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Message from the CEO

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

The Brisbane Truck Show is another great opportunity to meet with the heavy vehicle industry to answer questions and discuss issues.

If you're visiting the show drop by Stall 99 for a chat or to discuss any aspect of heavy vehicle regulation.

We'll have experts in access, Performance Based Standards, Chain of Responsibility, accreditation, vehicle standards, compliance and much more.

The NHVR will also be hosting a number of seminars over the four days, on navigating the NHVR Portal, the future of the NHVR Portal, fatigue monitoring trials and improving safety and productivity with PBS.

See pg 2 for more information on the times and locations of these seminars.

The NHVR will also be continuing our support for the *Convoy For Kids* charity.

If you have a youngster, drop by the NHVR or *Convoy For Kids* stand (Stall 318 in the Plaza) and pick up a Junior Safety vest in return for a gold coin donation to support this worthwhile cause.

[Click here for more information on the Show.](#)

Sal Petrocitto
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

NHVR investigating several possible safety duty breaches

The NHVR has warned executives of duty holders under the Heavy Vehicle National Law to be aware of their responsibilities under the national Chain of Responsibility laws.

NHVR Statutory Compliance Executive Director Ray Hassall said the NHVR was currently undertaking six investigations of serious offences nationally under the Act, eight months after the new laws started and a further eight cases were being monitored.

"Our investigations are targeted at serious, systemic safety breaches and respond to information gathered through multiple sources, including the NHVR's Confidential Reporting Line," Ray said.

"All our current investigations include consideration of the extent to which an executive has satisfied their individual due diligence obligations, in addition to other roles within the supply chain."

Those investigations include the following allegations:

- Directions to disregard work/rest requirements
- The absence of a system for managing risks
- Ineffective driver monitoring systems
- Poor load restraint practices.

"It's important that executives make themselves aware of the personal responsibilities associated with their involvement in the heavy vehicle supply chain, and the serious penalties associated with failing to properly discharge them," Ray said.

Executive officers have an obligation to exercise due diligence to ensure their businesses comply with their requirements under the law.

They have to ensure they understand the hazards and risks associated with their transport activities and ensure they devote sufficient resources to implementing processes to eliminating or minimising those hazards and risks.

The NHVR was also actively monitoring supply chain businesses that are working to improve their safety practices.

The NHVR is urging all parties in the supply chain to make use of a variety of tools available for operators through the NHVR's *Safety Management System* or the *Registered Industry Code of Practice*.

For more information www.nhvr.gov.au/cor





Heavy vehicle fires roundtable

A panel of industry experts met today to discuss the potential causes of heavy vehicle fires (including trailers) and how to minimise their occurrence or consequences when they do occur.

Executive Director Safety Standards and Assurance Geoff Casey said NHVR had been investigating a series of heavy vehicle fires that have occurred over the past year.

"While we've held discussions with operators and vehicle component manufacturers about the potential causes of heavy vehicle fires, we convened this roundtable to bring industry

experts in one room to delve deeper into the issues," Geoff said.

"We discussed industry trends and observations, origins and causes of heavy vehicle fires, a case study of bus fires and the opportunities to reduce fire risk," he said.

"The roundtable gave everyone a broader understanding of the issue by drawing on the varied expertise in the room.

"The information gained will enable the NHVR to provide guidance and information to industry as to what measures may best prevent or minimise the likelihood of such incidents."

PBS introduction for road managers, Mark II

The NHVR has released the latest version of *Performance Based Standards - An Introduction for Road Managers*.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said the guide provides road managers with greater understanding of the PBS scheme, to make it as easy as possible to assess, and grant network access to innovative and safer vehicles.

"Australia's heavy vehicle industry is embracing new technology and designs, but it's important that these vehicles are able to access the road network," Les said.

"Road managers and operators will find this booklet a valuable resource to build their understanding of PBS vehicles and how they can contribute to local economies."

[Click here to download the PBS guide.](#)

The NHVR and Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association will release the 2019 edition of the PBS fleet report later this week.



Interest in Electronic Work Diaries growing

The number of technology providers and transport operators currently developing Electronic Work Diaries has grown, since the EWD standards were introduced last year.

Executive Director Safety Standards and Assurance Geoff Casey said almost 60 businesses have registered their intention to develop an EWD with the various systems at different stages of development.

This is up from 40 businesses when the EWD Standards were introduced last year.

"Some applications we've received have required additional information to facilitate the assessment so we've continued to work

collaboratively so they can finalise their application and progress through the process," Geoff said.

"NHVR requires complete applications in order to properly assess the functionality and merits of the system.

"We are keen to see the first approved system in the market and will continue to work with technology providers and transport operators to progress their application."

There is currently no application fee to apply for approval of an EWD and any approved EWDs will be listed on the NHVR website.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Webinar for new Portal functions

The NHVR will host an online webinar outlining the next round of improvement to the NHVR Portal.

The webinar will cover all of the new features included in Release 4.7.0.

If you are unable to make it along to the session, all release webinars are available for viewing on the NHVR Portal Help Centre.

[You can register for the webinar here.](#)

Portal tip

Use the copy feature in Vehicle Configurations to save time in building your vehicles.

For more information go to [Vehicle Configurations > Actions > Copy configuration](#)

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Truck Show's NHVR seminars

The NHVR will be conducting the following sessions at the 2019 Brisbane Truck Show.

See the KPMG Insights Centre at www.brisbanetruckshow.com.au

- The future of the NHVR Portal
- Navigating the NHVR Permit Portal
- Understanding fatigue safety technologies
- Improving safety and productivity with Performance Based Standards



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