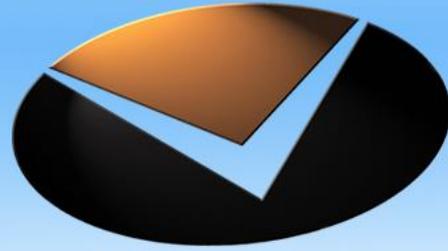




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VWMA elects Adrien Scott as President

The Victorian Waste Management Association elected experienced waste, recycling and transport executive **Adrien Scott** as its new President at its Executive Council meeting on 28 February. Adrien is the Victorian State Manager of waste management company [Solo Resource Recovery](#), a role he has held for the past five years. Prior to that, Adrien worked in a range of transport and logistics roles for the Glen Cameron Group, Freight Specialists of Australia and Toll Holdings. Through his appointment, Adrien also joins the VTA Executive Council and its Finance Sub-committee. We wish Adrien every success in these new roles and extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing VWMA President Chris Ryan for his service.

Last week to register for Early Bird State Conference savings

Discounted Early Bird registration for State Conference 2019 closes next Friday, 8 March with the VTA encouraging all those planning to attend the 24-26 March event to finalise their registrations asap. With presenters including Deputy Prime Minister **Michael McCormack**, Victorian Roads Minister **Jaala Pulford**, Shadow Assistant Road Safety Minister **Senator Glenn Sterle**, Shadow Victorian Transport Infrastructure Minister **David Davis**, and senior leaders from state and Commonwealth industry regulators, the 35-strong speaker line-up is one of the best, making the conference a must-attend event for operators and industry suppliers alike. Register at the VTA [website](#) and for further information download the [conference flyer and registration form](#).

Toll unveils second new Australian ship in a week

Toll Group has recently unveiled Australia's newest and most versatile cargo ships, the Victorian Reliance II and Tasmanian Achiever II, in recent naming ceremonies at Webb Dock in Port Melbourne and Port of Burnie in Tasmania. The VTA had a front row seat to the launch of the Victorian Reliance II, with its berth fronting our Webb Dock headquarters. The ceremonies mark the latest stage in Toll's \$311 million investment in the Bass Strait trade, which includes two \$86 million ships and major upgrades to Webb Dock at the Port of Melbourne and Port of Burnie. The two new 210-metre vessels are the largest general cargo ships to fly the Australian flag and are both set to enter service on 1 March. Congratulations to Toll Group on this significant investment in the Victorian and Tasmanian economies.

TCA announces updated telematics specification

Transport Certification Australia has released a further update to the Telematics In-Vehicle Unit (IVU) Functional and Technical Specification. In Version 3, TCA has identified areas of the Specification where requirements can be made less stringent, without compromising performance-based outcomes. Version 3 enables all applications, features and levels of assurance available through the National Telematics Framework to co-exist, including new applications and features contained in the approved business case presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Council in November 2018. A copy of Version 3 of the Specifications can be obtained by visiting TCA's [website](#).

Welcome downward trend on heavy rigid crashes

According to the BITRE, [heavy vehicle fatal crash statistics](#) has shown that the rate of fatal crashes involving heavy rigid trucks has declined over the past ten years after threatening to overtake articulated trucks. Fatal crashes involving articulated trucks has decreased by one-quarter (26%) compared with the corresponding period one year earlier. This downward trend is welcome news and a result of industry groups working to improve on- and off-road conditions and amenities for drivers, and improvements to driver training and licensing. To view the statistical report please visit the [BITRE](#) website.

TCA Eyes Hill Descent progress in WA

[Transport Certification Australia \(TCA\)](#) has outlined how the new Hill Descent Monitoring (HDM) application will be used in Western Australia. The new application, which was introduced through TCA's National Telematics Framework (NTF) in December, monitors heavy vehicle speed on long or steep descents, and identifies if a vehicle has stopped before descending a hill, to indicate if drivers have performed brake safety checks and engaged low gear. [Main Roads WA](#) is using the HDM application to trial the operation of Category 7 (A) AB-Triple combinations travelling down Roelands Hill on the Coalfields Highway. Further information on the trial can be obtained from the Main Road WA [website](#). For providers and consumers seeking information about the HDM application please visit the TCA [website](#).

Disruptions from West Footscray to Yarraville Water Main Renewal Project

Operators are urged to note disruptions to the road network due to construction of the new M102 Water Main between Paramount Road, West Footscray and Williamstown Road, Yarraville. The project, which is 50% complete, is currently moving through suburban streets, and will recommence on Somerville Road between Geelong Road and Williamstown Road on Saturday 2 March. This is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, resulting in changed traffic conditions including reduced speed limits, parking restrictions, as well as road and bike lane closures. For updates please visit Melbourne Water [website](#) or visit the VTA's [website](#).

Registration opens for VTA Annual Women's Lunch

The VTA is accepting registrations for the Annual Women's Lunch, to be held on **Friday, 12 April** at [Encore St Kilda Beach](#). The Annual 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 including speakers and entertainment will be released shortly, however registration is now open for those wishing to reserve their place.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 5th, 19th and 26th of March 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 27th March 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness for Managers & Customers](#) – 6th March 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Sub-Contractor Management](#) – 13th March 2019
- [Pallet Management for Pallet Controllers](#) – 20th March 2019

Upcoming Events

- State Conference 2019; March 24-26, [Silverwater Resort](#)
- [VTA Annual Women's Lunch](#), April 12, [Encore St Kilda](#)