



AGENDA

VIC/NSW STATE COMMITTEE

Friday 27th August 2021 @ 9.00am
On-Line via ClickMeeting

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| 1. MEETING OPENING | 9:00am |
| 1.1 Welcome, attendance and apologies 1.2 Trade Practices Protocol | |
| 2. HVIA NATIONAL UPDATE | 9:05am |
| 2.1 CEO Report | |
| 3. GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY | 9:15am |
| 3.1 RVSA Implementation Update 3.2 PBS Update 3.3 Safer Vehicles Paper Update. 3.4.....HVNL Review Update | |
| 4. TECHNICAL UPDATE | 10:00am |
| 4.1 NHVR Technical Working Group Meeting - 22/07/2021 4.2 Technical Liaison Group (TLG) Meeting 52 - 29/07/2021 4.3 Assessment of Engineering Qualifications 4.4 Updates - Tyre Guide - AS2203 and AS 4869 - Coupling Standards Review | |
| 5. EVENTS | 11:00am |
| 5.1 HVIA National Awards Events | |
| 6. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT | 11:15am |
| 6.1 HVIA training - Heavy Vehicles 101 6.2 Apprentice and Future Leader Awards | |
| 7. Guest Speaker: A representative from the Department of Infrastructure will speak on Model Reports in the Road Vehicle Standards Act. | 11:30am |

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MEETING NOTES

2) National Update

2.1) CEO Report

The last couple of months have continued to be challenging, as the pandemic and lockdowns continue to be a fact of life. Currently, I am writing this from lockdown in Brisbane, and NSW is struggling with its numbers, with SA and Vic just out of lockdown.

The fact is, lockdowns have proven to be effective in the land of public opinion, which means they will be the first tool to be used until the vaccination rate climbs. It is pleasing that we have hit 12m vaccinations today but we have a long way to go, and so I challenge us all to think about how we can continue to promote vaccinations among your friends, peers and colleagues. Recently, HVIA came up with the idea of simple Teams / Zoom Backgrounds to be used to promote vaccinations.

On the policy front, we continue to work with operator groups in calling for heavy vehicle operators to be considered an essential service, to ensure their testing results are prioritised and received in hours – not days - and on the back of operators getting severe nose bleeds, have supported the call for other forms of testing – for example the less intrusive rapid antigen testing for asymptomatic operators.

HVIA was pleased to see the generic tyre approach for PBS was recently approved by Ministers and the announcements are below. We have also been monitoring the implementation of the RVSA and assisting with member enquiries as they arise.

HVIA is also commencing work on the ComVec 2022 agenda, and hope that we can put together an exciting, informative, thought-provoking line up that we see it becoming a must-attend event of 2022.

HVIA has also heard member feedback on the impact that a skills shortage is having for our members. HVIA has commenced a project to identify and investigate a multifaceted solution. We hope to be able to shortly release some options and survey our members to ensure we are heading in the right direction.

HVIA has also opened up nominations for the HVIA awards. The awards are a great way to showcase the positive actions, initiatives, products, and systems which make our industry more innovative, productive and safe. I encourage all HVIA members to consider a nomination. It is super quick and easy but is important for the industry to demonstrate its proactivity to government, regulators and the broader community.

Administratively, HVIA has had a change of personnel as we say goodbye to Teagan Hadley, who supported Noelene in the National Events Team for the past 5 years. Teagan has secured a role with one of our members and we wish her well as she progresses with her career. I hope by the time the meetings come around to have some positive news to announce, on a replacement.

As always, I remain available to our members, and welcome your feedback, advice, information or contact on 0438 066 441 or t.hacking@hvia.asn.au.

3) Government Advocacy

3.1) Road Vehicle Standards Act (RVSA) Implementation.

The RVSA went live on 1 July 2021. This session will focus on providing an overview of the updated guidance material provided by the Department in relation to the RVSA. It will provide an opportunity for members to raise any concerns they are having with the roll out and the ROVER application so that HVIA can focus on addressing these problems in its interactions with the Department.

The latest version of the RVSA's Rules is now available on the Department website.

HVIA will provide an overview of the latest updates at the State Committee Meeting.

3.2) PBS update

Following the Ministers' meeting in late May NHVR is preparing for the implementation of the PBS tyre changes. HVIA will provide an update on the latest developments at the State Committee Meeting. The NHVR recently provided an [announcement](#) in relation to implementing a generic tyre approach, which HVIA has advocated since commencing the technical discussion at Comvec 2018. HVIA's response to the announcement can be found [here](#).

3.3) Safer Vehicles Paper Update

Comments on the Safer Vehicles paper which considered potential changes to ADR's, related to vehicle width, axle configuration changes and indirect vision devices, closed on 30 June and can be viewed in [HVIA's submission](#). Not surprisingly the proposed axle changes and direct vision changes received widespread support, but the width issues were more controversial.

