



Message from the CEO

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

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet and talk face-to-face with so many of you last week at the Brisbane Truck Show. I know many in the industry gained a greater understanding of what the NHVR is about after conversations with skilled and experienced members of our team.

During the show we announced 12 initiatives to improve safety under our Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative program, supported by the Federal Government.

There are a range of programs, including a trial of livestock unloading equipment that will greatly add to the safety of operators. Another is a campaign targeting the appropriate use of shared rest stops by caravanners and heavy vehicle operators.

All of these projects are implementable, value-for-money initiatives that will help to change lives and save lives.

See the list of programs on page 2. Further details on the safety initiative program can also be found [here](#).

Regards

Sal Petroccitto

CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Heavy vehicle fleet passes national health check

Australia's first national heavy vehicle health check shows a sound performance by industry in maintaining vehicles but there is room for improvement.

NHVR Director Safety, Daniel Elkins said results of the National Roadworthiness Baseline Survey would provide further focus on inspection programs and aid the ability to measure improvements in the condition of the heavy vehicle fleet.

"As the baseline to Australia's fleet condition, it will assist the NHVR to develop a national risk-based inspection approach to address high-risk components, systems, vehicles and operators as well as developing a consistent inspection approach," Daniel said.

"Operator maintenance programs can now be updated to ensure they address high-risk components and systems that are regularly found to be an issue during on-road inspections."

Daniel said the NHVR was particularly focused on the rate of major non-conformity, which Authorised Officers assessed were safe enough to continue their journey but required repair within a specified period of time.

"With the average age of the on-road fleet at nine years, reducing the rate of major non-conformity in older vehicles will be an area of focus.

"Another first was the use of the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual to provide nationally-consistent inspection standards. This consistency is something industry has asked for over many years and is a key objective of the Roadworthiness Program."

The Northern Territory's Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has implemented the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual effective 1 June 2017,

meaning NT vehicle inspectors and operators now use the same guide to heavy vehicle safety as other participating jurisdictions.

Operators that meet or exceed the standards in the manual should ensure their vehicles will pass an inspection, avoiding downtime associated with component failure and unscheduled repairs.

"The manual provides a simple guide to what makes a vehicle roadworthy," Daniel said. "Although designed as a compliance tool to assess roadworthiness, heavy vehicle operators can use the manual in routine maintenance programs to ensure compliance with vehicle standards and improve their vehicle's safety."

The National Roadworthiness Baseline Survey will be used to develop programs using evidence and risk-based analysis of the survey data. Two such approaches will be a risk-based inspection and a consistent inspection framework.

Further information about the survey results and the full report can be found at www.nhvr.gov.au/nrbs.





Funding boost for heavy vehicle safety programs

The following programs will receive funding under the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative program for 2017-18.

Safety Education and Awareness Campaign to help Road and Rest Stop users to "Coexist"	Caravan Industry Association of Australia
Master Registered Code of Practice	Australian Logistics Council and the Australian Trucking Association
Investigating the Feasibility of User-Pay Loading and Unloading Infrastructure	Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association
Forestry Logistics Safety Program	Australian Forest Contractors Association
Standard School Bus Light Systems	Bus Industry Confederation
Sharing the Road Education Campaign (agricultural industry)	In collaboration with industry stakeholders
Safe Freight Networks	Safe Freight Networks Australia
Green Reflector Markings of Informal Truck Bays - Newell Highway	TruckRight
Heavy Vehicle Compliance Monitoring Network	State and Territory governments
Bus Fire Evacuation Protocol and Advice	Bus Industry Confederation
Heavy Vehicle Safety Hotline	NHVR (with industry stakeholders)
Heavy Vehicle Adverse Environment Operations Forum	South Gippsland Shire Council

Happy customers at NHVR show stand

The recent Truck Show at Brisbane Convention Centre provided an invaluable opportunity for those in the industry to meet with and speak to NHVR representatives face to face.

Among those visiting the NHVR stand was John Dunn, from Dunns Recovery Service in Moonbi, NSW, who had his questions about the NHVR Portal answered face-to-face by Sean Tansley, NHVR Supervisor, Network Access.

"It was great to talk directly to Sean about the Portal," said John.

"I'm now completely confident I know how to apply for a permit."

"Coming to the truck show and particularly visiting the NHVR stand was really worthwhile."



Sean Tansley (left) and John Dunn



NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
7 June	RFNSW/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Kogarah, Sydney
8 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Forbes, NSW
9 June	NatRoad/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Moree, NSW
10 June	Bus Qld/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Chinchilla, QLD
12 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Rockhampton, QLD
16 June	BIC/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Adelaide, SA
17 June	Bus SA/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Adelaide, SA
17 June	Livestock SA/NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Adelaide, SA

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