



# AGENDA

## VIC STATE COMMITTEE

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 @ 9.00am**  
**CMV Truck & Bus Dealership (Training Room 4)**  
**392 Boundary Road, Derrimut Vic 3026**

<b>1. Meeting Opening</b> 1.1 Welcome, attendance and apologies 1.2 Trade Practices Protocol	9:00am
<b>Topics For Discussion</b>	
<b>2. HVIA NATIONAL UPDATE</b> 2.1 CEO Report	9:05am
<b>3. GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY</b> 3.1 Heavy Vehicle Width Update 3.2 HVNL Review Update	9:15am
<b>4. TECHNICAL &amp; REGULATORY</b> 4.1 HVSI Tyre Training 4.2 Revision of VSB6	9:45am
<b>6. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b> 6.1 HVIA LITE Skills & Training Working Group 6.2 HVIA Awards	10:15am
<b>7. GUEST SPEAKERS</b> 7.1 NHVR – Michael Ross - Update on VSB6 and PBS 2.0 and PBS Tyres 7.2 Morris Finance – Rod Cunningham – New industry financing product	10.45am

<b>Member Updates</b>	
<b>3. GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY</b> PBS 2.0 RVSA Implementation	
<b>4. TECHNICAL &amp; REGULATORY</b> Coupling Study Review of AS 5732:2015 - Electric Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Review of AS 4177 Parts 1 to 5 – Towing Equipment for Light Trailers	
<b>5. EVENTS</b> Brisbane Truck Show 18-21 May 2023	
<b>6. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b> Heavy Vehicle 101	

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **2) National Update**

#### **2.1) CEO Report**

There has been a lot going on this quarter, as we sought to engage the new government in a range of ways. HVIA has been invited to participate with Minister King on the jobs and skills impacts facing the HV industry. We have also been advocating most strongly on the issue of truck and trailer width, which will be a key part of today's meeting. We are still heavily involved in providing advice to the government on COVID related issues.

Additionally, the NHVR has been busy making tweaks to the PBS scheme administratively, with a view of a greater degree and hopefully full automation in the medium term. HVIA will be a key stakeholder in the PBS 2.0 discussions, and we are awaiting the imminent launch of the generic tyre dataset changes, which will fundamentally improve multiple facets of the assessment process.

We are still busy working with members to ensure we can have the two training courses completed on time – these are the courses on best practice tyre management and load restraint.

At today's meeting you will hear from Morris Finance on a new financing product, which is exclusive to HVIA members. This idea was borne out of our last meeting where members brainstormed issues around the supply chain resilience and the issues being felt currently.

Additionally, we are all now busy with Truck Show planning, the AGM, HVIA Awards nights and the Annual Report. I do strongly encourage you to nominate an award as this is a great way to gain publicity for your company, reward your team and is important for the industry to present to government, stakeholders and the regulator just how proactive we are in the industry – in innovation, safety, community leadership and our apprentices.

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](mailto:t.hacking@hvia.asn.au).

### **3) Government Advocacy**

#### **For Discussion**

##### **3.1) Heavy Vehicle Width Update**

HVIA will provide a report on the discussions with the Department of Infrastructure on their response to the Regulatory Impact Statement on changes to vehicle width.

##### **3.2) Heavy Vehicle National Law Review**

Ministers have adopted the recommendations of the report by Mr Ken Kanofsky on revisions to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

HVIA will provide a brief update on the recommendations and the proposed way forward.

#### **Member Updates**

##### **PBS 2.0**

NHVR guest speaker Michael Ross will discuss PBS related Issues as part of the guest presentation.

##### **RVSA Implementation**

The Department of Infrastructure continues to improve the performance of the ROVER application and address RVSA implementation issues on an ongoing basis.

### **4) Technical Update**

#### **For discussion**

##### **4.1) HVSI - Tyre Training.**

Update on current synopsis and discussion on how members may be of assistance in preparing this trading module.

##### **4.2) Revision of VSB6**

Michael Ross, Senior Technical Advisor at the NHVR will give an outline of the VSB6 revisions that are due to be released. These include the new Section J4 Tipper code, a revised Section T covering tow trucks and a number of other revisions.

## **Member Updates**

### **Coupling Study**

Preparation work for the road test in the Darwin region is gathering pace. HVIA member Howard Porter was able to lend a tri axle dolly to the project team. Further, HVIA member CIMC is contributing to the project by building a dedicated draw bar for the road test. The draw bar is a shorter length than that fitted standard to Howard Porter dolly and will include accommodation for load cells. The project team felt that a shorter draw bar would better match the length of drawbar on the dolly used by Direct Haul, who are making available a quad road train for the road test.

