



Member Newsletter

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CVIAQ Plans for the new Trade and Technician Institute

The CVIAQ is currently finalising its proposal to submit to the Department of Employment and Training showing industry requirements for the new trades training facility to be built at Acacia Ridge.

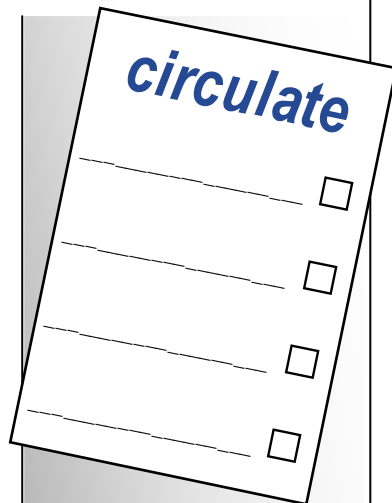
The CVIAQ has used data from the CVIAQ/TIC Paper *Trucks to Meet the Future Road Freight Task* and from the Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics to forecast industry

and apprentice growth through to the year 2020. The Working Group from the Service Managers' Council in conjunction with representatives from the Manufacturer's Council has examined the requirements for a new college able to train apprentices in sufficient numbers to meet industry needs through to 2020.

With the opportunity to pre plan and custom build the entire facility, this is a great chance to finally have a state of the art

training centre for the mechanical and body trades. The CVIAQ proposal will feature an open plan environment with space for future expansion and purpose built resources such as a dynamometer test area a dedicated pump room and an up to date well equipped welding training centre.

The CVIAQ will work with the Department in the assessment and implementation of the plan for the heavy vehicle section of the new training facility ■



ceo's report

Brett Wright



"IT'S A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY"

That's how CVIAQ Board member Rob Brown recently described the Queensland Government's Trade and Technician Skills Institute being constructed at Acacia Ridge and this view is also held by the CVIAQ Board and many CVIAQ members. One only has to walk through the facilities at Brisbane North and Moreton Institutes of TAFE to see we need to take this opportunity and embrace it.

CVIAQ's vision is one where we bring all the major trade training – both mechanical and automotive manufacturing under one roof and provide a world class training facility for our industry.

Now it is industry's turn to show some guts and really get behind this opportunity

Over the last 9 months CVIAQ has been extremely active lobbying and communicating with all levels of the Department of Employment and Training on the Acacia Ridge Institute. We are currently finalising our proposal for a Heavy Vehicle training facility at Acacia Ridge which will take us into the future and respond to the changes of industry technology and the growing

skills demand.

Credit must be given to Minister Barton and his department for a gutsy call purchasing the facility some time ago even before the release of the 'Skills Green Paper' last year. Now it is industry's turn to show some guts and really get behind this opportunity. Industry must also bring something to the table to get the vision of the ground. CVIAQ is calling on you, the members to support the Heavy Vehicle Training facility by way of vehicle, component and resource donations to ensure that the very latest and relevant training resources are available to our apprentices.

Everyone talks about skills shortages and training quality as the two biggest issues we face. CVIAQ's vision for a world class training facility for our industry addresses both of these problems at their core. As Rob said "it's a once in a lifetime opportunity". Let's make the best of it.

The Trade and Technician Skills Institute will provide training in the Brisbane metropolitan area from major campuses at Acacia Ridge on the south-side and Eagle Farm on the north-side.

It will also provide trade training through major trade training centres in regional TAFE institutes at Cairns, Bundaberg, Gladstone, the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Mt Isa, Rockhampton, the Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville/Thuringowa, and from other sites throughout Queensland.

The 20 hectare site at Acacia Ridge will be the home for the delivery of apprentice training to the heavy vehicle and machinery trades as well as accommodating the general automotive trades.

This enables trades common to both the heavy and light vehicle sectors such as Auto Electrician to have access to complete resources.

Development of the Institute will take approximately two years before it is operational ■

action now



CVIAQ Golf Day ~

Book early and reserve your place.

Booking Form enclosed.

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Service Managers' Council

Delegates of the Council have met to formulate a proposal for the forthcoming review of A DR 65 Maximum Road Speed Limiting for Heavy Goods Vehicles and heavy Omnibuses. The appointed working group has made a number of recommendations for the proposal to update the Rule. These proposals will now be collated and form the basis of the CVIAQ submission for the review.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 24th and will discuss the CVIAQ proposal for the new Acadia Ridge College as well as the A DR 65 review proposal.

The Council will also be updated on the proposed Chain of Responsibility Legislation on Vehicle Standards being considered by the National Transport Commission. The introduction of the proposed legislation will impact on all service providers to heavy vehicle users.

Next Meeting CVIAQ House

12 Swann Road Taringa

Wednesday 24 May

Commencing at 9:30am

RSVP

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CVIAQ Golf Day

To support 2006 Apprentice of the Year Award

The CVIAQ Golf Day is to be held on Wednesday June 7th. This year the event proceeds will assist the Association to fund the CVIAQ Apprentice of the Year Award.

This Award is highly regarded by industry and the support from the event will ensure the continuation of this proud tradition. The Apprentice of the Year Award was first presented 1980 and has provided recognition of the achievements of Queensland's finest heavy vehicle apprentices to this day.

The CVIAQ Golf Day to be held at the impressive Brookwater Golf Club will start at 8:30 with registration and a "shotgun start" at 10:00.

The Brookwater course designed by Greg Norman offers players a challenging and picturesque environment to enjoy their day out. All teams will be provided with GPS equipped golf carts as well as lunch/survival packs and on course refreshments will be available.

