



## Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of On the Road.

I was pleased recently to announce that the NHVR has opened the next round of submissions for heavy vehicle safety programs.

The \$3.8 million Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative program – funded with the support of the Federal Government – will benefit both freight operators and the general community.

Some current programs funded under the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative include information on changes to Chain of Responsibility laws, support to develop Industry Codes of Practice and a boost to the number of Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras.

We will be particularly looking at programs that can be delivered nationally to enhance safety across the heavy vehicle industry.

Applications will be open from February 16, 2017 and close on March 21, 2017. For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/engaging-with-industry](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/engaging-with-industry).

Regards  
Sal Petrocchio  
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## Joint forum on national agenda

The NHVR recently hosted the first meeting of the year of the combined Industry Reference Forum and the National Operational Strategy and Policy Advisory Group.

NHVR Executive Director Strategy & Stakeholder Relations Tanya McDonald said that key items discussed at the joint meeting included funding for road safety initiatives, an update on the Roadworthiness Program and a progress update on the Road Manager Portal.

"These groups, comprising industry and government representatives, provide a platform for forward thinking ideas and input, and to ensure the NHVR's reform agenda is delivering for key stakeholders.

"The workshops enable us to assist industry and other stakeholders to work towards meaningful outcomes in the areas of broader national safety, productivity, efficiency and innovation.

"It's vital that all stakeholders are involved in this consultative process, and these combined meetings provide that opportunity.

"The NHVR encourages a collaborative and inclusive approach when moving forward with our reform agenda," Tanya said.

If you wish to know more about these groups or engaging with industry in general, please visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/engaging-with-industry](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/engaging-with-industry).

## NHVR backs kids safety program

The NHVR has joined forces with the Australian Trucking Association's Safety Truck program to increase children's awareness of safety around heavy vehicles.

The NHVR will sponsor the Volvo ATA Safety Truck for four years.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio and ATA President Nolene Watson (pictured) made the announcement at Browns Plains State School, south of Brisbane.

The Safety Truck program delivers heavy vehicle safety education programs, industry-led community events and other public events across Australia.

In 2016, the Safety Truck visited 15 schools across the country, directly engaging with up to 3000 primary and secondary school students.

To find out where the Safety Truck is heading next, check out the Safety Truck's Event Calendar or email [safetytruck@truck.net.au](mailto:safetytruck@truck.net.au).



## Industry Engagement

The NHVR is working with the Crane Industry Council of Australia and the Local Government Association of Queensland, to increase the road networks signed up to the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) notice.

This joint approach has resulted in major gains in the road network covered by the notice, cutting red tape for industry and road managers. You can check out the updated network [here](#).

February has also been a busy month for the NHVR Engagement team meeting Regional Roads and Transport Groups in northern and western Queensland to preview the new Road Manager Portal and promote the SPV notice.

The NHVR also met with industry representatives and 40 councils at a workshop in Warwick hosted by the Southern Downs Regional Council to identify access priorities in that area.

In Victoria there has been a high demand for our upcoming OSOM Customer Portal training workshops on March 1 with all places now filled.

If you'd like to coordinate a meeting of a group of local transport industry representatives or let us know what matters most to you, please contact us on 07 3309 8576, through [www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au), or come and speak to us at these or any of the below events.

**John Gilbert**  
Manager,  
Industry  
Engagement



ALRTA and Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Queensland Conference in Toowoomba.

## Safety and innovation rewarded in rural and livestock transport

**The NHVR and Australian Livestock and Rural Transport Association have collaborated to support an livestock industry safety award to the value of \$5000.**

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocitto said operators that take a proactive approach to safety across the road transport sector will be recognised.

"Safety is paramount to the NHVR and we want to encourage all operators to be proactive and responsible in doing everything they can to have the highest safety procedures in place," Sal said.

The award, announced at the combined ALRTA and Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Queensland Conference in Toowoomba on 18 February, will recognise

and reward rural road transport operators who have identified Heavy Vehicle National Law related safety risks and implemented successful, innovative control measures.

"In conjunction with ALRTA we will be looking for applicants who have identified a safety risk in their business and have implemented an innovative measure to combat this risk," Sal said.

Applications will open next month and close on June 30, 2017. The winner will be announced at the LRTAV Conference August 5-6, 2017.

Nominations will be open to all rural, bulk and financial members of ALRTA or affiliated State Associations.

## NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
28 Feb	Bus Industry Confederation (BIC) Meeting	Canberra
1 March	Regional Road Transport Group	Barcaldine (possibly Longreach)
2-3 March	ARTSA Heavy vehicle modification and innovation conference 2017	Melbourne
8 March	Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) International Women's Day Breakfast	Brisbane
7-9 March	Australian Logistics Council Forum	Melbourne
22 March	Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) International Women's Day Breakfast	Townsville
29 March	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Toowoomba
31 Mar - 1 Apr	Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carrier Association (LBCA) NSW Conference	Dubbo
7 April	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Bairnsdale
21 April	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Mildura
25-28 May	International Truck Show	Brisbane

## Updates

Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads has updated the preferred road routes for the transport of dangerous goods by road in metropolitan Brisbane. The brochure and maps illustrate the routes for all dangerous goods transporters and registered training organisations who conduct Dangerous Goods Driver Licence Training in Queensland. The transport of dangerous goods in Queensland is regulated by TMR. For more information go to: [www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/manufacturing-retail-distribution/transport/dangerous-goods/road](http://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/manufacturing-retail-distribution/transport/dangerous-goods/road).

The NSW Oversize Over mass Load Carrying Vehicles Network interactive map has been updated to display Limited Access Locations and Limited Access Zones which are currently contained in Appendix 2 of the NSW Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Notice. This will make it easier for operators to plan their journey and manage their compliance. The interactive map can be viewed at: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/maps/nsw-load-carrying-network/map/index.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/maps/nsw-load-carrying-network/map/index.html).