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## Message from the CEO

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

My thoughts, on behalf of the NHVR staff, go out to those heavy vehicle operators and businesses impacted by floods and stock losses across North Queensland.

I'm due to meet with livestock operators and bulk carriers in Griffith, NSW later this week, and I'm sure their colleagues will need a lot of support in the coming weeks and months.

The law has a number of supporting mechanisms to assist during times of disaster, particularly when it comes to fatigue management.

It recognises that emergency services exemptions may be applicable for related work.

Any heavy vehicle operator, or anyone acting for or directed by an emergency service and who has time critical duties on the way to or during activities relating to the floods, is exempt from work and rest limits and requirements to carry and keep a work diary.

In the meantime please follow the NHVR Facebook page for updates on restriction and activities of the Flood Recovery Road Access Group.

**Sal Petrocchio**  
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## New round of info sessions to support supply chain safety

The NHVR will host another round of information sessions to support the heavy vehicle industry with the transition to recent changes to Chain of Responsibility (CoR) laws.

NHVR's A/Director Strategy and Stakeholder Relations John Gilbert said the information sessions would explain the changes to CoR, the impact on supply chain businesses and how a Safety Management System (SMS) can effectively manage your operation's safety risks.

"The 12 sessions kick off at Goondiwindi on 27 February and finish on 28 March with the final session in Tamworth," John said.

"Amendments to CoR laws to align the existing laws more closely with workplace health and safety provisions began on October 1, 2018.

"This means that all parties in the chain must reduce risks related to the safety of transport tasks."

The NHVR has developed a series of free tools to support businesses to implement a Safety Management System.

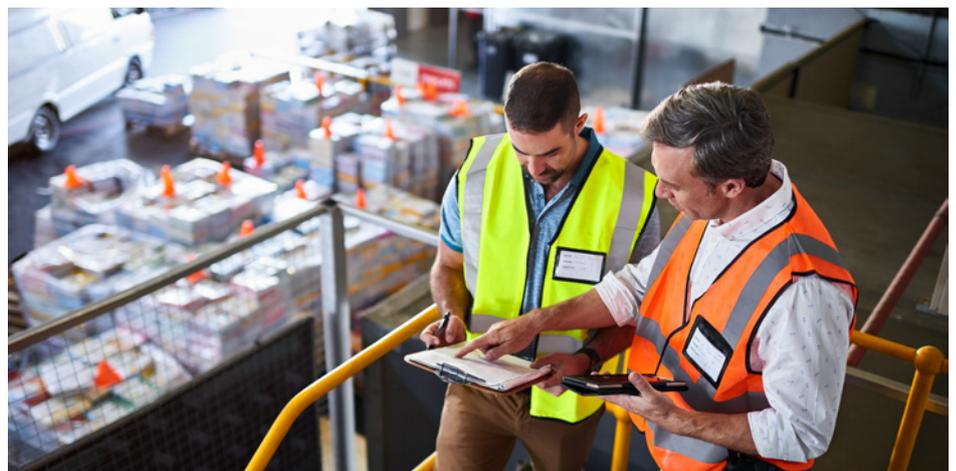
"Having an SMS in place in your business can be one of the most effective ways of meeting your safety obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law," John said.

"Adopting and actively using an SMS has proven to help reduce safety-related incidents in other heavy transport industries, such as maritime, rail and aviation."

For more information on Safety Management Systems, visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/sms](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/sms)

Book a spot at an info session [here](#).

Date	Location	Time
27 February	Goondiwindi	4-5pm
27 February	Melbourne	10-11am
4 March	Cairns	10-11am
6 March	Taree	2-3pm
7 March	Emerald	10-11am
12 March	Bega	11-12pm
13 March	Swan Hill	6-7pm



# NHVR to probe recent prime mover fires

The NHVR has launched an investigation into a spate of recent truck fires.

NHVR's Safety Standards and Assurance Executive Director Geoff Casey said concerns had been raised with the NHVR regarding several fires emanating in the engine bay of prime movers over the past year.

"There have been a number of high profile incidents recently, including a semi-trailer fire on the Princess Highway, near Wollongong in January," Geoff said.

"Several other incidents have been reported through various sources as well as from police and state transport agencies.

"Fires are obviously dangerous to heavy vehicle drivers, operators and other motorists, and often lead to major delays on key freight routes.

"While the NHVR has a specific interest in prime mover fires, we are also looking at the issue of truck fires more generally and their increasing prevalence."

As part of the investigation and research, the NHVR has held initial discussions with operators, vehicle and component manufacturers about the current causes of truck fires.

The NHVR was also working with police and state agencies to continue to identify common causes of the fires.

"This will enable the NHVR to provide guidance and information to the industry on what measures may best prevent or minimise the likelihood of such incidents," he said.

Anyone who has information about a truck fire should call the NHVR's Confidential Reporting Line on 1800 931 785 or email [vehiclestandards@nhvr.gov.au](mailto:vehiclestandards@nhvr.gov.au).



## B-Double operators' guides

The NHVR has released a suite of updated operational guides to support the recent transition of heavy vehicle notices.

[South Australia Load Carrying Vehicle's Operator's Guide \(PDF, 430KB\)](#) supports Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No. 1) C2016G00970.

Operators running the updated SA schedule to the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice must comply with the requirements of this new guide.

[New South Wales Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Operator's Guide \(PDF, 5.9MB\)](#) supports New South Wales Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1) C2019G00071

The New South Wales Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Operator's Guide (the Operator's Guide) complements the New South Wales Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Notice 2019 (the Notice).

An eligible vehicle must comply with the requirements of the Notice, including Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation, and the Operator's Guide.

[New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Operator's Guide \(PDF, 5.1MB\)](#) supports New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1) C2019G00079

The New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Operator's Guide (the Operator's Guide) complements the New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Notice 2019 (the Notice).

The Operator's Guide provides details of the following for eligible vehicles operating under the Notice:

- travel requirements
- pilot and escort requirements
- key contacts

Please note these requirements were previously contained in Appendix 1 and 2 of the former New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2014.

## Hurry! Next round of safety funding closes soon

Funding applications for Round 4 of the Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVS) program close on February 22.

The HVS program supports implementable, value-for-money projects that deliver tangible improvements to heavy vehicle safety.

It is administered by the NHVR on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

The first three rounds of the program have seen \$11.61 million invested in 32 projects to make Australia's roads safer for all users.

Funding for \$3.9 million will be allocated to projects that are scheduled to start in the 2019-20 financial year and completed by 30 June 2022.

To lodge an application please refer to the submission guidelines and complete a submission form.

[Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative 2019-20 Round 4 - Submission guidelines](#)

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