



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this special edition of On the Road.

Last week's inaugural MegaTrans transport and logistics conference in Melbourne was a great occasion for us to present our new suite of Safety Management System materials to industry.

Launched at the conference by Victorian Roads and Road Safety Minister Luke Donnellan, the materials provide a tailored solution for businesses to develop their own safety systems to ensure they comply with the impending changes to the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

The conference was also a wonderful opportunity to both renew existing relationships and meet with new people from all levels of the supply chain. Our team of experts were kept busy answering a wide range of questions about Chain of Responsibility, PBS, Accreditation, Access and much more.

I enjoy any occasion that allows our organisation to explain the many services we can offer to help make Australian roads safer.

Regards,

Sal Petrocchio

CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Safety Management System tools launched

The NHVR has launched a series of tools to support heavy vehicle operators to boost the safety performance of their business.

NHVR Safety Standards Director Greg Fill said the Safety Management System suite of products would drive a positive safety culture across the heavy vehicle industry and provide a similar systems-based approach used successfully in maritime, rail, aviation and other industries.

"I'd encourage operators and heavy vehicle businesses to look at the free Safety

Management System guidance materials and tools available and how they can be used to help meet safety obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

"The tools are free for all businesses in the heavy vehicle supply chain and provide a systematic, comprehensive and proactive process to manage operational safety risks."

There are 10 guides and templates, fact sheets and an information book. Further guidance material will be released later this year.

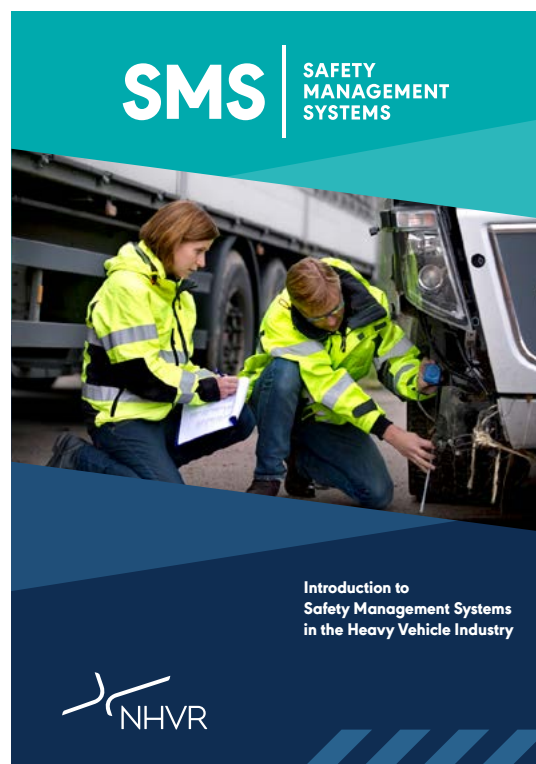
Greg said the tools were essential components of a Safety Management System.

"A Safety Management System is also an effective way for an organisation to comply with the additional responsibilities under Chain of Responsibility laws in the coming months.

"We know that heavy vehicle businesses are very diverse so one-size doesn't fit all.

"The tools are scalable and can be adapted for any size business," added Greg.

For more information on the NHVR's Safety Management Systems visit www.nhvr.gov.au/sms



Top of page: L-R: Darrin Rasmussen, Bruce Baird (NHVR Chair), John Gilbert, Sal Petrocchio, David Clark (Coles), Julia Collins (NatRoad), Greg Fill, Tracie Dickenson (Dickenson Transport), Simon Skazlic (K&S Freighters) and Geoff Casey

NHVR talk EWDs at MegaTrans



Technology providers provided a demo of a potential EWD at MegaTrans recently.

EWD training support for Authorised officers

The NHVR is currently rolling out information sessions for police and Authorised Officers, to support the use of Electronic Work Diaries (EWDs).

NHVR's Training Support Officer Callum Fraser said the information was essential so Authorised Officers were able to accurately assess any type of approved EWD.

"The records that drivers and operators are required to keep hasn't changed, just the way the information is presented," Callum said.

"Our information sessions will assist officers to take a consistent approach with drivers at the roadside, whether they are inspecting a written work diary or an EWD."

The NHVR recently announced that 32 technology providers and transport operators

had registered a Notice of Intent with the NHVR to develop an EWD.

According to NHVR Executive Director Productivity and Safety Geoff Casey, there has been significant interest from the heavy vehicle industry in the use of EWDs as a voluntary alternative to the written work diary.

"The Australian Road Research Board has been engaged to provide an independent review of the EWD Standards, which are due to be released later this month," Geoff said.

"We'll be accepting applications for approval of EWDs systems from 28 May, assessing systems against the EWD Standards."

Approved systems will be available on the NHVR website.



NHVR's National Regulatory Compliance Officer, Adam McGregor assisting members of Queensland Police and Transport and Main Roads with information

Free workshops target forestry safety

The Australian Forestry Contractors Association (AFCA) will host its next round of free safety workshops for forestry workers in regional NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

The NHVR has joined forces with AFCA, providing funding for the Forestry Logistics Safety Program under the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.

NHVR Stakeholder Manager John Gilbert said it is imperative Australia's forestry workers have a safe environment and the training is providing much-needed support and advice, particularly in relation to truck rollovers.

"These workshops provide crucial information on load restraint, key impacts on vehicle stability when transporting forestry products and emerging technologies in this high-risk industry," John said.

Registrations are still open for the following sessions:

15 May TUMUT:

Tumut Golf Club, Fairway Drive, Tumut

16 May BATHURST:

Flannery Centre, 341 Havannah Street Bathurst

16 May MYRTLEFORD:

Savoy Club, 252 - 254 Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford

17 May COFFS HARBOUR:

Anauka Beach Resort, 11 Firman Dr, Coffs Harbour

18 May EDEN:

Fishermen's Recreation Club, 217 Imlay Street, Eden

28 May PORTLAND:

Portland Business Hub, 33 Percy St, Portland

29 May MT GAMBIER:

Commodore on the Park, Cnr Jubilee Highway and Penola Road, Mount Gambier

30/31 May TRARALGON:

Century Inn, 5 Airfield Rd (Corner Princes Hwy) Traralgon

For more information about the National Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi

To register for the Forestry workshop visit www.afca.asn.au/flst-info-rego

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