



## Message from the CEO

Welcome to this edition of *On the Road*.

The NHVR website has come a long way since its early days in 2013/2014.

Over time we've seen an increase in traffic to the website as more and more people visit the site for valuable resources.

We reached an important milestone recently when the site reached one million hits since the start of the year. This is a great result as it means our customers are finding value in the site and visiting it to find relevant information. We will continue to develop useful resources for industry.

We have also been continuing with training for South Australian operators to prepare for the transition of intrastate Class 1 heavy vehicle access permits back to the NHVR on 4 December.

To book an information or training session for the Portal in South Australia, visit [Delegations Project](#).

The NHVR Portal was recognised as a finalist in the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management in November and I'd like to thank industry and state and local government for collaborating with us on this project.

We will continue to upgrade the Portal and provide support for industry.

Regards, Sal Petrocchio  
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## NHVR website reaches one million hits

The NHVR website reached an important milestone in late November with one million hits to the site since the start of 2017.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said this was an important milestone for the organisation from its beginnings as a small project office in 2010.

"Our increasing engagement with industry means more and more people are aware of our role and come to the website for the information we provide," Sal said.

"People come to the website for information about access, accreditation, fatigue management, mass and dimension and performance-based schemes for example.

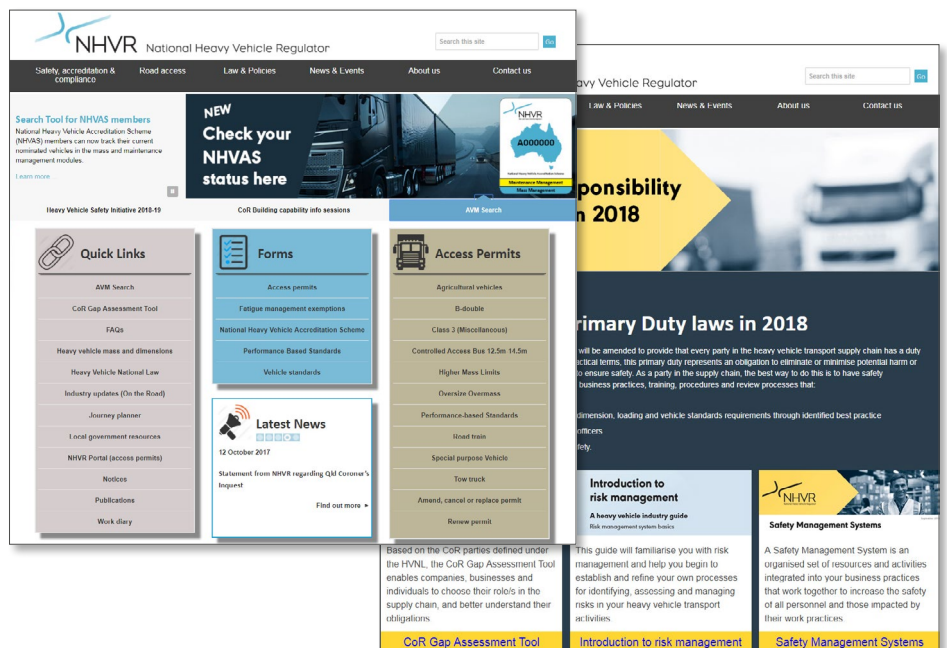
"The website has also become a central location for information on notices, industry codes of practice and Chain of Responsibility information.

"We've produced some important reference publications such as the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual and the Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6: National Code of Practice Heavy Vehicle Modifications that are used nationally.

"Charts such as the Classes of Heavy Vehicles and Common Heavy Freight Vehicle Configurations have also been extremely popular.

"Reaching one million hits on the website this year represents our growth as a regulator and indicates we are bringing industry along on the journey to achieve the regulatory environment we envisage for 2020," he said.

The website has an annual growth in traffic of around 40 per cent in each of the last two years.



The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the NHVR website. The top screenshot displays the main navigation menu with categories like 'Safety, accreditation & compliance', 'Road access', 'Law & Policies', 'News & Events', 'About us', and 'Contact us'. Below the menu, there are several content blocks: a 'Search Tool for NHVAS members', a 'NEW Check your NHVAS status here' banner, a 'Quick Links' sidebar, a 'Forms' section with links to 'Access permits', 'Fatigue management exemptions', and 'National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme', and an 'Access Permits' section listing various vehicle classes. The bottom screenshot shows a 'Chain of Responsibility in 2018' banner and an 'Introduction to risk management' section.