As a result, the Department has decided to pursue the proposed axle changes and direct vision changes through amendments to the relevant ADR's but is taking more time to decide how to proceed on the width change proposal. Details of the proposed changes were discussed at the Technical Liaison Group (TLG) meeting held in late July and will be covered in the technical update.

3.4 HVNL Review Update

The NTC has provided some information on the planned industry consultation process for the review of the Heavy Vehicle National Law. HVIA will provide an update on the planned consultation timetable.

4) Technical Update

4.1) NHVR Technical Working Group Meeting - 22/07/2021

Updates to VSB6

- Tipper Code to be issued for public comment late August 2021.
- Section T (Tow Trucks) – Document being finalised to incorporate public comments received by regulator during Q1 2021.

NHVR anticipate that these two codes will be issued as part of an update package for VSB6 in Q4 2021.

National AVE Scheme

The regulator indicated that they have placed this project on hold due to other priorities. This has come about from ongoing issues with services transition from NSW and QLD. There are several enforcement related items that have taken longer to resolve than expected and the transition of enforcement services from the States is considered a higher priority by the NHVR. HVIA has indicated its disappointment to the NHVR and continues to press the NHVR for national reform in this area.

Updates to Vehicle Standards Guides

NHVR has issued minor updates to several Vehicle Standards Guides

- [VSG1 – Driving lamps](#)
- [VSG3 – Semitrailer rear bumpers](#)
- [VSG4 – Drawbar eye inspections](#)
- [VSG5 – Motorhome conversions](#)
- [VSG8 – Film on bus emergency exits](#)
- [VSG10 – Backlit badges](#)

Retro fit of auto slack adjusters under Section G of VSB 6

The NHVR has decided to classify the retrofitting of auto slack adjusters on brakes originally fitted with manual slack adjusters as a minor modification. That is, when replacing a manual slack adjuster with an auto slack adjuster, certification by an AVE is not required. However, if replacing auto slack adjusters fitted as original equipment, with manual slack adjusters, certification by an AVE is required.

4.2) Technical Liaison Group (TLG) Meeting 52 - 29/07/2021

There was considerable discussion around the proposed changes to ADR's to support the Safer Vehicles Strategy proposal. The meeting ran over-time, and it was decided that a second meeting to complete the agenda is to be on the 10th August.

The meeting on the 29th July covered the following items of interest to members which will be covered in further detail at the State Committee meeting:

- Next ADR Amendments omnibus proposal
- Safer Freight Vehicle Amendment Omnibus Packages 1 and 2
- Clarification of ADR61/03 vehicle marking requirements (in relation to providing CTA number)

The second meeting of TLG will cover updates from other specific issue working groups, projects the department is involved in with Standards Australia, proposal for a seat belt standard and Euro VI emissions implementation update. (To be provided during the State Committee Meeting).

4.3) Assessment of Engineering Qualifications

Recently HVIA was approached by a member regarding an Approved Person application to The Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland (TMR). HVIA subsequently wrote to TMR, requesting they reconsider their excessively narrow approach to assessing academic pre-requisites to issue an applicant with a AP Category 1 approval (that is all codes). Through this work HVIA believes that given current university course structures and offerings, there are several avenues that the required academic foundational knowledge to conduct work under VSB6 can be obtained.

4.4) Updates

- Tyre Guide
- AS2203 and AS 4869 - Coupling Standards Review

5) National Events

5.1) HVIA National Industry Awards

HVIA has opened its nomination period for its suite of national industry awards.

- [National Apprentice of the Year Award](#)
- [Peter Langworthy Future Leader Award](#)
- [Community Leadership Award](#)
- [Product Innovation Award](#)
- [Safety Innovation Award](#)

Regional winners will be announced at a cocktail evening on the Thursday 21st October in Melbourne and national winners will be announced at the HVIA Gala Awards breakfast in Brisbane on Friday 19th November 2021.

For more information and to nominate, [click here](#).

6) Workforce Development

6.1) Heavy Vehicle 101

HVIA's online Learning Management System (LMS) is live with a new comprehensive training package for entrants to the industry, staff in back-of-house or non-technical roles, and stakeholder organisations.

We hope Heavy Vehicles 101 (HV101) will become part of every HVIA members' induction process and provides an ongoing learning opportunity for key staff.

Purchase now with no end-date for use.

Link: <https://www.hviatraining.com.au/courses/heavy-vehicles-101/>

6.2) Apprentice and Future Leader Awards

HVIA has opened its nominations for the Apprentice of the Year Award and the Peter Langworthy Future Leader Award.

- [National Apprentice of the Year Award](#)
The Apprentice of the Year Award is awarded to an individual, in the final stages of their apprenticeship, who has demonstrated advanced ability as they undergo their apprenticeship in a discipline related to heavy vehicle repair, service or the manufacturing sector.
- [Peter Langworthy Future Leader Award](#)
The Future Leader Award acknowledges young people, who have recently graduated from an apprenticeship, and have demonstrated outstanding leadership within their organisations and/or the industry.

For more information and to nominate, [click here](#).