



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's On the Road.

The recent 2016-17 financial year saw significant progress across key NHVR safety and productivity programs.

Some of the data is outlined in the [Q4 Quarterly Snapshot](#), released today.

It shows there were 1403 PBS combinations approved last year – a 23 per cent increase on the previous year.

I'm delighted that Australia's heavy vehicle industry is continuing to develop innovative and optimised vehicle design.

There was an 8.4 per cent growth in permit applications to the NHVR and an increase in pre-approved routes to 1642 across more than 400 road managers.

I'm also pleased to see a significant increase in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme with 6607 operators now benefiting as a result.

While we've seen growth in many important areas of the NHVR, I believe we can continue to strive to ensure all our programs are well placed to perform both our current and future activities.

I look forward to further discussions with operators in the coming months on how we can continue to improve and grow these important programs for the future.

Regards
Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Accreditation scheme caps off another successful year

The past 12 months marks a major step forward for the NHVR's National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS).

NHVR Safety & Productivity Executive Director Geoff Casey said the scheme now had 6607 operators applying the mass module to 36,308 vehicles, while 99,421 vehicles come under the maintenance module.

"We are continually strengthening the scheme's safety requirements which now includes moving towards a formal Safety Management System (SMS)," Geoff said.

"The quality management systems and follow-up auditing framed within NHVAS

means many operators are already making progress to meet their "primary duty" responsibilities under the new Chain of Responsibility laws coming in mid-2018.

"The NHVAS currently presents the best platform for an operator's future comprehensive SMS."

Later in 2017, the NHVR will release for consultation, the updated business rules and standards to further strengthen the scheme to ensure all operators have the tools available to support a SMS that meets the safety standards expected of the heavy vehicle industry.



New heavy vehicle cameras boost Queensland's road safety



Queensland's heavy vehicle safety will be boosted with the roll out of three new automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras across the state's road freight network.

NHVR's Program Manager NCIS Project, David Swift-Hoadley said the new cameras would monitor heavy vehicles, boosting heavy vehicle safety and providing another step towards a national heavy vehicle compliance network.

"The high-tech monitoring cameras will be used to encourage safer driving practices on our major heavy vehicle routes and freight network," David said.

"The first of three new cameras has been installed at Goodna with further cameras to be installed over the next 12 months at Barcardine and near Morven in regional Queensland. The new cameras are being delivered in conjunction with the Regulator and will continue to target safety on key freight corridors and black spots.

David said putting more cameras on the ground was a critical step towards better data

sharing across borders and would reinforce efforts to make Australia's major freight networks safer.

"These cameras will be a part of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's National Compliance Information System, which will amalgamate compliance and camera data from States and Territories to provide a national set of heavy vehicle related compliance and monitoring data.

"As we bring these cameras online, authorities can better detect risky behaviour and unsafe practices by heavy vehicles on our roads, which helps narrow our focus for compliance and enforcement efforts. National visibility of vehicle movements will allow the NHVR and other enforcement agencies to identify drivers and operators who systematically flout fatigue laws," David said.

The NHVR is currently working with other state road transport authorities to identify additional camera sites along the busiest freight routes to maximise heavy vehicle monitoring capability.

Notices and updates

A new [NSW Fatigue Record-Keeping Exemption Notice 2017 \(No. 2\)](#) will commence on 10 August, with expiry on 9 February 2019.

The purpose of this Notice is to exempt record keepers for drivers of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles carrying out specified classes of work in New South Wales from the requirement to keep records of driver work and rest time imposed under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

Note: This notice replaces the [NSW Fatigue Record-Keeping Exemption Notice 2017 \(No. 1\)](#) that will expire on 9 August 2017. This Notice carries forward the previous exemptions and conditions in the same terms.

FREE NHVR Portal training for Class 1 operators

Would you like some help in applying for access permits using the NHVR's Portal?

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is offering FREE training for operators and drivers operating within the ACT on how to make a permit application through its NHVR Portal.

The training will be delivered by NHVR Access staff who will guide operators on how to submit an application. If you operate a Class 1 Vehicle this session is for you.

Hurry though - there are only a total of 20 spaces per session!

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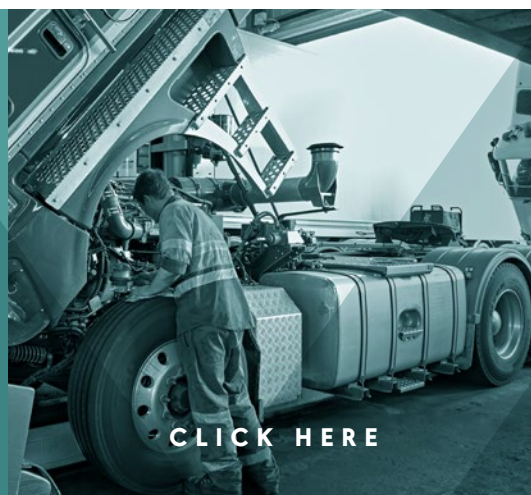
Wednesday 2 August 2017

Morning session: 9.30am - 11.30am

Afternoon session: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

To book a place, contact Liz Reynolds via email at liz.reynolds@nhvr.gov.au or ring 07 3309 8669 by 1 August 2017

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