In early August, the engineers in the project team finalised the draw bar and load cells design. CIMC is currently manufacturing the draw bar.

Given the delays in sourcing a suitable dolly, the project team anticipates the road test to occur sometime in mid to late October, rather than the original plan of September.

### **Australian Standards – Review of AS 5732:2015 - Electric Vehicle Maintenance and Repair**

Public consultation on this standard has been completed and the technical committee has met to respond to the public comments received. The standard will progress to publication in Q3 2022. This review is primarily an update to the existing standards & to cross reference overseas standards. The standards covers workshop safety practices during repairs.

### **AS 4177 Parts 1 to 5 – Towing Equipment for Light Trailers**

ME-052, the Technical Committee covering 50mm towing equipment for trailers less than 3500 kg ATM has been reactivated. It has met twice to begin the process of reviewing these standards. HVIA, several other heavy vehicle associations, and the NHVR are taking an active interest in the review of these set of standards, despite being primarily intended for light trailers towed by light vehicles.

In 2017 the NHVR issued a Vehicle Standards Guide (VSG16) severely limiting the towing of light trailers with 50mm ball couplings by a heavy vehicle. It was noted by the NHVR that the test procedure in the suite of AS4177 standards did not adequately account for the cases where the towing vehicle is above 5T GVM. If the coupling component indicates compliance to AS4177, testing conducted will not be adequate to cover off the cases where the towing vehicle is above 5T GVM.

This affected operators significantly as medium duty trucks (ie trucks below 15T GVM) to small items of plant regularly using light trailers less than 3.5T GVM and utilising a 50mm tow ball and coupling head.

The suite of standards has two issues affecting heavy vehicles:

- The scope of these standards explicitly limits the standards to only cover towing vehicles below 5000kg.
- The test procedures covering tow balls and coupling heads, lay out the formula to calculate a D value (test load). The formula is identical to the one used for heavy vehicle couplings. However, in this case, the formula is “hard wired” to assume the mass of the towing vehicle is 5000kg. This leads to a test load that is less than would be needed if the towing vehicle is mass is greater than 5T given the same trailer ATM.

HVIA, others in the heavy vehicle industry, and the NHVR, will be seeking amendments to the standards to permit testing of components that are suitable for use with high GVM towing vehicles. and still be recognised as complying with AS4177.

The intent is to eliminate the restrictions imposed by VSG16 on heavy vehicles towing light trailers as much as possible using 50mm tow balls and coupling heads.

## **5) National Events**

### **Member Update**

#### **Brisbane Truck Show**

The Brisbane Truck Show is fully booked. We are moving onto the operational aspects of the show and the entertainment precinct with the South Bank Truck Festival.

VIP ticket sales will go on sale in October. VIP passes can be ordered directly via the Exhibitor dashboard or HVIA members can contact HVIA [admin@brisbanetruckshow.com.au](mailto:admin@brisbanetruckshow.com.au) to request tickets.

HVIA staff members Kay Marco and Steve Power are both heading off to IAA Transportation exhibition in Hanover next month with the intent of encouraging as many Europeans as possible to make their way down under to attend the Brisbane Truck Show and our region. If you, or any of your team, are attending please drop by the HVIA display (Hall H12, Stand D61) to say hi and lend your support.

For further information contact Noelene Bradley @ [n.bradley@hvia.asn.au](mailto:n.bradley@hvia.asn.au)

## **6) Workforce Development**

### **For Discussion**

#### **6.1) HVIA LITE – Skills & Training Working Group**

HVIA members and training stakeholders attended the second HVIA LITE Skills and Training Working Group meeting in July and August to progress action on zero emission vehicle skills and training priorities.

Discussion points included:

- providing access to approved training for body builders. The skill requirements include workplace safety, electrical safety and best practice for body fitment and the fitment of common accessories such as tail lifts and cranes
- ensuring body builders have access to technical information for all electric vehicle models sold in Australia, to complete work safely
- advocating for national consistency in funding arrangements to subsidise electric heavy vehicle training and upskilling of technicians to improve the industry uptake and transition
- a national licensing system, so that qualifications and credentials are recognised in all states and territories reducing the administrative and regulatory burden.

## **6.2) HVIA Award Nominations open**

HVIA's suite of leadership and innovation awards acknowledge and celebrate the Australian heavy vehicle industry's capacity to provide innovative solutions for the road transport task.

The awards are open to HVIA member companies and their employees, across Australia. Full details of each award can be accessed by following the links:

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

**Nominations close Wednesday 31 August 2022**

## **Member Updates**

### **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. Have you got any new staff that might be able to participate?

Purchase now with no end-date for use.

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