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### VTA E-News

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### VTA State Conference delegates gather at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island

A record number of delegates have gathered at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island for the VTA State Conference 2020 for two days of networking, learning and professional development. Keep up with the event via Twitter following using the @VTACOMMS handle, or follow us on LinkedIn [here](#). The VTA will publish a full recap of the conference in the next issue of E-news.

### VTA welcomes the release of Infrastructure Australia's Priority List

The VTA has welcomed the released of [Infrastructure Australia's Priority List](#) of projects. The [List](#) contains a number of high priority projects throughout Australia that will deliver much needed maintenance and improvements to regional and urban roads, which would help to improve safety and reduce congestion on key thoroughfares, many of which are freight routes. A safe, reliable and efficient road transport network is essential for the

economy to continue to grow and prosper. The VTA thanks Infrastructure Australia for prioritising maintenance and improvements to regional and urban roads – highlighting the positive contribution the transport industry continues to have on Australia's economy.

### **Impact of Coronavirus on national and international supply chains**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) has captured the world's attention since the disease began spreading from Wuhan province in China in early January 2020. The initial focus from health experts, government bureaucrats and other stakeholders was to contain the virus, resulting in border lockdowns and travel bans. However, with little attention initially paid to the economic consequences of the disease, its impact on global supply chains is starting to be felt. Restrictions initially impacted on tourism and education, however it is now disrupting supply chains of goods. Imports are declining due to a lack of supply from China, which is now being felt by consumers. Consequences for transport operators at every mode and level of the supply chain will be felt – as import/export tasks will continue to decline until Chinese factories and industry resume operating at normal capacity. The VTA can assist in guiding you through some of these issues including any industrial relations problems.

### **WorkSafe issues safety alert about risks associated with unloading heavy vehicles**

Workplace safety authority, [WorkSafe Victoria](#) has issued a safety alert about the risks associated with unloading trucks, following two incidents involving semi tippers rolling over at mines - thankfully, in both instances the operator remained in the cab and were uninjured. As a result, WorkSafe has pointed out the following hazards that may pose a risk to OH&S when unloading trucks: uneven, soft or unconsolidated ground; slippery or low traction surface, overhead powerlines or structure, and faulty or misused braking systems. Employers and operators are advised to; identify all potential hazards before unloading; regularly review and monitor system and ensure that tipping areas are level and stable. Please visit the WorkSafe [website](#) to view the [safety alert](#) and [further information](#).

### **Tramanco approved for new generation OBM system**

[Transport Certification Australia \(TCA\)](#) has announced that [Tramanco](#) is the first to be type-approved for a new generation of smart on-board mass (OBM) system. Smart OBM systems are capable of collecting and sharing axle mass data with other telematics systems and services, and heralds the introduction of Intelligent Mass through the [National Telematics Framework](#). By leveraging common digital infrastructure, such as the Telematics Data and Telematics Exchange, these OBM systems can be used across all applications of the Framework. A list of type-approved OBM systems is available on the TCA [website](#) while further information on the National Telematics Framework can be found [here](#).

### **NHVR seeks online solutions to streamline compliance and enforcement processes**

As it explores how industry can fight fatigue and distraction via the use of technology, the [National Heavy Vehicle Regulator \(NHVR\)](#) is also looking to online solutions to streamline its compliance and enforcement processes. A mobile application from [Motorola's](#) mobile

developer subsidiary [Gridstone](#), is driving the regulator's push to integrate and centralise all key heavy vehicle operator information collected on-road in one place. The mobile application delivers real-time information such as heavy vehicle registration numbers, driver's license details and other information from the regulator's database to NHVR's safety and compliance officers while they are on the move. While supervisors and system administrators can monitor information and intelligence via a desktop version of the application as it is captured in the field. The solution has already been rolled out in Victoria and will be expanded to the ACT, SA, TAS and WA throughout 2020. Further information about the rollout can be found [here](#).

### **MTA welcomes new supporter Benjamin & Benjamin Insurance Group**

We are delighted to announce [Benjamin & Benjamin Insurance Group](#) have joined the MTA as a supporter. Benjamin & Benjamin provides comprehensive insurance advice and works with clients to implement their insurance requirements, manage changes and claims, and make navigating insurance requirements easier for clients. To learn more about Benjamin & Benjamin, visit their website at [www.benjamin-ig.com.au](http://www.benjamin-ig.com.au) or contact Manager - Partnerships Richard Cholewick on 0499 038 566 or via email at [richard@benjamin-ig.com.au](mailto:richard@benjamin-ig.com.au)

### **Training**

- Prescribed Industrial Waste – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March & 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020
- Chain of Responsibility – [Sub-Contractor Management](#) – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Master Class – [Improving Customer Service](#) – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- [Pallet Management for Pallet Controllers](#) – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Chain of Responsibility – [Fatigue Management](#) – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020
- Master Class – [Maximising Value of Business](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020
- Chain of Responsibility – [Load Restraint](#) – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

### **Upcoming Events**

- MTA Women's Lunch, Friday, 17 April