



# On the Road

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Welcome to our new *On the Road* newsletter. Since we opened for business in January, managing the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) and Performance-Based Standards (PBS) Scheme design and vehicle approvals, we've been working closely with industry and listening to frontline feedback about how we're doing.



This year we'll continue to be 'on the road', as we move towards becoming your one-stop-shop for heavy vehicle road transport business with government.

Richard Hancock  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## We're listening to NHVAS auditors

Throughout March and April, the NHVR hosted forums in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide to meet with NHVAS auditors.

NHVR General Manager – Operations, Angus Draheim and Manager – Application Processing, Peter Caprioli, met with more than 50 auditors at the NHVAS frontline to discuss:

- › how to do business quickly and efficiently with us
- › services we offer now and those we'll offer later in 2013
- › current issues being experienced with NHVAS applications.

Thanks to your feedback, we're making a number of immediate improvements, including changes to the current NHVAS forms and a commitment to more regular consultation with NHVAS auditors.



L-R: NHVR's Peter Caprioli, in conversation with Darby Sullivan, Transport Accreditation Specialist, and Doug McMillan, Auditor and Industry Trainer

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the Brisbane Truck  
Show 16-19 May

Visit us at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to hear the latest on our plans to be the heavy vehicle industry's one-stop-shop later in 2013.

Our technical and operational experts will be available to answer all your questions and you'll be able to check the real-time status of your NHVAS applications. We'll also be presenting an industry update as part of the formal seminar program at the Truck Show.

Visit us at stand 123 on the Concourse floor, near the Isuzu stand from Thursday 16 May to Saturday 18 May, 10am – 6pm and Sunday 19 May from 10am to 4pm.

For more information on the Brisbane Truck Show or to buy tickets, visit [www.brisbanetruckshow.com.au](http://www.brisbanetruckshow.com.au).



## Testing a new approach to Advanced Fatigue Management

In partnership with industry, the NHVR is developing a new approach to support more flexible work and rest arrangements under Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM) known as the Risk Classification System (RCS).

Based on fatigue science, the new RCS allows operators to submit work schedules with higher risk elements (such as longer or more frequent shifts) that are mitigated by lower risk elements (for example, increased work breaks).

Throughout May and June, we are working with key industry associations to pilot the AFM program with frontline operators, including testing proposed work schedules against the RCS, rolling out new templates for more common work arrangements and a step-by-step online tool to help drivers and operators complete an AFM application.

While the AFM pilot is merely testing the RCS process and won't lead to any operator gaining AFM accreditation, industry feedback will make sure the new approach is practical and easy to use for all operators when it is in place later in 2013.

## PBS ignites global interest

NHVR PBS Scheme Administrator, Les Bruzsa, joined other local and international experts on the conference program for the Australian Road Transport Association (ARTSA) International Performance-Based Standards (PBS) Conference in Melbourne on 5-6 March 2013.

Over 120 attendees heard from nearly 30 speakers across the industry about the latest developments in the PBS Scheme, now under NHVR management since 21 January.

Dr Peter Sweatman, thought leader in intelligent transportation systems and Director of University of Michigan Transport Research Institute, also gave an informal address to delegates.

Dr Peter Hart, ARTSA Chairman, said the real value of the conference was in having the right people in the room.

"We had the rule-makers, the new Regulator, the enforcers, the assessors and certifiers, manufacturers and customers – everyone who has a role in growing the PBS Scheme.

"The challenge is to lower any perceived barriers to entry into the PBS Scheme," said Dr Hart, "and to work together to tick off some of the hard won ideas put forward at the conference."

For more information, visit the ARTSA website to download the [conference report](#).

## Have your say

### New national work diary

The National Transport Commission, in partnership with the NHVR and industry and government bodies, is seeking your views on the proposed national driver work diary. The work diary is being updated to align with the new Heavy Vehicle (Fatigue Management) National Regulation 2013.

"Over the past two years, one of the most consistent pieces of feedback we've had from industry has been the desire to see a simpler work diary, and more flexible and practical fatigue management regulations," said Richard Hancock, NHVR CEO.

The new work diary will be simpler and easier to fill out, and includes examples and scenarios to guide drivers and help to reduce any 'paperwork' errors and the risk of fines.

The proposed work diary will allow drivers to:

- record their vehicle registration once a day or if their vehicle changes, rather than at every break
- record the location and odometer reading at the start of a rest break, and not when finishing their break too
- record their operator's Basic Fatigue Management (BFM) or Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM) accreditation number once in the diary (or again if it changes), rather than on every daily sheet.

Visit [www.ntc.gov.au](http://www.ntc.gov.au) for more information and to have your say before 20 May.

Once approved by the NHVR Board, the new work diary will be on sale nationwide later in 2013.



More flexible work and rest arrangements for AFM are being developed by the NHVR in partnership with industry  
Image supplied by VicRoads

## One step closer to a national rule book

The most significant road transport reform Australia has ever undertaken cleared its first legislative hurdle on 14 February, when the Queensland Government passed the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Amendment Bill 2012.

This paves the way for one national rule book for Australia's heavy vehicle industry, meaning reduced red tape for industry and reduced transport costs that should flow on to all operators, large and small.

Other states and territories are now amending their own road transport laws to give effect to the HVNL in their jurisdiction, with the national laws expected to be in place later in 2013.

Read the consolidated reprint of the [Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012](#).

## Building our leadership team

The NHVR is building a team of outstanding professionals, who bring a wealth of experience from the public and private sector to the NHVR. The following people have been appointed to key leadership and operational roles in the NHVR.

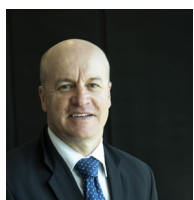
Read more about our [recent appointments](#) and other [career opportunities](#) with the NHVR.



**Philip Halton**  
**General Manager – Strategy and Business Development**  
Philip leads the development and delivery of business strategies that increase the impact, efficiency and sustainability of our organisation.



**Angus Draheim**  
**General Manager – Operations**  
Angus is responsible for the development and delivery of the NHVR's operational and administrative services under the HVNL.



**Peter Caprioli**  
**Manager – Application Processing**  
Peter leads the Application Processing team currently administering the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme and Performance-Based Standards Scheme.



**Les Bruzsa**  
**Performance-Based Standards (PBS) Scheme Administrator**  
A mechanical engineer with more than 25 years of road transport experience, Les is one of the founding fathers of PBS, and has been instrumental in developing and introducing many innovative heavy vehicle combinations.

## NHVR on the road

### 6-8 May

- › **2013 IPWEA NSW Annual Conference**  
Institute of Public Works and Engineering Australia – New South Wales Division

### 15 May

- › **Gas Energy Australia Members' Forum**  
Gas Energy Australia

### 16-19 May

- › **Brisbane Truck Show**  
Commerical Vehicle Industry Association of Queensland

### 17 May

- › **Mountain Industries Annual Conference**  
Mountain Industries

### 18 May

- › **Road Transport Forum**  
Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Queensland

### 29-30 May

- › **National Local Government Infrastructure and Asset Management Conference**  
Municipal Association of Victoria

## For more information

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Saturday 18 May  
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1pm - 2pm



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