



## Message from the CEO

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

The next round of Chain of Responsibility information sessions will kick off with two forums at NHVR headquarters at Newstead, Brisbane on 16 March.

These forums will support your business with information and resources to prepare for changes to the CoR laws when they come into effect in mid 2018.

These reforms are a significant step forward in recognising that everyone in the supply chain has a role to play in ensuring heavy vehicle safety.

Details of upcoming forums across Australia will be available [here](#).

A final reminder that your chance to have a say on the revised *Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) 6: National Code of Practice for Heavy Vehicle Modifications* [closes here on 17 March](#). Also don't forget that funding submissions for the next round of the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative 2017-18 [closes here on 21 March](#).

I encourage you all to get involved.

Regards

Sal Petrocchio

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## Freight efficiency a priority at Forbes local government forum

Over 40 representatives from New South Wales country and regional councils joined the NHVR at a heavy vehicle access forum with Forbes Shire Council and Local Government NSW on 7 March.

The forum is the second in NSW to assist councils to understand their obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law, as well as identify opportunities to improve productivity and safety in their local freight task.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Tim Hansen welcomed the opportunity for the NHVR to explain the heavy vehicle access regulatory environment. Councils also heard from Transport for NSW and RMS on heavy vehicle access, as well as the latest update on the NHVR Portal, Road Manager module from NHVR Program Director AccessCONNECT David Carlisle.

"A cross-section of NSW councils and industry representatives spoke on how road managers can best respond to industry needs," Tim said.

"Councils that have embraced their roles under the HVNL and boosted their local economies also showcased how they had approached the freight challenges."

One of the highlights of the day was the Industry Hour where operators and their customers spoke on the importance of heavy vehicle access and how councils could embrace innovation and productivity while still protecting their infrastructure.

"Also in attendance were Boral, NSW Farmers and the NSW Livestock Bulk and Rural Carriers' Association who all spoke about their unique freight needs, while Smedley's Engineering spoke of the efficiency, safety and infrastructure benefits of high productivity vehicles," Tim said.

"The day concluded with a workshop session where each council identified priority actions to advance improvements in freight productivity and safety in their council area or region.

"All up, the day reinforced the importance and benefit of the NHVR, councils, RMS and industry working together to make gains in productivity and safety to boost the economies of local communities."

The NHVR is continuing to work across the country with industry to develop innovative solutions to enhance safety and productivity outcomes for the growing freight task.





## NHVR Victorian sessions hit the mark

The NHVR had a unique opportunity recently to provide cross-over expertise during two information sessions it held in Victoria.

Over 40 road managers from Victoria attended the NHVR Portal, Road Manager module demonstration on February 28, followed by the NHVR Portal, Customer module information session for OSOM operators.

NHVR AccessCONNECT's Todd Wellard conducted the Road Manager module information session.

"Road Managers were extremely enthusiastic about the rollout of the new Portal, and in fact 20 of them wanted to sign up immediately," Todd said.

"They told us that this Portal would greatly assist their day-to-day operations and reduce the valuable resources that are currently stretching their budgets."

NHVR Manager Access Roger Garcia and Supervisor, Network Access Sean Tansley were on hand to provide support at the session.

"Our participation really added value to this session as we were able to address questions that specifically related to access as well as offer insight into the operator functionality and

what we're doing to help inform operators before access requests are submitted," Roger said.

"This will enable a smoother transition from applicant to road manager."

The OSOM Customer Portal sessions on the following day were also well received, and feedback from the participants was extremely positive.

"Participants were grateful for all the links, tips and information packs we offered," Roger said. "We wanted to give them the most current data not just for OSOM but all of Class 1 operators within Victoria.

"Linking with the NHVR Portal was valuable as it gave operators a broader overview of the main issues," he added.

The NHVR intends to run similar sessions in other states specifically to coincide with the NHVR Portal, Road Manager module sessions.

"We're looking at holding some sessions in more rural regions to provide a broad information experience for industry," Roger said.

"Future sessions will also cover not just OSOM vehicles, but all aspects of Class 1, Class2, HML and PBS."



## NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
16 March	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum *	Brisbane
22 March	Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) International Women's Day Breakfast	Townsville
28 March	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum *	Adelaide
29 March	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Toowoomba
31 Mar - 1 Apr	Livestock, Bulk and Rural Carrier Association (LBCA) NSW Conference	Dubbo
5 April	QTA Chain of Responsibility Forum *	Dalby
7 April	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Traralgon
21 April	NatRoad Regional Trucking Summit	Mildura
6 May	SARTA Conference and Dinner	Adelaide
25 - 28 May	Brisbane International Truck Show	Brisbane

\* For more information on up-coming Chain of Responsibility forums [click here](#)

Closing Soon

NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE

# VSB6

## Heavy Vehicle Modifications

Have your say on the revised Code

[Closes here on Friday March 17](#)



The Bromelton Regional Transport Forum will be held at Beaudesert on 28 March.

This forum will cover development of the upcoming SCT Bromelton transport and logistics hub, a major intermodal freight facility to be built on 130 hectares near Beaudesert.

For more information contact [admin@qtlc.com.au](mailto:admin@qtlc.com.au).

## Notices and Updates

Heavy vehicle drivers can now proactively check the weight of their loads at self-service VicRoads weighbridges on key rural freight routes. Drivers can check that their vehicle complies with mass regulations and make adjustments to avoid penalties or potential damage to vehicles and roads. [You can find out more information here.](#)

Roads and Maritime Services have advised that, as part of works on the Foxground and Berry bypass, a minor detour will be in place for south bound traffic on the Princes Hwy between 7pm Tuesday 21 March 2017 and 12pm Wednesday 22 March 2017, and between 7pm Wednesday 22 March 2017 and 12pm Thursday 23 March 2017. The detour will involve south bound vehicles travelling under a new bridge at Toolijooa Rd with a height restriction of 4.8m.

Operators with loads over 4.8m in height should avoid travel at these times.

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