Team bookings are available including 2 players, green fees and the post game presentation. The Day's competition will be a "4 Ball Ambrose".

Sponsorship packages for industry start with the Nearest to Pin, Longest Drive and Shortest Drive competitions and for those wishing to sponsor a Corporate Hole the opportunity to have a major presence at the event.

Corporate Hole sponsorships will include fees for four players as a part of the package.

The post game festivities will see the presentation of the

competition prizes while members and guests enjoy the excellent facilities and catering at Brookwater Golf Club.

For further information please see the Booking Form on www.cviaq.asn.au or contact John Samson at CVIAQ j.samson@cviaq.asn.au

Winners of the 2004 CVIAQ Golf Day



MTU Detroit Diesel Team ~ L to R: Trevor Young, Bob Nolan, Shane Keim and Jason Benedetti

Queensland Transport Extends 26m B-Double Class Permit

All 26m B-Doubles running in Queensland are currently running under a Class Permit issued in September 2005 by Queensland Transport. These arrangements are in place pending the implementation of the legislation approved by the Australian Transport Council in 2005.

The current class permit expires on 30 April 2006. Procedures for the approval and certification of FUPS and Cab Strength requirements called for under the new legislation are not yet finalised requiring the extension of the permit date.

The permit No 038-TH-06 will now remain in force until 31 October 2006. Copies of the Permit may be obtained from:

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/LTASinfo.nsf/index/mc_home

TIC and CVIAA release industry code for 26m B-DOUBLES

The Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) and the Truck Industry Council (TIC) have released their Industry Code for the plating requirements of 26m B-Doubles.

The Industry Code provides the national industry agreed approach to the Approval Plating of 26 metre long B-Doubles. The CVIAA & TIC have worked closely with the relevant road agencies to ensure that Approval Plates designed and fitted following the code are in accordance with the legislative requirements of each jurisdiction.

The code which is in the form of an Information Brochure will come into effect on the 1st April 2006.

Terry Pennington, Executive Officer TIC said *"It is essential that a national approach to 26 Metre B-double plating requirements be established, not only for truck manufacturers and the aftermarket, but also for enforcement agencies. This has been achieved through co-operation between industry and government. This*

industry code will be a useful tool for all those involved in 26 Metre B-double operations."

Brett Wright, National Secretary CVIAA commented *"We are appreciative of the co-operation of all road agencies in the development of this code. Many points had to be resolved in what is a very complex issue and we were able to work through them in a positive environment and come out with a very good outcome for enforcement agencies and industry."*



**Industry Code
26 metre B-Double
Plating Requirements
April 2006**

Hard copies of the Information Brochure have been distributed nationally in Australian Transport News and Truck & Trailer Australia this month and are available from the CVIAA and TIC.

An electronic version of the code is available now on www.cviaq.asn.au.

@ Work & Play QLD on Show

NSW Skilled Staff Recruitment Expo

CVIAQ is calling for expressions of interest from Members wishing to attract skilled workers from interstate.

APN News & Media in conjunction with the Queensland State Government are holding a recruitment expo @ Work & Play QLD on Show over 3 days at Sydney Showground in the Dome from 11-13 August 2006.

The Expo will be held to attract skilled workers to Queensland and will highlight the lifestyle advantages and employment opportunities available in our state.

To help alleviate the current industry skills shortage the CVIAQ is considering attending the Expo on behalf of the members in Queensland. Members interested in promoting job opportunities through the CVIAQ at the Expo should contact CVIAQ.

For complete information on the promotion visit the @ Work & Play website <http://www.queenslandonshow.com.au/>.

To register your interest in the expo please contact John Samson at the CVIAQ Office phone 3876 7733 or j.samson@cviaq.asn.au by email.



Fuel Tax Credit Changes events calendar

The Federal Government has announced changes to the method of claiming fuel tax credits on diesel fuel purchases for heavy road vehicles effective as of 1 July 2006.

To be eligible for credits vehicles > 4.5t must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be manufactured on or after 1 Jan 1996 (includes older vehicles fitted with post 1 Jan 1996 engines)
- Be part of an accredited audited maintenance program
- Meet the Australian Transport Council's in service emission standard
- Comply with an Australian Government endorsed maintenance schedule.

It is likely members will receive enquiries in relation to emission testing pre 1996 vehicles for certification that they meet the ATC in service emission standard.

The test is the NEPM DT80 test which must be carried out by a certified test facility. The certificate of compliance will be issued for a two year period and will need to be maintained for tax credits to apply. We have not yet received information on the requirements for testing facilities but will supply this as soon as it becomes available.

For further information please visit <http://www.ato.gov.au/content/downloads/n15232-04-2006.pdf>. This document "Moving from the energy grants credits scheme to fuel tax credits" is the latest information available from the tax office.

Baby News Update

Members will be pleased to hear that CVIAQ Office Manager Julie-Anne Parfitt gave birth to a healthy 3.4kg baby boy on Thursday 20th April. Julie-Anne and husband Tony are pleased at the arrival of Zachary Locke and are now looking forward to the massive family change that this happy event will bring.



The CVIAQ has congratulated the Parfitt family on behalf of the entire membership.

May

24 Service Managers' Council Meeting

June

7 Golf Day ~ **BROOKWATER**

July

11 Manufacturers' Council Meeting

August

12 Charity Dinner

September

6 Training Council Meeting

October

4 Service Managers' Council Meeting

14 Annual Dinner & Awards Night

18 Annual General Meeting

November

14 Manufacturers' Council Meeting



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