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Message from the CEO

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

I'm always keen to engage with the heavy vehicle industry and get your feedback on current issues and future challenges.

We recently announced details of our survey to measure industry's approach to managing safety.

Take the time to complete the survey if you haven't already done so.

Your feedback will assist in the development of future education and guidance materials.

The survey is open until 9 May and all responses are anonymous. It'll only take around 10 minutes to complete. [You can complete the survey here.](#)

I'm also looking forward to hearing industry feedback at the upcoming MegaTrans event at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 10-12 May.

This is another important opportunity to catch up and discuss current issues and how the heavy vehicle industry is changing.

Be sure to stop by the NHVR stand and say hello.

Regards,

Sal Petrocchio

CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

'Tell a mate' campaign teams up with Shane Jacobson

The NHVR has teamed up with one of Australia's best known TV and big screen personalities to talk heavy vehicle safety.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said Shane Jacobson had agreed to front the Tell a mate heavy vehicle social media safety campaign.

"I met Shane at a heavy vehicle event in Cairns and I was impressed with his passion for heavy vehicle safety," Sal said.

"I'm pleased someone with Shane's profile has agreed to encourage heavy vehicle drivers to get out there and 'Tell a mate' about heavy vehicle safety."

Tell a mate is a social media campaign, delivered by the NHVR to highlight that heavy vehicle safety is everyone's business, whether you drive a truck, car or tow a caravan.

"If you're a driver or operator who has been around heavy vehicles for any length of time you know how important safety is," Shane said.

"Don't keep your safety tips to yourself. Talk to other drivers, talk to your mates who drive light vehicles or talk to everyone in your supply chain.

"In my experience truck drivers love a yarn and love to tell a story, but rarely do I hear them talk about safety.

"The next time you're speaking to a mate, share your knowledge about heavy vehicle safety."

For more information on the NHVR's safety tips and social media safety campaigns visit www.nhvr.gov.au/tellamate



EWDs get the green light



The NHVR will accept applications for approval for Electronic Work Diaries (EWDs) from 28 May, after releasing the final consultation report recently.

NHVR Productivity and Safety Executive Director Geoff Casey said the Regulator was satisfied EWDs would provide a sustainable and effective voluntary alternative to written work diaries to record work and rest hours for heavy vehicle drivers.

"There are more than 200,000 written work diaries purchased every year, including many by drivers who are already using electronic systems to assist in managing their work and rest hours," Geoff said.

"I'd like to thank all the operators and organisations that took the time to provide feedback during the consultation period earlier this year.

"After reviewing the feedback I am satisfied that the issues raised have or will be addressed and the development of EWDs as a voluntary option for drivers can begin.

"From next month, we will be in a position to start receiving and assessing applications for approval from technology providers and transport operators who have advised their

intention to develop an EWD. I'd expect to see EWD products available for drivers in the coming months."

The NHVR received 25 submissions during the consultation period between December and February.

The *Notice of Final Rule Making 1702* clarified how operators would be treated fairly whether using written work diaries or EWDs, including outlining that drivers can make manual entries at any time prior to accepting the information at the end of their work day.

The NHVR will review candidate systems against the EWD Standards and a list of EWDs that have been approved will be available on the NHVR website.

Geoff said the NHVR had also agreed to waive any regulatory fees for companies or individuals submitting candidate systems for approval.

"We've also been working closely with authorised officers and police to inform them of the type of information they'll see under the EWD Compliance View," he said.

For further information or to view the *Notice of Final Rule Making 1702*, visit www.nhvr.gov.au/ewd

Portal tip – Renewing permits

Operators, please be aware of when your access permit is due to expire as the NHVR cannot process applications for renewals once a permit has already expired.

If a permit has expired, unfortunately a new application must be submitted.

The NHVR will send a notification email via the NHVR portal six weeks before the expiry date so you can plan ahead.

Submit your renewal application no earlier than six weeks before the permit expires, and no later than two weeks before the permit expires. This will allow enough time to process your application and ensure a smooth transition between permits.

Upcoming truckie toolbox talks

Come and join us at some upcoming truckie info sessions.

- **Friday 27 April**, 10am – 5pm
Gatton Bypass rest area on the Warrego Highway (in conjunction with Transport and Main Roads)
- **Thursday 3 May**, 6am – 3pm
BP Lytton, 32 Export Street, Lytton

Chat with transport inspectors and industry representatives who will be on location to answer all your heavy vehicle industry questions.

Meet and speak with representatives from:

- Transport and Main Roads
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Queensland Police Service.

Find out about regulations, accreditations, permits, notices, dangerous goods, mass limits, route planning and fatigue management.

See you at MegaTrans!



The NHVR has a stand at the upcoming largest logistics and supply chain event held in Australia.

It will bring together exhibitors, presenters and guests from the entire logistics supply chain, including the wider infrastructure and logistics industry.

Venue and date: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 10–12 May.

Looking forward to seeing you all there! Be sure to visit our stand and say hello!



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