



## Route assessment tool free for road managers

An agreement between the NHVR and the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) will deliver a cutting edge route assessment tool free to all road managers through the NHVR Portal.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Tool (or RAVRAT) would provide local governments with a consistent assessment tool and methodology when assessing heavy vehicle access requests.

“Heavy vehicle operators are looking to the NHVR and road managers to provide a consistent transparent approach to making access decisions and this tool is an important step forward,” Mr Petrocchio said.

“This collaboration with ARRB and the Local Government Associations of Queensland, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania will provide consistency while saving road managers time and money.”

ARRB’s State Technical Leader Matthew Bereni said RAVRAT 2.0 included a new user interface for the website and integration into NHVR Portal - Road Manager Module.

“There have been a number of improvements to RAVRAT which will ensure a reduction in assessment times as RAVRAT stores and reuses information from past assessments,” Mr Bereni said.

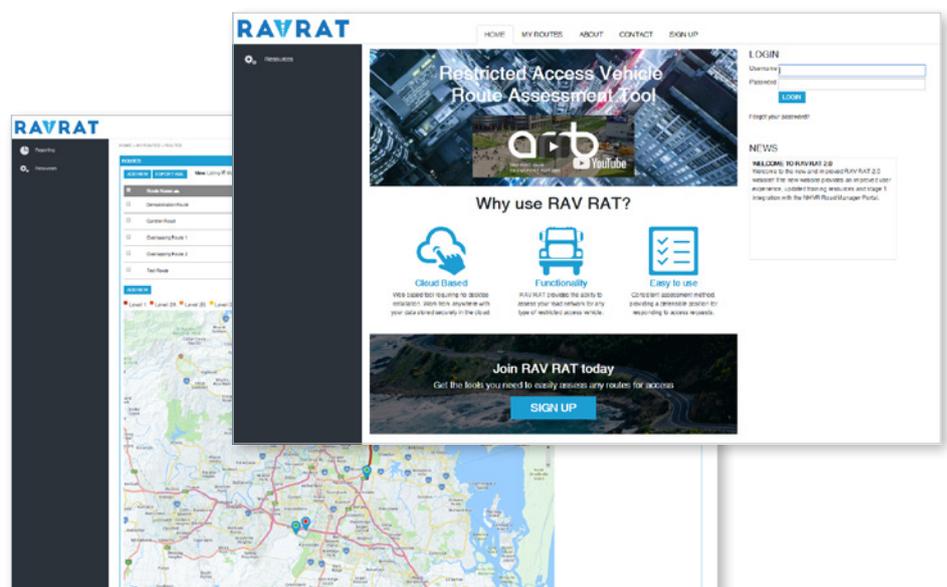
“RAVRAT currently incorporates three main route assessment modules with the aim to develop more modules in the future.”

To register for the RAVRAT services visit <http://ravrat.com/sign-up.aspx>

For more information about using RAVRAT or the recent changes, please email [ravrat@atlab-arrb.com](mailto:ravrat@atlab-arrb.com)



Left to right: Robbie Chow (LGAQ), Sal Petrocchio (NHVR), Matthew Bereni and Keiran Hay (ARRB) and Scott Britton (LGAQ).



## Register now for free NHVR Council Engineer Seminar

In an Australian first, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is hosting a dedicated heavy vehicle access seminar for council engineers in partnership with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia. You can register now for this free event on the link below.

The key objectives of the seminar are to provide the road access decision makers in councils with comprehensive knowledge on how to manage their local freight tasks.

Sessions will include:

- how to use the full options of the Heavy Vehicle National Law to best manage local freight tasks to reduce red tape for industry and reduce administrative burden on councils
- how to use the full options of NHVR portal to manage heavy vehicle access applications and freight planning
- how councils can reduce truck trips on their roads by encouraging greater take-up of the superior productivity and safety

features of the heavy vehicles approved under the NHVR Performance Based Standards scheme.

Planning is also underway to include a field trip to industry sites to get a better understanding of the unique elements of moving oversize/overmass loads and cranes which often have short lead times and need access approval quickly.

**When** – Monday 22 October and Tuesday 23 October 2018

**Where** – NHVR offices, 76 Skyring Terrace Newstead 4006

**Cost** – the seminar is FREE. **Attendees will need to cover their own travel, accommodation and any other expenses.**

A draft agenda will be circulated soon.

For further information, please contact Tim Hansen at the NHVR – [tim.hansen@nhvr.gov.au](mailto:tim.hansen@nhvr.gov.au) or 0733098601 or 0419729399, or book your spot through [Eventbrite here](#).



## Heavy vehicle forum looks at key access and industry issues across region

A recent Local Government Heavy Vehicle Access Forum organised by the Cassowary Coast Regional Council was an opportunity to further understand key access and industry issues across the region.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Jason Stewart said the forum covered a number of key topics.

“Our presentation focused on an explanation of the heavy vehicle access regulatory environment and how the amended Chain of Responsibility laws will impact local governments.

“We also discussed the benefits and features of the NHVR Portal to assist industry identify opportunities on the road network where access can be improved,” Jason said.

There were also presentations from council and industry representations as well as a workshop focusing on priority actions that arose from the meeting.

“Council and industry gained significant outcomes from the forum such as increased communication.

“Information from the forum will be used in assisting the development of Council’s five year capital works program and the annual streamlining of their annual maintenance budget,” added Jason.

## PBS vehicles key drawcard at Forbes field day

A demonstration of PBS vehicles at the recent Forbes field day was a great opportunity to increase understanding of the capabilities of PBS vehicles.

According to the NHVR’s Stakeholder Specialist, Tim Hansen, PBS vehicles can make a big difference to improving productivity and safety of local freight tasks.

“The vehicles on display were quite impressive and the day also allowed us to use software which can accurately assess the safety, infrastructure impacts and on-road performance of the heavy vehicle combinations.

“This information ensured the vehicles fitted on the circuit around the Forbes Livestock Exchange.

Over 80 people from RMS, police, councils, farmers, contractors, transport companies, vehicle manufacturers, truck operators and drivers attended.

“The aim of the demonstration was to create a greater understanding of the capabilities of PBS vehicles and how they can help local economies.

“We well and truly achieved that aim,” added Tim.



Left to right: Justin Fischer (Manager Asset Engineering), Cr Glen Raleigh, Robbie Chow, Jason Stewart, Cr Rick Taylor, Mayor John Kremastos, David Goodman (Director Infrastructure Services), and Nikita Pirini.