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VTA calls for greater landside stevedore investments

The VTA has called for greater landside investments by stevedores at the nation's major ports following an ACCC report that confirmed infrastructure charges paid by transport operators are responsible for a "growing proportion" of stevedore revenues. Whilst report findings that quayside productivity indicators have increased are encouraging for industry, the Association is concerned stevedores are not making the required investments that would see similar productivity gains for landside operators servicing the ports. Follow this [link](#) to read the VTA media release on this matter.

VTA announces new President and Vice President at AGM

The VTA Executive Council [elected a new President and Vice President](#) at the Association's Annual General Meeting last week. We welcome Mike Lean, who was elected President, replacing Cameron Dunn who has held the position since 2016. Mike is CEO of national road transport operator Wettenhalls and is a seasoned professional within the transport industry. Mick Rocke was elected Vice President, along with Dennis Ryan was also re-elected Vice President for another term. The VTA extends their congratulations and best wishes to Mike, Mick and Dennis on their selections and we wish them every success.

NHVR to provide compliance and enforcement services in Victoria

The [National Heavy Vehicle Regulator](#) (NHVR) will be providing heavy vehicle on-road compliance and enforcement services in Victoria from Sunday 8, December. The [NHVR National Service Transition Program](#) is the next step in delivering a nationally consistent approach to compliance and enforcement activities for heavy vehicles. The most notable changes from the transition will be that the current VicRoads Transport Safety Service Officer (TSS Officers) that undertake road heavy vehicle intercepts will become NHVR Safety and Compliance Officers (SCOs). The transition will support borderless services, improving consistency for operators. Further information about the transition program can be found [here](#).

Victorian Government to fund to regional transport job growth

Victorian Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes has released updated guidelines for the [Victorian Government's Regional Job and Infrastructure Fund](#) – as part of the \$2.6 billion [Delivering for Regional and Rural Victoria Program](#). More than \$30 million has been made available to make Victoria's regional cities and country towns better places to live, work, invest and visit. To help business create more jobs in regional Victoria, support community projects and assist councils to build the infrastructure locals needs, the Fund will move to a competitive round-based process, to ensure the best projects receive support – with grants of up to \$500,000 available to councils and council-sponsored projects. Applications for grants close on 18 December 2019. To make an application or for further information please click [here](#).

Federal Government commits \$5.2M to National Freight Data Hub

The first discussion paper regarding the design of the [National Freight Data Hub](#) released by the Federal Government has marked a major step towards a more competitive, efficient and productive freight future for Australia. Over the next 18 months, the Government will commit \$5.2 million to designing a Hub, which will be built in collaboration with industry, governments and other key stakeholders. Enhanced access to freight data will help streamline day-to-day operations, make better investment decisions and evaluate the performance of Australia's freight system. Submissions to the [National Freight Data Hub – Discussion Paper 1](#) closes on **Friday 6 December**. To make a submission please click or for further information click [here](#).

Spring issue of Priority Report out now

The Spring issue of the VTA Priority Report is now available to review online [here](#). Look out for hard copy print issues in the post over the next fortnight. For additional copies contact the VTA on 03 9656 8590.

Prime Mover November - Industry should welcome Senate Inquiry into Road Transport Industry

In the November issue of [Prime Mover](#) magazine, Peter Anderson outlines why the transport industry should welcome the Senate Inquiry into the road transport industry. The Inquiry has come about after a series of Transport Industry Standard Forums held earlier this year with the strong backing of Shadow Assistant Minister for Road Safety Glenn Sterle. To read the column in full, follow this [link](#).

Last chance to register for VTA Golf Day 2019

It is your last chance to register for the Annual VTA Golf Day sponsored by [TWUSUPER](#), being held on Friday, 15 November. The event at the prestigious [Victoria Golf Club](#) is almost over-subscribed so we urge you and your team to register as soon as possible to avoid missing out on what is always an enjoyable and memorable event. For pricing and further information please refer to the flyer [here](#). To register, visit the event booking page here, or complete the complete the [registration form](#) and return to the VTA by email at events@vta.com.au.

VTA continues to accept registrations for Christmas Lunch

With tables filling fast, the VTA is urging those wishing to attend the [Annual Christmas Lunch](#), on **Friday, 13 December** in the [Members Dining Room](#) of the Melbourne Cricket Ground to register fast! Proudly sponsored by [Viva Energy Australia](#) and [Vawdrey](#), the day will be filled with a delicious three course meal, plenty of festive drinks, entertainment from signature VTA singer songwriter **Sarah Valentine** and comedian **Marty Fields**. Further registration and ticketing information can be found in the event [flyer](#). To register please click [here](#), complete the attached [form](#) or contact the VTA on 03 9645 8590.

Save the Date for State Conference 2020

The VTA will soon announce details for State Conference 2020. We are returning to Silverwater Resort at Phillip Island from Sunday, 1 March through Tuesday, 3 March 2020, and encourage you to Save the Date for what will be another informative and insightful VTA State Conference.

Training

- [Prescribed Industrial Waste](#) – 12th, 19th and 26th of November & 3rd, 10th and 17th of December 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness](#) – 13th November 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safe Loads](#) – 20th November 2019

- Master Class – [Leadership Skills](#) - 21st November 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Safety Management Systems](#) – 27th November 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Awareness for Managers & Customers](#) – 4th December 2019
- Chain of Responsibility – [Sub-Contractor Management](#) – 11th December 2019

Upcoming Events

- VTA Golf Day, Friday, 15 November, [Victoria Golf Club](#)
- VTA Christmas Lunch, 13 December, [Members' Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground](#)
- VTA/Viva Energy Australia Golf Day, 14 February, The National, Long Island
- VTA State Conference 2020, 1-3 March, [Silverwater Resort](#), Phillip Island