



Welcome to the latest NHVR Local Government Update.

An important focus for the NHVR continues to be providing support for local governments across Australia to continue to develop your capability to manage the on-going permit task, identify opportunities for pre-approval and provide information to allow you to utilise the current and future national harmonisation notices.

By now you should be aware that the NHVR Portal – Road Manager Module is undergoing its final industry testing before rolling out to all local governments in the coming months. Again this will be another important tool to support your permit processing task.

The NHVR's [Q3 Quarterly Snapshot](#) is also now available and demonstrates to the heavy vehicle industry the continuous improvement in permit processing times.

Did you also know we have a page on our website just for [local government road managers](#)?

It contains useful information including case study videos of how councils have successfully tackled and solved their access issues and more. I encourage you to visit the page – it's a useful resource.

John Gilbert, OAM
Manager Stakeholder Relations

LGA SA and NHVR collaborate on National Heavy Vehicle Law

The NHVR has signed an agreement with South Australia's peak local government body to improve productivity and safety across the state's heavy vehicle industry.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocitto said this agreement with the Local Government Association of South Australia included an action plan that would deliver specific outcomes for the heavy vehicle industry.

"More than 150 million tonnes of freight is moved by road annually in South Australia and it's important that it's done safely and productively," Mr Petrocitto said.

"I'm pleased to be working with the LGA SA and the 68 member councils across the state to improve the permit system and information available at the local level and make sure the heavy vehicle industry is meeting their expectations."

The work program which makes up the action plan will include information sessions, training in the NHVR's new Road Manager Portal, assistance for local road managers

during the transition of Class 1 and Class 3 permit applications and further route assessment training.

LGA SA Executive Director of Public Affairs Lisa Teburea said the agreement would help streamline heavy vehicle access to 15,000km of sealed and 60,000km of unsealed local roads under local government control.

"Many roads within the local government network serve as vital 'first and last mile' linkages to strategic freight routes across the State," she said.

"By continuing to work closely together freight and logistics system performance, safety and productivity can all be improved and that will deliver greater economic outcomes for the South Australian and national economy."

The NHVR also has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Local Government Association of Queensland to boost safety and productivity with the 77 councils across Queensland.



LGA SA Executive Director of Public Affairs Lisa Teburea with NHVR CEO Sal Petrocitto

Dandenong forum targets local access issues

NHVR and Dandenong City Council provided an opportunity recently for local road managers to work through access issues and collaborate on ways to deliver productivity gains for local industry.

The NHVR's Stakeholder Relations Manager John Gilbert said the forum was well attended and a high level of commitment from all parties was evident.

"A range of heavy vehicle industry operators provided an overview of what matters most with heavy vehicle access and why," John said.

"A workshop session followed which allowed road managers to consider their existing networks and identify options for expanding, based on industry feedback and infrastructure capability.

"In addition, case studies from The City of Greater Dandenong, the Shire of Cardinia and Bendigo City Council demonstrated the unique approaches taken to provide local solutions to cut red tape and enhance local economies."

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Simone Reinertsen said that at the end of the forum each council had identified priority actions.

"There was an opportunity to review information discussed and hear back from each council representative on their 'next steps'," Simone said.

"Each council came away with a plan of action and a commitment to following through on actions decided upon.

"This forum provided a great opportunity to understand issues around heavy vehicle access and options available to road managers under the Heavy Vehicle National Law to expand heavy vehicle networks.

"An update was also provided about the new Customer Portal – Road Manager Module and how it will make life simpler for road managers and industry," said Simone.



NHVR joins council forums in NSW and Queensland

The NHVR has recently conducted heavy vehicle access forums in a range of locations in both NSW and Queensland to identify and progress local freight priorities, gear up councils for the impending new NHVR Portal – Road Manager Module and progress the harmonisation of heavy vehicle notices.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Tim Hansen attended Berrigan and Griffith councils' heavy vehicle access forums.

"The councils' goal was to target local transport industry reps and neighbouring councils to find solutions to improve productivity and safety in their local freight tasks as well as unblock local pinch points on the road network," he said.

"We also partnered with Clarence Valley Council and Local Government NSW recently to host a heavy vehicle access forum in Grafton.

"This was to improve knowledge of opportunities for councils to manage their freight tasks under the Heavy Vehicle National Law."

The NHVR has also worked closely with the Local Government Association of Queensland, conducting workshops across the state to prepare councils for the rollout of both the Customer Portal – Road Manager Module, and the harmonisation of heavy vehicle notices.

Stakeholder Specialist for Queensland Callum Fraser said they had also conducted heavy vehicle access forums in Townsville, and joint council and industry workshops in Rockhampton and Biloela.

"If you'd like to conduct your own workshop with your local industry representatives, the NHVR can provide you with valuable advice, ideas and options to make your workshop a success."

NHVR Portal – Road Manager Module update

The NHVR Portal – Road Manager Module completed technical development at the end of May 2017, and has moved into the final stages of user acceptance and system testing activities.

The NHVR recently hosted information sessions attended by almost 200 councils and state transport agencies.

Positive feedback was received from road managers with many keen to commence using the NHVR Portal due to the benefits of

the system over the current, largely manual, email process.

Planning is now underway for the training and showcasing of the final product, with sessions to be held with road managers in capital cities and major regional centres nationally, as well as online through webinars and videos.

For more information on the NHVR Portal please visit www.yoursaynhvr.com.au or call 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487).

