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**TRANSPORT INDUSTRY LEADERS RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST**

Leading freight and logistics industry body the Victorian Transport Association (VTA) today congratulated Kathleen (Kathy) Williams on her appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia and Harry Gooden who was presented with a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List.

VTA CEO Peter Anderson said the accolades recognise the enormous contributions both Kathy and Harry have made to the Australian transport industry.

“Mr Gooden served as President of the Victorian Road Transport Association, now known as the VTA, from 1992 to 1996 and was recognised with VTA life membership in 2000.

“Extremely active in the industry, Mr Gooden also served as Chairman of the VTAs waste management division, the Victorian Waste Management Association, for 14 years.

“Mr Gooden was a Board Member of VicRoads for eight years, an inaugural councilor on the Road Transport Forum and a committee member on the Australian Road Transport Industry Organisation.

“Following his retirement in 2001, Mr Gooden joined the Illawarra Road Safety Group and has been involved in the Rotary Youth Drive Awareness program.

“It’s fantastic to see someone from the VTA family recognised with such a tremendous honour.

“The VTA also congratulate Mr Williams, who served as a member of the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) Board of Directors since 1999, was Chair from 2000 to 2002 and held the position of Treasurer of the ATA until 2014.

“Ms Williams has also served as Treasurer for the National Road Transport Association (NatRoad) and as a board member for the South Australian Road Transport Association.

“As Chair of the ATA, Kathy led the development of the ATA’s national headquarters in Canberra, and turned the first sod on the site.

“Under her guidance, the ATA developed its safety accreditation program, TruckSafe, which is now used by hundreds of operators to reach safety standards above and beyond the requirements of the law.

“In addition to their tireless work for the transport industry, both Mr Gooden and Ms Williams were also recognised for their dedicated service to the community.

“Mr Gooden is an active volunteer with a number of charities and community organisations, and holds the role of President with the Lake Illawarra Police and Citizens youth Club.

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“Ms Williams is currently a board member for Concern Australia, a Christian welfare and ministry organisation, where she is heavily involved in the Hand Brake Turn program, which helps disadvantaged children to obtain an Automotive Certificate I qualification.

“On behalf of the VTA and the entire transport industry, I want to offer both Harry and Kathy my warmest congratulations on this significant honour,” said Mr Anderson.

Since 1902, the VTA has been recognised as the leading multimodal prime contractor employer organisation in the transport and logistics industry in Australia. With over 800 member companies, the VTA is committed to enhancing the productivity, safety, workforce development and sustainability of the industry. Industry leadership and advocacy are at the core of our stakeholder engagement.

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