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VTA contributes to NTC review of National Heavy Vehicle Law

A major focus for the VTA in 2019 has been responding to the NTC National Heavy Vehicle Law (NHVL) Review, which has involved consultation with the VTA Committees and feedback from individual members. The following submissions have been completed and lodged with the NTC, and are available via the [member portal](#) of the VTA website:

- Submission No 1 - A Risk-Based Approach to Regulating Heavy Vehicles - May 2019
- Submission No 2 - Effective Fatigue Management - August 2019
- Submission No 3 - Easy Access to Suitable Routes - August 2019
- Submission No 4 - Safe People and Practices - September 2019
- Submission No 5 - Vehicle Standards and Safety - September 2019

We are now preparing the submissions for the last two Issue Papers, Submission No 6 [Effective Enforcement and Assurance](#) and Submission No 7 [Assurance Models](#). We encourage you to review these documents by following the respective links and direct any feedback to Greg Cain at the VTA (greg@vta.com.au). As with the other papers, we will also ensure that time is provided to discuss the issues at each of the forthcoming VTA committee meetings.

Time running out to apply for labour hire licences

Victorian labour hire businesses have just over one month to register for the Victorian Government's Labour Hire Licencing Scheme, or else face significant penalties. From 30 October, only labour hire providers who are licensed or are awaiting an application decision will be allowed to operate in Victoria. This Scheme – which is overseen by the [Labour Hire Authority](#) – was established following the independent Victorian Inquiry into Labour Hire and Insecure Work, which uncovered widespread abuse, underpayment and exploitation of workers in the labour hire industry. The VTA urges all members to familiarise themselves with the details surrounding who is a 'labour hire provider' as it can include situations where a transport company manages a contract for a client with a fleet of independent contractors and such fleet is integral to the business of the client. For further information about the scheme please click [here](#).

Freight Victoria appoints Acting CEO

[Freight Victoria](#) has announced the appointment of Andrew Newman as Acting CEO, following the departure of Garry Button. The VTA has worked closely with Freight Victoria since its inception and will continue to provide information and connectivity for the best outcomes for our industry. We thank Garry for his work in getting this important government department up and running and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Barker Trailer wins regional accolades

Congratulations to VTA supporter and Victorian trailer manufacturer [Barker Trailers](#), who celebrated three wins at the 2019 Bendigo Bank Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards taking out the Excellence in Trades, Construction and Manufacturing Award, Apprentice of the Year Award and the coveted Business of the Year Award. Barker Trailers has crafted over 10,000 trailers in its 45 year history within the region through a skilled workforce of engineering and design, fabrication, mechanical activity, electrical paint and full finish applications. The Business of the Year Award recognise businesses which provide an outstanding service, innovation, products and professionalism to the Macedon Ranges Shire and beyond.

VTA People Group meeting Thursday 17 October

This meeting will provide an industry relations update by Paul Ryan and other key VTA projects for all members. It will focus on amendments to the Victorian Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act and what it means for businesses. It will also provide an update on the Labour Hire Authority, EBAs going forward, ARTIO and the Senate Enquiry. A flyer will be distributed to all members next week.

NTI announced new Executive Team appointments

VTA supporter [NTI](#) has announced changes to roles occupied by two members of their executive team – Kerrie Challenor and Janelle Greene. General Manager of People and Capability Kerrie Challenor has been appointed to the new role of Chief People and Operations whilst Janelle Greene, previously General Manager Strategic Delivery and Operations, has been appointed Chief Customer Officer. We wish Kerrie and Janelle every success in their new roles.

VWMA hosts dinner briefing on Container Deposit Schemes (CDS)

VTA affiliate the [Victorian Waste Management Association \(VWMA\)](#) is hosting a special dinner briefing on Container Deposit Schemes (CDS) in conjunction with event sponsors [MRA Consulting](#) and [RSM Group](#). This briefing is relevant to anyone in the waste and recycling industry, local and state government and environmental organisations. The event will be held on **Wednesday, 23 October 2019** at the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre** and will include a two-course dinner and drinks, opportunities for Q&A, networking opportunities as well as a few surprises. Further event information and ticket sales are available [here](#).

Save the Date for VTA TWUSUPER Golf Day

One of the VTA's most popular social events is only weeks away and we are encouraging you to Save the Date – Friday, 15 November – for the annual VTA [TWUSUPER](#) Golf Day, being held at the prestigious [Victoria Golf Club](#). Registration and pricing information will be announced soon but for now please save the date and get your team together!

MaxiTRANS raises \$19K for R U OK? DAY

The VTA would like to congratulate supporter [MaxiTRANS](#) on raising over \$19,000 for 'R U OK? DAY'. In conjunction with their longest stranding dealer partner, Mildura Truck Centre, they joined together to support this great cause, donating 1% of the purchase price from all new trailers, truck bodies ordered, and parts purchased from participating outlets on R U OK Day to the campaign. This year brings MaxiTRANS' total donation to almost \$45,000 since the campaign was launched in in September 2017.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 1st, 5th, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of October 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Fatigue Management](#) – 2nd October 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Load Restraint](#) – 9th October 2019
- Master Class – [Coaching & Developing People](#) – 17th October 2019
- [Performance Based Standards \(PBS\) Training 101](#) – 23rd October 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness](#) – 13th November 2019
- [Pallet Management for Pallet Controllers](#) – 14th November 2019

Upcoming Events

- VTA Golf Day, Friday, 15 November, [Victoria Golf Club](#)

- VTA Christmas Lunch, 13 December, [Members' Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground](#)