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## **Shadow Roads, Ports and Freight Minister to address Annual Women's Lunch**

The Victorian Transport Association has announced Shadow Victorian Minister for Ports, Freight and Rural Roads, Roma Britnell, has accepted an invitation to address the VTA's Annual Women's Lunch on Friday, April 12.

Ms Britnell was elected as the member for South West Coast in a by-election in 2015 and was appointed to shadow cabinet with responsibility for the ports, freight and rural roads portfolio after the last state election. She was the recipient of the 2009 National and Victorian Rural Woman of the Year and the Australian Rural Woman of the Year, in recognition of her achievements and contributions to the community.

"The Annual Women's Lunch is an important forum hosted by the VTA to discuss strategies for increasing participation rates among women in the sector," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"The event has grown to become one of our most popular functions, which is a tribute to past speakers and the genuine appetite for our industry to continue to attract and support women to careers in transport."

Joining Roma at the lunch as a guest speaker is Roz Shaw, National Head of Transport and Family Business Client Management at Gallagher Insurance Brokers. Ms Shaw hails from four-generation trucking family, Hawkins Road Transport, where she was managing director and leader of a team of over 200 people.

The Annual Women's Lunch is being held at Encore St Kilda Beach, offering sweeping views of Port Phillip Bay. Singer songwriter Sarah Valentine will be on hand to provide musical entertainment throughout the afternoon, with plenty of opportunity to meet and network with fellow members and guests.

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