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Transport leaders lauded at 29th Australian Freight Industry Awards

The achievements of seven leaders from the transport industry were celebrated in style at the Australian Freight Industry Awards at Crown Melbourne last Saturday night. Congratulations to:

- Paul Retter AM, National Transport Commission, Personality of the Year Award sponsored Transport for Victoria
- Jacquelene Brotherton, Oxford Cold Storage & Transport Women Australia,
 Female Leadership in Transport sponsored by Viva Energy Australia
- Katrina Burns, SCT Logistics, Young Achiever of the Year Award sponsored by Daimler Truck & Bus
- Alex Fraser Group, Waste & Recycling Award sponsored by National Transport Insurance
- L. Fraumano Transport, Application of Technology Award sponsored by Transport Certification Australia
- Transking Innovations, Best Practice Safety Award sponsored by CMV Truck & Bus
- Barker Trailers, Investment in People Award sponsored by Logical Staffing Solutions

Sincere thanks to our major event sponsors TWUSUPER and Viva Energy Australia for their continuing support of these <u>awards</u>, which are among the highest accolades in transport.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is hosting a forum of 30 industry members as part of a process for the reform of the nation's heavy vehicle laws. The NHVR Fatigue Safety Forum will help the regulator seek industry input into driver fatigue and drowsiness detection, as well as looking into reducing regulation for fatigue safety and increasing productivity through more flexible work arrangements. The outcomes will be made publicly available ahead of a proposed wider review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law to be considered by Responsible Ministers later this year.

Cathy Wilkinson appointed new EPA CEO

The VTA and VWMA have welcomed the appointment by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) of Dr Cathy Wilkinson as its new CEO. Dr Wilkinson has worked with EPA since 2015. Prior to that Dr Wilkinson held senior leadership roles driving transformation in the planning, water and environment portfolios for various Victorian Government departments, has been a member of Ministerial Advisory Committees, and has provided environmental leadership for a range of high profile international organisations. Sincere thanks to outgoing CEO Nial Finegan, who has been a great supporter of the VTA and the transport industry during his tenure.

KHQ Lawyers hosts Breakfast Seminar series

VTA supporter KHQ Lawyers is hosting its "Cementing the Pillars' Breakfast Seminar series in Melbourne and Sydney, which provides information and advice on a range of workplace matters and practices. The first of the free seminars planned for the financial year deals with enterprise bargaining and will be held on September 18 (Melbourne) and 20 (Sydney). Further information on the series is available in the flyer here or contact Natalie Bourke of KHQ Lawyers at nbourke@khq.com.au or 03 8681 4018.

Latest VTA Priority Report out now

The latest issue of the VTA Priority Report magazine is out now and will be in letterboxes soon. In this issue is a review and recap of recent VTA events held in winter, along with feature stories on the VTA Driver Delivery program, which recently graduated its 50th driver. Also included are interesting contributions from a range of contributors including Viva Energy Australia, Transport Certification Australia and Australian Rail Track Corporation. To download an electronic copy, follow this link.

West Gate Freeway ramp closures

Transurban have announced a series of road and ramp closures associated with construction of the West Gate Tunnel. The disruptions will see periodic closures to inbound and outbound ramps to the West Gate Freeway at Grieve Parade, Millers Road and Williamstown Road from now until 14 September. Signed detours are in place to minimise disruption. For a full list of road and ramp closures consult the Wet Gate Tunnel website. The VTA also maintains a full list of disruptions to the road network due to construction activity here.

Save the Date for TWUSUPER Golf Day

One of the VTA's most popular events is only weeks away and we are encouraging you to Save the Date – Monday, 12 November – for the annual TWUSUPER Golf Day. Commonwealth Golf Club, one of the sand belt's best courses is our venue once again for what promises to be a great day of camaraderie, networking and golf. Registration and pricing information will be announced soon but please save the date and get your team together!

Training programs

- Chain of Responsibility Sub-Contractor Management 12 September 2018
- Pallet Management for pallet controllers 20 September 2018
- Master class <u>Coaching and Developing People</u> 20 September 2018
- Prescribed Industrial Waste 18 September and 25 September.

For more details download the flyer at the VTA <u>website</u> or for the prescribed industrial waste courses download the flyer from the <u>VWMA training</u> page.

Upcoming events

- TWUSUPER Golf Day, November 12
- VTA Christmas Lunch; December 7