



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this edition of On the Road.

It's been a busy and exciting time at the NHVR recently with a number of important projects achieving significant milestones.

The first stage of our NHVR Portal - Road Manager Module has just been released with the full version to be progressively rolled out.

In South Australia we now have 22 NHVR Safety and Compliance officers based in five key regional centres throughout the state as well as other key staff based in our Adelaide office.

Phase 2 of our Chain of Responsibility campaign kicked off on October 3 with the first of our new 'Building Capability' sessions held here at NHVR headquarters. The content for these sessions has been tailored specifically from feedback received from our Phase 1 forums. Twenty six forums will be held throughout the country during October and November, and a comprehensive range of resources, from written materials to videos, are also on the CoR page of our website.

Regards Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Electronic work diaries reach development stage

The NHVR has engaged professional services firm WSP Australia Pty Ltd to develop new performance based standards for Australia's Electronic Work Diaries (EWDs), which are being introduced as a voluntary alternative to the written work diary.

NHVR Executive Director Productivity and Safety Geoff Casey said that the NHVR will publish the new EWD Standards for industry consultation in December 2017, with system assessments anticipated to commence early in 2018.

Feedback from the NHVR's EWD Industry User Group showed that the introduction of EWDs will reward operators and drivers with benefits such as improved scheduling and greater efficiency in operations.

"To provide greater flexibility and space for innovation, the NHVR will offer a tiered approval approach to EWDs that maximises everyone's opportunity to achieve these benefits," Geoff said.

The tiered approach will allow transport operators to:

- develop their own EWD system,
- buy an off-the-shelf EWD system,
- buy a complete telematics system integrated with other regulatory functions such as Intelligent Access Program and On-board Mass monitoring.

An EWD system that meets the performance requirements specified in the EWD Standards can be approved for operation under conditions of use and approval.

"Businesses already using technology to manage fatigue and increase efficiency are on the front foot for seeking assessment and approval once the EWD Standards are released," Geoff said.

"We'll be releasing further information for transport operators and technology providers as it becomes available."





Heavy vehicle safety the focus of review

The NHVR has commissioned an independent review into heavy vehicle accreditation schemes to support improved road safety.

NHVR's Executive Director Productivity and Safety Geoff Casey said the independent review would inform future structural and operational improvements in the schemes.

"Heavy vehicle accreditation schemes have proven benefits for road safety across a number of heavy vehicle sectors, including trucks, cranes and buses," Geoff said.

"The national roadworthiness survey released earlier this year showed major non-conformities for vehicles in accreditation schemes dropped from 13 per cent to nine per cent.

"The review will look at a range of factors, including governance and oversight, rules and standards, as well as examining associated assurance activities.

"I've also asked for feedback on the safety merits of requiring operators that sub-contract on government infrastructure projects to be accredited."

The review will kick off with a marketplace scan to identify the best practice approach for accreditation schemes, and identify inconsistencies that exist between schemes.

The independent review will examine schemes such as Western Australian Heavy Vehicle Accreditation and the NHVR's National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme, as well as industry schemes such as TruckSafe. The review will also take into account relevant experience from overseas.

The independent review will be conducted by highly qualified transport expert Peter Medlock and is expected to take up to eight weeks to complete.

NHVR appoints new directors

The NHVR is pleased to announce the appointment of two new directors to drive key organisational reforms.

Tony Martin has been appointed to the new role of Director Regulatory Compliance and Assurance.

Tony is a foundation employee of the NHVR, joining the NHVR Project Office in 2011.



Greg Fill has been appointed Director (Safety Standards) in NHVR's Productivity and Safety Division.

Both appointments are integral to the NHVR's reform program and its vision of creating a safer, more productive heavy vehicle industry for Australia.



Recording hours in different time zones

Daylight saving is now in place in all states except Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. The legislation requires that all periods of time (work time and rest time) must be counted in 15 minute blocks relative to the time zone of your base. For example, if you are based in Queensland and you drive into

NSW during daylight savings time, you are required to record your work and rest hours in Queensland time.

Daylight saving ends at 2am (which is 3am Daylight Saving Time) on the first Sunday in April 2018.

Updates and Notices

Steep descent Mount Ousley

Mount Ousley is the only way in and out of Wollongong and Port Kembla for heavy vehicles.

Roads and Maritime Services have prepared a safety video for those new to the steep descent, or for those unsure of traversing the route in a new vehicle.

[You can view the safety video here.](#)



Variation to escort arrangements during 2018 Commonwealth Games

Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) operators need to be aware of a temporary variation to escorting arrangements by Queensland Police Services (QPS) for the duration of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Transport operators will be able to conduct wide load movements, not exceeding 5.5 metres in width and 35 metres length, by substituting QPS escorts with additional industry pilots and/or escorts.

This temporary variation will be accessed by QPS through a permit application to Transport and Main Roads or the NHVR if it is for interstate travel only.

The variation will be in place starting March 5 2018 and finishing April 27 2018.

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