



Message from the CEO

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

This week's Brisbane Truck Show (25-28 May) will be another opportunity for the NHVR to provide information and discuss upcoming changes to Chain of Responsibility laws.

Our CoR specialists will be conducting five sessions during the show. These sessions are free for anyone attending the show so make sure you drop by and ensure your business is prepared for the changes that are coming in mid 2018.

Our stakeholder team has also been busy conducting heavy vehicle access forums around the country, most recently in the Riverina in NSW and Mackay in Central Queensland. Helping councils and industry work together to improve efficiency and safety for the freight task is a priority for the NHVR.

These will be just two of the topics show goers will be keen hear more about during the week. Come and visit us at the NHVR stand in the Main Hall. I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with as many of you as possible over the four days.

Regards
Sal Petroccitto
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Accreditation checks now online

Almost 6500 National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) members can now track their current nominated vehicles in the mass and maintenance management modules on-line through the NHVR's website.

The NHVR has released the NHVAS Active Vehicle Module (AVM) search tool which will allow operators to check the status of a vehicle by entering either the vehicle registration, VIN or chassis number, or accreditation label number.

NHVR's Manager Accreditation Darrin Rassmussen said it was a big step forward for the operators of almost 100,000 vehicles nominated under the scheme's Maintenance Module and 36,000 vehicles nominated under the Mass Module.

"Owners and operators can now check the module status of a vehicle and ensure it is current," Darrin said.

"In the past operators have told us that they want to do the right thing and ensure their nominated vehicles are current, but a lack of visibility of a vehicle's status is often raised as an issue.

"Importantly, those responsible for safety in other heavy vehicle supply chain roles such as weighbridge operators, consignees and consignors can also check that a vehicle's accreditation nomination is current.

"With Chain of Responsibility laws coming in mid 2018, this is another tool to support the industry to better apply risk management processes to focus on safety outcomes.

Operators accredited under the scheme can now log on to www.nhvr.gov.au/avm-search to check their NHVAS nominated vehicle status.

The NHVAS provides flexibility in managing fatigue and concessions for mass and maintenance for operators that have robust and compliant management systems.

There are 6481 heavy vehicle operators in NHVAS with 97,537 vehicles nominated in maintenance and 35,173 in mass.

The NHVAS has been operating since 1999 and was brought under the NHVR in 2014. Heavy vehicle operators can apply for accreditation under Mass, Maintenance, Basic Fatigue Management or Advanced Fatigue Management modules.

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Come and say g'day to us at the 2017 Brisbane Truck Show



Just a reminder that the Brisbane Truck Show is on again from this Thursday to Sunday at the Brisbane Convention Centre

More than 300 exhibitors and up to 40,000 attendees are expected, showcasing the latest in heavy vehicles, technology, engineering and innovation.

Come and visit us at the NHVR stand, where our team of qualified specialists will be available to answer any questions you may have about access, regulation, PBS or accreditation.

This year's show will also be an important stop for our national series of Chain of Responsibility forums with five sessions to be conducted upstairs at the venue during the show.

Dates and times are below. Book through our website or just walk in.

Thursday 25 May - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 26 May - two sessions:

- 12 noon 2:00pm
- 2:30pm 4:30pm

Saturday 27 May - two sessions:

- 11:00am 1:00pm
- 3:00 5:00pm

Heavy vehicle forums focus on local access

Successful forums were conducted last week in both the Riverina region of New South Wales and Mackay in Queensland focusing on heavy vehicle access.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist for NSW Tim Hansen said the two Riverina forums were held by Berrigan and Griffith Council and supported by Roads & Maritime Services.

"The councils were keen to hear from the transport operators that directly service their diverse and growing agricultural production," Tim said.

"It was great to have face-to-face discussions with so many individual operators and their customers – everything from grain to livestock to grapes to chickens to fresh produce and nuts."

The 50 industry participants at each forum identified key freight pinchpoints for road managers.

"Identifying these pinchpoints is the first step in increasing productivity to keep local economies strong," said Tim.

"These two councils now have much greater clarity in their forward work programs to make sure improvements are made where they'll deliver the greatest benefits."



NHVR Stakeholder Specialist for Queensland Callum Fraser also facilitated a highly successful forum in Mackay attended by 15 representatives from Ports, cane farmers, Queensland Transport & Main Roads, Council and transport operators.

Callum said this was a follow up meeting from six months prior and it was great to see that Mackay Council had actioned all previous requests.

"It's great to see such an enthusiastic commitment from council," he said.

"Mackay is a real OSOM hub, so much of the discussion centred around the challenges of access, pilots, escorts and curfews.

"Nothing beats seeing the freight task of a region first hand, and for our part, we want to use that knowledge to help councils and industries work together to improve efficiency and safety in the freight task wherever we can." In addition the local Road Safety Group has secured funding to host a Chain of Responsibility workshop in Mackay in October.



NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
25 - 28 May	Brisbane International Truck Show/Chain of Responsibility Forums: Thursday 25 May – 1.30pm – 3.30pm Friday 26 May – two sessions: 12 midday – 2.00pm, 2.30pm – 4.30pm Saturday 27 May - two sessions: 11.00am – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 5.00pm	Brisbane
30 May	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Launceston, TAS
31 May	CTAA/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Yarraville, Melbourne
7 June	RFNSW/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Kogarah, Sydney
8 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Forbes, NSW

For more information on up-coming Chain of Responsibility forums <u>click here</u>

Notices and Updates

The following two notices are now available at www.nhvr.gov.au:

Victoria - Declaration of Class 3 Vehicles and Mass Limit Exemptions and Route Specifications Amendment Notice 2017 [No. 1]

New South Wales Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles (Notice) 2015 (No. 1) Amendment Notice 2017 (No. 1)

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