

# Victorian Transport Association Update 25th October 2019









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## Victorian Government announces heavy vehicle roadworthy checks

The VTA encourages all members to ensure their fleets are fully compliant with Victorian and <u>national heavy vehicle roadworthy requirements</u> after the Victorian Government announced that Transport Safety Services (TSS) officers would be carrying out random and targeted checks on roads across the state. So far this year, TSS officers have carried out more than 20 operations across Victoria, targeting known heavy vehicle crash locations to reduce the occurrence of fatalities and serious injuries. The safety blitz will focus on vehicle roadworthiness, including tyres, windscreens, oil leaks, seatbelts, brakes, suspension and coupling defects. During this operation the TSS officers will also be enforcing truck curfews in areas including Melbourne's inner west.

#### Glen Cameron and Mick Rocke honoured at VTA President's Dinner

Two of road transport's biggest names have been <a href="honoured">honoured</a> at a the VTA President's Dinner. Glen Cameron Group Founder and Managing Director, Glen Cameron, was presented with Life Membership of the VTA, while Rocke Brothers co-founder, Michael Rocke received the prestigious W.F.D Chalmers Award. The VTA congratulates Glen and Michael for their years of dedicated service to the industry and the Association.

# New 'labour hire licensing scheme' introduced by Vic Gov

The VTA urges all members to be aware of the legislation passed by the Victorian Parliament in 2018 to introduce a new 'labour hire licensing scheme' following the Inquiry into the Labour Hire Industry and Insecure Work (Forsyth Report). Under this scheme, providers of labour hire services are now required to hold a licence and hosts (those who use labour hire services) will be required to use only licensed providers. Further information about how this scheme will impact you can be obtained from VTA Industrial Circular 7/2019 which is in the VTA members only section of our website. Log into VTA members only section here. For further assistance you contact a lawyer from the following panel:

- Gina Capasso from KHQ Lawyers on 8680 3474
- Simone Caylock from Rigby Cooke on 9321 7894
- David Thompson from Hunt & Hunt on 8602 9252

# NHVR release top tips guide for portal users

The <u>National Heavy Vehicle Regulator</u> (NHVR) has released its top tips guide to more easily navigate the NHVR Portal to reduce permit application processing times. The guide highlights five areas where applicants can facilitate a faster turnaround including; using detailed mapping, including axle spacing, providing accurate mass breakdowns, specifying ground contact width and including tyre size. The step-by-step guide of how you can speed up your processing time can be found <u>here</u>.

### **VICT appoints two new Board members**

The <u>Victorian International Container Terminal (VICT)</u> has announced the appointment of two new Board members in response to the recent resignation of Brian Watson. Former VTA CEO, Philip Lovel AM and Tony Cousins are the two new Board appointments announced by VICT. As VTA CEO for 26 years, Lovel was the first Executive Director/CEO to be honoured as a Life Member of the Association. He is an experienced Civil Engineer with an MBA in Marketing and Operations and has served as a Board member on many State Government Boards and Committees. Cousins has held several senior executive roles in Australia and New Zealand with P&O Ports and more recently the Port Authority of NSW. The VTA wishes both men all the best in their new positions.

### **Limited places remain for VTA Golf Day**

There are only a few places left for the **VTA Golf Day**, being held on **Friday**, **15 November** and proudly sponsored by <u>TWUSUPER</u>. The day is being held at the prestigious <u>Victoria Golf Club</u> and we urge you and your team to register to avoid missing

out on what is always an enjoyable and memorable event. For pricing and further information please refer to the flyer <a href="here">here</a>. To register, visit the event booking page here, or complete the complete the <a href="registration form">registration form</a> and return to the VTA by email at <a href="hevents@vta.com.au">events@vta.com.au</a>.

# **Registration opens for VTA Christmas Lunch**

The **VTA Christmas Lunch** is only eight weeks away and we are encouraging you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This year's event is being held on **Friday, 13 December** at the **MCC Members Dining Room**, Melbourne Cricket Ground and is proudly sponsored **Viva Energy Australia** and **Vawdrey**. The day will be filled with a delicious three-course meal, lots of drinks and entertainment from signature VTA singer songwriter **Sarah Valentine** and comedian **Marty Fields**. Further registration and ticketing information can be found in the event <u>flyer</u>. To register please click <u>here</u>, complete the attached form or contact the VTA on 03 9645 8590.

# **Training**

Prescribed Industrial Waste –29th of October & 12th, 19th and 26th of November 2019

Chain of Responsibility – <u>Awareness</u> – 13th November 2019

Pallet Management for Pallet Controllers - 14th November 2019

Chain of Responsibility – Safe Loads – 20th November 2019

Master Class – Leadership Skills - 21st November 2019

Chain of Responsibility – Safety Management Systems – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Chain of Responsibility – <u>Awareness for Managers & Customers</u> – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Upcoming Events**

- VTA Golf Day, Friday, 15 November, Victoria Golf Club
- VTA Christmas Lunch, 13 December, <u>Members' Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket</u>
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