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Deadline extended for Australian Freight Industry Awards nominations

The Victorian Transport Association has extended the deadline for nominations for the 2021 *Australian Freight Industry Awards* by popular demand, providing operators and industry suppliers with a further week to lodge their applications.

The deadline for entries is now **Monday, 23 August**, to allow ample time for judging across the various category, ahead of the gala presentation evening being planned for Saturday, 4 September.

"After the record number of nominations, we received for last year's virtual awards presentation, we want to give operators plenty of time to get their applications together, which is why we've extended the deadline a further week," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson. "It's also abundantly clear that during this period of relative uncertainty, and with operators busier than they ever have been servicing customers, some extra time was warranted to give those intending to nominate a chance to put their very best foot forward," he said.

Nominations are open for the following award categories:

- Female Leadership Award sponsored by Viva Energy Australia
- Investment in People Award sponsored by Logical Staffing Solutions
- Application of Technology Award sponsored by Transport Certification Australia
- Young Achiever Award sponsored by Daimler Truck & Bus
- Best Practice Safety Award sponsored by Gallagher
- Sustainable Environment Award sponsored by National Transport Insurance

Criteria for the awards can be reviewed at www.afiawards.com.au and we are encouraging VTA members and freight and logistics operators Australia-wide to support the awards and our industry by nominating for one or more categories. Nominations can also be submitted online at www.afiawards.com.au

The AFIAs return to the Palladium at Crown Melbourne on <u>Saturday, 4 September</u> for an <u>extravaganza</u> <u>celebrating our country's greatest entertainers</u> in an <u>Australian Super Band</u> first! <u>Taxi Ride's</u> Jason Singh, <u>Boom Crash Opera's</u> Dale Ryder, <u>Bachelor Girl's</u> Tania Doko, and <u>The Choirboys'</u> Mark Gable are set to wow guests at the 2021 awards presentation. For ticketing information and to secure a table for you and your friends and colleagues please visit <u>www.vta.com.au</u>

"You can book tickets with confidence as all purchases made before Saturday, 21 August are fully refundable should postponement or cancellation be necessary due to COVID settings. We look forward to a sensational evening celebrating everything that is great about this amazing country, together with the phenomenal efforts of our transport industry!"

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