## Opening up port access in Tasmania

The NHVR has worked collaboratively with the Department of State Growth to improve access to the ports that will see benefits for all operators in Tasmania.

NHVR's Access Manager Roger Garcia said the joint effort with the department has opened up some critical road linkages for industry.

"Often when operators apply for a permit to the port, the route is sometimes diverted because of bad weather or movement constraints at the port and the shipment is diverted to another port. Operators then have to put in another permit application for the diverted route," Roger said.

"We've made some changes in the Route Planner so now when you apply for a permit to a particular port, we will also include additional access to the nearest port that may also be affected by that movement in one permit.

"In addition, you can now plot a route over water to the islands off Tasmania and have it included as part of the permit application. This means only one permit application is needed for the trip," he said.

This solution has benefits for the whole industry in Tasmania and is an example of how the NHVR is working for industry.

## Webinar on OSOM National Mass Assessment

Austrroads is holding a free webinar on Tuesday 12 December to discuss the new procedure for the weighing of oversize and overmass (OSOM) vehicle combinations using portable scales outlined in the new draft guideline.

Austrroads has developed a procedure for assessing the mass of OSOM vehicles in a manner that withstands engineering and legal scrutiny. The outputs include a set of Mass Measurement Adjustment (MMA) factors applicable to OSOM vehicles, supplementing the existing MMAs which cover only conventional vehicles.

The webinar will describe the field tests used to determine the accuracy and repeatability of

roadside weighing techniques using portable scales, and will discuss the way in which the new MMAs will be used in enforcement across Australia.

Learn:

- how OSOM vehicles will be weighed by authorised officers at roadside inspection sites, following these new guidelines.
- the factors that affect consistency in portable scale readings for OSOM vehicles
- new procedures for weighing OSOM vehicles.

Tuesday 12 Dec 2017 at 12pm AEDT.

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9076328136392065539>

## NHVR Portal Tips

Before applying for a permit, make sure you check for any relevant National or State notices. Certain vehicle types do not need to obtain a permit when operating under specific conditions.

For a copy of all Notices, go to: [www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes)



## Congratulations to Volvo Group

Congratulations to Volvo Group Australia with the production of its 60,000th truck at the Wacol plant in Brisbane.

Operating since 1972, the Wacol plant houses manufacturing and engineering facilities to produce both Volvo and Mack trucks, and makes a significant contribution to the local area.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said that Volvo Trucks had long been known for its commitment to safety.

"Our involvement with the Volvo ATA Safety Truck is one example of our joint commitment to improving road safety throughout Australia.

"I'd like to congratulate Volvo for this significant milestone and thank them for their ongoing support of the NHVR."

## Portal training for road managers

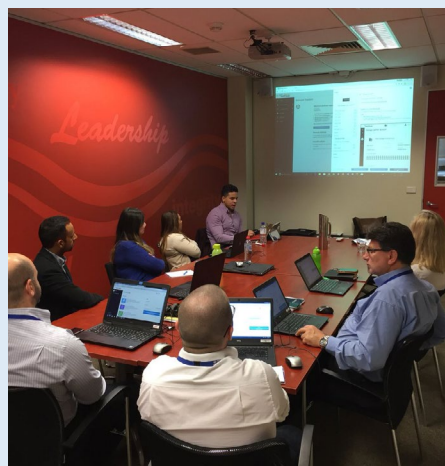
The new online Road Manager Module, the second phase of the NHVR Portal is now being released to road managers upon readiness completion.

Training is being conducted in various locations throughout Australia in November to train road managers to migrate from the NHVR Portal Forms to the fully functional version.

Limited capacity is available, and one person per organisation is recommended.

If you have attended an Activation session previously, you will still find this further training valuable as it is designed to train road managers in the functionality of the NHVR Portal.

Training will focus on processing of consent requests and preparation for the transition.



To register for the training, go to:

<http://www.yoursaynhvr.com.au/event-registration>

## Date Claimer: Truckie toolbox at Port Augusta

There's another Truckie Toolbox at Port Augusta BP on 22 November. NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Simone Reinertsen will be there to answer your questions, as well as SAPol from 12 to 8pm.



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