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Transport & Infrastructure Minister to address VTA State Conference 2019

The VTA is pleased to announce that Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Regional Development Michael McCormack has accepted an invitation to address State Conference 2019. The conference theme this year is **Keeping Up with Transport Reform** and is being held at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island from Sunday, 24 Tuesday, 26 March. To benefit from Early Bird savings register at the VTA [website](#) before **Friday, March 8**. For further information download the [conference flyer and registration form](#).

VICT increases Infrastructure Charge

Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) has increased its Infrastructure Charge for all full containers across their wharf from \$48 to \$85 per full container, plus GST, effective 1 March. The VTA is recommending container transport operators notify their customers of this increase as soon as possible and ensure the charge is built into cost and administrative processes. The VTA is working to bring the issue of recovery mechanisms by port-based stakeholders to a forum that will ensure that ongoing increases are structured, substantiated

and valid. To review the VTA member advisory issued this morning on this matter, follow this [link](#). Should you have any queries please contact the VTA on 9646 8590.

ATO fuel tax credit rate changes

With fuel tax credit rates changing regularly and being indexed in February and August of each year in line with consumer price index, rates may also be subject to change in July for fuel used in heavy vehicles for travelling on public roads. This is due to recent changes of the road user charge, which is reviewed annually. For more information and updates on fuel tax credit rates please visit the ATO [website](#).

Middleton and Jones head industry's honours achievers

The VTA wishes to recognise two highly accomplished transport executives on being presented with Australia Day honours. South Australian Road Transport Association (SARTA) president, 2014 Transport Hall of Fame inductee and Whiteline Transport director, Sharon Middleton, has become a member (AM) of the Order of Australia for "significant services to road transport, particularly to the trucking industry". Industry stalwart Nancy Jones, who recently celebrated her 50th year as co-owner of NJ and NP Jones, was the recipient of an OAM of the Order of Australia for "services to the road transport industry". Congratulations to Sharon and Nancy on these much-deserved accolades.

TCA publishes consolidated heavy vehicle rest area information

Transport Certification Australia has published the first instalment of consolidated rest area location and amenity information. According to the TCA, the new digital heavy vehicle rest area information complements the recent release of the Austroads Guidelines for the Provision of Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Facilities, which aims to help road managers assess the need and prioritisation for and design of heavy vehicle rest areas across the road network. Users can access information on heavy vehicle rest areas through TIX on the TCA [website](#)

NHVR: New B-double notice to deliver productivity benefits

The National Heavy Vehicles Regulator (NHVR), has advised a new National Class 3 Heavy Vehicle B-double Notice will commence from 1 February, delivering productivity for the 19,000 B-doubles operating across Australia. According to the NHVR, the new Notice would align B-double requirements across the state and territories, including general access for 50-tonne, 19-metre vehicles, which are commonly used to transport fuel.

HVNL Review: Terms of reference and expert panel announced

The Transport and Infrastructure Council has approved the terms of references for the Heavy Vehicle National Law Review. Transport ministers have appointed a panel of experts with expertise in productivity and experience across the transport sector to guide the review. The expert panel will be chaired by Peter Harris, the recent chairman of the Productivity Commission, while the expert panel comprise of Sharon Middleton, Andrew Ethell, Gary Mahon, Gary Liddle and Louise Bilato.

NTI backs 14th Burrumbuttock Hay Run

Transport insurance specialists and VTA supporter, National Transport Insurance, was a major sponsor of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners 14th Hay Run, which took place last weekend. The Hay Run stretched from Darlington Point (New South Wales) to Quilpie (Queensland), marking the 14th convoy in five years to distribute multi-million-dollar hauls of hay. Founded by Brendan 'Bumpa' Farrell in 2014, the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners helps members of the transport and farming industries by transporting and providing essential resources to drought-stricken farmers. NTI CEO, Tony Clark, said it is important to recognise that drought is an ongoing issue and it is the long-term continuation of support that helps make a difference to communities.

New DP World CEO Australia announced

Glen Hilton has been appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of DP World Australia (DPWA). Glen started his career in Adelaide where he was CEO of CSX World Terminals' local operations. CSX's acquisition by DP World brought Glen into the Group in 2005, in which he has since held various positions at this time at the organisation.

Registration still open for the VTA Golf Day

There are only two weeks until the **VTA Golf Day 2019**, sponsored by **VIVA Energy Australia**. The VTA is continuing to accept registrations to what is always one of the most popular events on our social calendar. Returning to the National Golf Club on Friday, 15 February, this is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and compete for some great prizes. To register, visit the VTA [website](#), or complete the registration [form](#) and return to the VTA by email at events@vta.com.au.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 5,9,12,19 and 26 February 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness](#) - 6 February 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safe loads](#) – 13 February 2019
- Master Class – [Business Planning you can Implement](#) – 14 February 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