and motivated candidates with VTA transport companies and delivers a Certificate IV in Logistics qualification. Further details are available at the VTA [website](#) or by contacting Deborah Hogg at the VTA on 9646 8590 or deborah@vta.com.au.

National online key freight routes map launched

The launch of the national key freight routes map as an interactive online tool creates a new platform to help Australia's freight logistics industries to cost effectively connect regions and cities to the world. This has been an initiative of the Australian Government in partnership with all state and territory governments working through the Transport and Infrastructure Council. The national key freight routes map can be found on the department of Infrastructure and Regional Development [website](#) and the NationalMap [website](#).

Registration opens for VTA Golf Day

Registration is now open for VTA Golf Day on February 15, sponsored by Viva Energy Australia. Returning to the National Golf Club, this is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and compete for some great prizes. Always a highlight of the VTA calendar, secure your spot early to avoid disappointment. Further information is in the event flyer that is available [here](#).

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 8, 15 and 22 January 2019
 - Chain of Responsibility – [Fatigue Management](#) – 16 January 2019
 - Chain of Responsibility – [Load Restraints](#) – 23 January 2019
 - Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 30 January 2019
- A full schedule of the VTA training for January to June 2019 is available [here](#).

Upcoming events

- [VTA Golf Day](#); (Sponsored by Viva Energy Australia) February 15
- State Conference 2019; March 24-26
- Women's Lunch; April 12