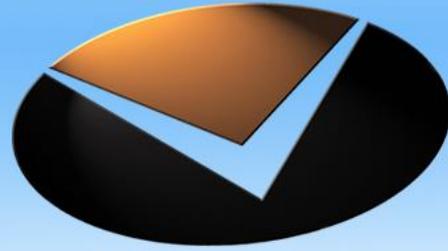




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Infrastructure Australia releases updated Priority List

Infrastructure Australia has updated its Infrastructure Priority List with 121 nationally significant infrastructure proposals worth \$58 billion. The evidence-based list is gathered by Infrastructure Australia to help governments and other state and national agencies tasked with building transport, energy, water, communications, and other infrastructure to make informed decisions to deliver outcomes for the growing population. In Victoria, Infrastructure Australia has prioritised duplication and upgrades to commuter rail networks to increase passenger capacity, which is welcomed by the freight industry to further ease road congestion. The full list is available [here](#).

NHVR & NTC join State Conference 2019 speaker line-up

The VTA is pleased to announce that National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Chief Executive Officer Sal Petrocitto and National Transport Commission (NTC) Chief Planning Officer Paul Davies will attend and address the VTA's State Conference 2019, joining other high-profile speakers including Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, Shadow Road Safety Minister Glenn Sterle, and many others. The conference theme this year is **Keeping Up with Transport Reform** with the event being held at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island from 24-26 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](#).

NTC launches heavy vehicle law review micro sites

The review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) has taken another step forward, with the NTC launching a new [microsite](#) as the primary resource for updates on the review, information from the expert panel and providing feedback. More information on the review approach is available [here](#). While for more information including meeting minutes and the panel terms of reference, see the [Expert panel page](#).

Beach Road restrictions take effect

Beach Road heavy vehicle restrictions have been extended and will take effect from **Monday, 25 February**. Heavy vehicles travelling between Port Melbourne and Mordialloc must avoid Beach Road and adjacent roads altogether and use Nepean Highway as an alternative route. Trucks making local deliveries or loading and unloading goods are exempt from this new 24/7 restrictions. For any queries on these new restrictions please contact the [VTA](#) on 9646 8590.

TCA releases next instalment of consolidated rest area information

Transport Certification Australia has published the second instalment of consolidated heavy vehicle rest area information. The second instalment is the first time that information about informal rest areas has been digitalised – identifiable by green reflectors. Road and Transport Safety Advocate, Rod Hannifey who has worked with TCA on this project noted that using in-cab navigation devices, drivers will have advanced knowledge of informal rest area locations and amenities during their trip. Users can access information on heavy vehicle rest areas through TIX on the [TCA website](#).

NHVR updates Vehicle Standards Bulletin

The National Heavy Vehicles Regulator (NHVR), has introduced a new modification code to fit non-standard rear wheel components on heavy vehicles as part of the latest updated to Vehicles Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB6). The Modification Code D3 – fitting of non-standard rear wheel components now simplifies the certification process and allows Approved Vehicle Examiners to certify the modification without the need for applying to the NHVR, as was

previously required. More information on the changes to the VSB6 can be viewed on their [website](#).

Patrick catches up on stevedore infrastructure prices hikes

The decision by stevedore Patrick to raise infrastructure fees at Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane terminals by an average 82.3% now brings them into line with other stevedores VICT and DP World, who increased their fees at the beginning of the year. The VTA remains concerned at what are essentially ongoing and unregulated increases by stevedores, making it difficult for operators to budget and plan. For any queries about this and the Landside Improvement Strategy the VTA is preparing please contact the [VTA](#) on 9646 8590.

Western Freeway closure notification

Vicroads has advised of disruptions to the road network from 17-19 February due to the movement of a 320 tonne 'superload' from Glen Waverley to Murra Murra. Among the disruptions are the closure of the Western Freeway from Dicksons Road to Old Melbourne Road, for approximately one hour between 1am – 4am on Tuesday 19 February. For further information about the disruptions visit the Vicroads [website](#).

More regional Victoria roads set for upgrades

As part of the Andrews Labor Government's record road safety investment, an additional 16 roads will be upgraded through Victoria. The \$229 million investment will be boosted by a further \$111 million to improve road safety across Melbourne, on another eight metropolitan and eight regional roads. These priority roads have been identified for safety upgrades following extensive investigations, including assessing each road's crash history, topography and road side environment. The upgrades will include flexible safety barriers and rumble strip line-marking – to reduce the risk of head-on and run-off-road crashes. These projects are part of the \$1.4 billion *Towards Zero Action Plan* which aims to reduce road deaths to less than 200 a year and serious injuries by 15 per cent by 2020. For more information visit the Vic Roads [website](#).

Save the Date for VTA Annual Women's Lunch

Members are urged to set aside **Friday, 12 April** for the VTA's Annual Women's Lunch, to be held at [Encore St Kilda Beach](#). The Women's Lunch has grown over the last three years to become one of our best attended events, and we'd love to top the record 170 who attended last year. Further event information will be release over the coming weeks but for now, please save the date for this always-entertaining event.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 19th and 26th of February, 5th, 19th and 26th of March 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 27th February 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness for Managers & Customers](#) – 6th March 2019

A full schedule of the VTA training for January to June 2019 is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- [State Conference](#) 2019; March 24-26
- VTA Annual Women's Lunch, April 12
- VWMA Breakfast Briefing 19th March