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State Conference 2021 signals return of events for VTA

The Victorian Transport Association is thrilled to announce that registration is now open for **State Conference 2021** from 21-23 March – the peak transport industry association’s first major ‘in person’ event in over a year.

“Since last March, many of our interactions with members, supporters and transport industry stakeholders have been online or remote, which can never really replace the impact and significance of getting together face-to-face for important discussions and interactions,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“For this reason alone, I know many people from the industry are looking forward to reconnecting with customers and contacts, which is what conferences like ours are so important for facilitating.”

The theme for VTA State Conference 2021 is ***What’s in Front for the Transport Industry***, and after a year like no other the Conference will be an invaluable forum for learning and hearing from industry experts on recovering from the pandemic and getting your operation on the best possible footing for the year ahead.

“Over two days at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island, the Conference will gather experts from state and federal governments and oppositions, industry regulators, operators, suppliers, academics, and other experts for important discussions on the issues confronting freight and logistics,” Anderson said.

“Topics to be covered will include industrial relations, heavy vehicle transport law, human resources, safety, technology, infrastructure, education, and training, with a distinct focus on the key changes and reforms confronting the freight logistics industry.”

VTA state conferences are well-known for being content rich, and this year promises to be no exception with around 35 speakers being confirmed to address delegates on numerous topics of great relevance to both freight and logistics operators and suppliers.

“We are also encouraging operators to consider sending younger members of their team along to learn from their peers. It’s critical that we continue to attract and retain young people to the transport industry and professional development opportunities like the State Conference are important for educating and training transport leaders of the future,” Anderson said.

The State Conference is being held once again at the picturesque Silverwater Resort, located just a 90-minute drive from Melbourne’s CBD at Phillip Island (San Remo). A range of price points are available for those able to attend all or parts of the conference, with special discounted pricing for VTA members. Please follow [this link](#) for further pricing information and to register your attendance, [click here](#).

“Lockdowns and restrictions on our movements and interactions with family, friends and colleagues have been one of the more difficult aspects of COVID-19 and I look forward to reconnecting with our membership and the industry for what promises to be another memorable VTA State Conference,” Anderson said.

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