

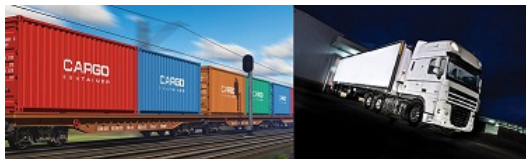


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### Transport industry celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Australian Freight Industry Awards

The VTA wishes to thank everyone who attended this year's Australian Freight Industry Awards (AFIAs) and extends its sincere congratulations to all finalists and award winners. With this year marking the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AFIAs, it was pleasing to see 700 people gathered at the Palladium Ballroom at Crown Melbourne to recognise the outstanding achievements of Australian freight and logistic operators. Thank you once again to all those who attended for making it such a memorable night, particularly major event sponsors **TWUSUPER** and **Viva Energy Australia**. To view the full list of this years award winners please click [here](#).

## VTA welcomes Senate Road Transport Industry Inquiry

The Victorian Transport Association has welcomed the approval of an Inquiry into the Road Transport Industry following a vote in the Australian Senate yesterday. Shadow Assistant Minister for Road Safety Glenn Sterle has been instrumental in the establishment of the inquiry, which follows months of consultation with transport industry stakeholders, including the VTA, about regulatory and other measures that could be established and strengthened in order to maintain sustainability, profitability and safety for all supply-chain participants. Read the VTA media release on this matter [here](#).

## VTA welcomes passage of Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA), representing the state's freight, transport and logistics industry, has welcomed the passage of legislation in the Parliament of Victoria that will make transport work safer and fairer for owner drivers and forestry contractors. Amendments to the Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act will ensure these workers are paid correctly, are safer at work and have all the information they need to run successful businesses. Read the VTA media release on this matter [here](#).

## Registrations now open for Performance Based Standards (PBS) Training 101

Together with [the Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association](#) (ARTSA), the VTA is pleased to announce registrations are now open for the **Performance Based Standards (PBS) Training 101** event. The VTA encourages you to attend to gain a competitive advantage by fully understanding the benefits of these Australian designed and manufactured vehicles. The event will be held on **23 October** from **8:30AM-12:30PM** at the VTA Headquarters at Kooringa Way, Webb Dock. For further information about the event or to register please click [here](#).

## Heavy Duty truck sales show August decline

August saw sales in the truck and heavy van market drop by 14.3 per cent for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of 3,500kg and over, compared with the same period last year. Sales in all truck and heavy van categories declined since August 2018, with the heavy vehicle market showing clear signs of slowing in 2019, with month-on-month lower sales recorded. The Heavy-Duty market struggled with the segment registering only 986 units, a drop of 21.6 per cent compare to this time last year. However, the year-to-date trend is more positive, with Heavy sales tracking down 7.9 per cent over this period last year.

## NHVR to trial new PBS Design Approval Process

The [National Heavy Vehicle Regulator](#) (NHVR) is trialling a new process for [Performance-Based Standards](#) (PBS) Design Approval applications submitted in the lead up to the next PBS Review Panel meeting on 29 and 30 October. The new process is in response to industry feedback and will include a range of steps relating to processing applications. Further information about the NHVR's new PBS Design Approval application process and the associated steps can be found [here](#).

## **Federal and State Government pledge \$367.5 million to upgrade Monash Freeway**

Under a joint commitment between Federal and State Government, a pledge of \$367.5 million has been made for further upgrades to the [Monash Freeway](#). As part of the upgrade, an extra 36 kilometres of new lanes will be added to help ease congestion in Melbourne's east. The second stage of the project will expand the Monash from eight to ten lanes between Springvale Road and EastLink, and from four to six lanes between Clyde Road and Cardinia Road – which is estimated to reduce the morning peak hour trip between Pakenham and Malvern by up to nine minutes. Construction of the new lanes will commence in early 2020 and is expected to be completed in late 2022. Further information about the upgrades can be found [here](#).

## **NTC unveils Effective Enforcement Issues Paper for comment**

The [National Transport Commission](#) (NTC) has unveiled its [Effective Enforcement issues paper](#) as part of the ongoing [Heavy Vehicle National Law](#) (HVNL) review. The seventh of eight papers emphasise data and technology usage and identifies that are several challenges relating to data ownership, security, quality and sharing within the industry. With the goal of the review to achieve a modern, outcome-focused law that improves safety and supports increased productivity and innovation such as new technologies and methods of operation the HVNL is seeking feedback. Submissions for this paper close on October 31. A copy of the paper can be found [here](#).

## **Vale KS Environmental Founder Edward George (Ted) Smith**

The Victorian Waste Management Association has noted with sadness the passing of Edward George (Ted) Smith, founder of KS Environmental and a stalwart of the waste and recycling industry. Ted founded KS Environmental (KSE) in 1967, with the business remaining a proudly Australian-owned and operated family business today. He was one of the founding members of the VWMA and was bestowed with life membership for his loyal and ongoing support. The Executive Council of the VWMA extends its sincere condolences to Paul, Michael, Peter, Carmel, Mary, Catherine and the wider Smith family.

## **Vale Renzo Antidormi, National Transport Insurance**

The VTA extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of our great friend and supporter Renzo Antidormi, who passed away yesterday after a long illness. Renzo was the Victorian State Manager for National Transport Insurance (NTI), a long-time sponsor of the VTA and a terrific supporter of the transport industry. Renzo was instrumental in maintaining and developing strong links between NTI and the broader freight and logistics industry. He frequently attended VTA networking events and professional seminars, where he participated as both a guest speaker and contributor to important discussions about the industry. He was the consummate professional in representing NTI, where he served as their longest serving state manger. We extend our sincere condolences to Renzo's wife Jacqui and their children Ryan, Sophie and Scott.

## Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Master Class – [Improving Customer Service](#) – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- [Pallet Management for Pallet Controllers](#) – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Fatigue Management](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Load Restraint](#) – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- [Incident Management Workshop](#) – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- [Performance Based Standards \(PBS\) Training 101](#) – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

## Upcoming Events

- VTA Golf Day, November (date & location TBA)
- VTA Christmas Lunch, 13 December, Members' Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground