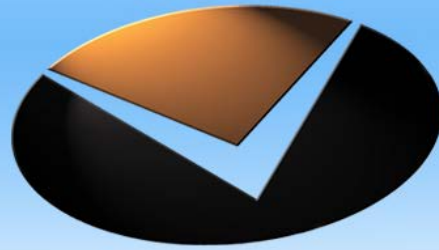


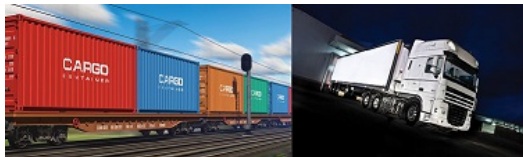


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Daniel Andrews pledges \$4 million for heavy vehicle driver training

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has pledged \$4 million to fund the training of 800 new heavy vehicle drivers over four years should his government be returned at the November state election. The funding – announced at the VTA cocktail reception at Parliament House – would expand on the successful VTA Driver Delivery program, which has provided intensive training and employment for over 60 new drivers. The funding would go a long way to addressing skills gaps and driver shortages that are impacting operators. Read the VTA media release on the announcement [here](#).

AFIA registrations close TODAY

Today is the last day to purchase tickets to the [Australian Freight Industry Award](#) gala presentation night, being held this Saturday, 1 September at the Crown Palladium Ballroom. Don't miss one of the most important events on the VTA and transport industry's calendar where we celebrate the achievements of award winners and nominees, and the many positive contributions of our great industry. To purchase tickets or a table, visit the VTA [website](#).

VTA welcomes Owner Driver and Forestry Contractor reforms

The VTA has [welcomed](#) Victorian Government reforms to assist Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors to better understand cost structures, negotiate fair contracts and run successful small businesses. The reforms have been introduced by the Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon Natalie Hutchins, in the Owner-Driver and Forestry Contractors Amendment Bill 2018, following a review of the Act. Should the reforms pass, for the first time, there will be

education, enforcement and compliance for this industry within a new Victorian Wage Inspectorate.

Port of Melbourne announces encouraging trade growth

The Port of Melbourne has announced total trade through the port in July was 9% higher than the same period last year, in an encouraging sign for the transport industry and Victorian economy. The increase was the equivalent of 8.46 million revenue tonnes through the port, excluding dry bulk cargoes, which declined due to lower grain exports. The Port of Melbourne is the lifeblood of the state's economy and higher traffic through the port is a positive indicator for the industry. Read the Port of Melbourne media release [here](#).

VTA provides guidance on Federal Court casual worker decision

On 16 August 2018, a Full Federal Court decision found that a 'fly in, fly out' worker was not a casual employee despite allegedly being paid as a casual and therefore, this employee was entitled to annual leave upon termination of employment. This decision confirmed a similar finding from the Federal Circuit Court in 2016. The VTA has prepared an Industrial Circular to provide some context around the decision and guidance on what members should consider doing. Contact VTA Industrial Relations Advisor Paul Ryan on 9646 8590 for further information.

TCA announces first type-approved OBM system

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) has announced Loadman Australia is the first to market with a type approved On-Board Mass System. OBM Systems are also referred to as on-board weigh scales or electronic weighing systems, and are used across the transport sector for commercial, contractual and regulatory purposes. Read the TCA media release [here](#).

Paul Northey appointed head of Regional Roads Victoria

The VTA wishes to congratulate Paul Northey who has been [confirmed](#) by the Victorian Government as the state's chief regional roads officer, and will lead the newly established Regional Roads Victoria. Paul was most recently general manager of infrastructure services for Barwon Water, and has been appointed to oversee a \$941 million construction and repair blitz on roads in rural Victoria. The creation of Regional Roads Victoria within VicRoads was flagged in the May state budget, and the VTA is encouraged that long-neglected regional roads will finally get the attention rural Victorians and operators have been desperate for.

Training programs

- [Chain of Responsibility – Awareness for Managers and Customers - 5 September 2018](#)
- [Chain of Responsibility – Sub-Contractor Management – 12 September 2018](#)
- [Pallet Management for pallet controllers – 20 September 2018](#)
- Master class – [Coaching and Developing People](#) – 20 September 2018
- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 1 September 4 September and 18 September.

For more details download the flyer at the VTA [website](#) or for the prescribed industrial waste courses download the flyer from the [VWMA training](#) page.

Upcoming events

- [Australian Freight Industry Awards](#); September 1
- VTA Christmas Lunch; December 7