



Member Newsletter

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President Sharon O'Phee, the Board of Directors, Brett, Paul, Tracey and Julie-Anne would like to extend their sincerest best wishes to all members and their families for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2007.



QUEENSLAND TRUCK & MACHINERY SHOW
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show news

2007 Qld Truck & Machinery Show has an Accommodation Partner

The CVIAQ has appointed the Lido Group as the official accommodation and related travel agent for the 2007 Qld Truck and Machinery Show.

The success of The Lido Group has been built on the philosophy of offering clients outstanding service and guaranteed exceptional value. Lido's team of accommodation and travel professionals have been sourced specifically from hotel, serviced apartment, hospitality and travel backgrounds and is backed up with custom built booking and reservation technology.

Lido's aim is to make exhibitor and visitor experiences in purchasing accommodation and travel as simple and cost effective as possible.

To obtain discounted rates at a wide range of hotels and apartments close to the RNA Showgrounds, click onto the Lido booking page in the accommodation section at www.truckandmachineryshow.com.au.



Exposervice Appointed Logistics Partner for the 2007 Qld Truck & Machinery Show

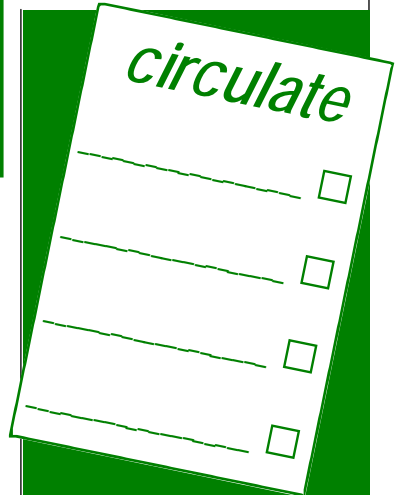
The CVIAQ has also appointed, once again, Exposervice as the logistical partner for transport and on-site materials handling at the 2007 Qld Truck and Machinery Show.

Exposervice can provide complete transport, handling and storage for your product and display equipment and will have an Exhibition Manager and show staff on-site during the move in/move out and throughout the

exhibition. Exposervice also uses specialised transport to move fragile and expensive displays and will provide any special handling equipment necessary to get your stand up and running.

To access the logistical services of Exposervice please complete the booking form that will be available on-line in the exhibitor section at www.truckandmachineryshow.com.au in early 2007.

Please ensure that prior to booking any logistical services you have organised your move-in schedule with the CVIAQ.



action now

Update your diary with the 2007 CVIAQ events *see page 4*

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CVIAQ Wins Fight to Retain Apprenticeship Durations

In late 2005, The CVIAQ provided a submission to the Training and Employment Recognition Council (TERC) to challenge amendments to the nominal duration of a number of qualifications used by members.

Subsequently, a delegation from CVIAQ comprising Mr Brett Wright (CVIAQ), Mrs Sharon O'Phee (O'Phee Trailers) and Mr Derek Marriott (Cummins Engine Company) attended a hearing with TERC to promote the CVIAQ position in challenging the proposed shortening of apprenticeship nominal durations.

The qualifications in concern were:

AUM35101 Certificate 111 in Automotive Manufacturing (Bus/Truck/Trailer)

AUR30199 Certificate 111 in Automotive (Electrical)

AUR30605 Certificate 111 in Automotive (Mechanical Diesel Fuel Specialist)

MEM30298 Certificate 111 in Engineering - Mechanical (Diesel Fitter)

As a result the nominal durations for the AUM35101, AUR30199 and MEM30298 remain at 48 months. The expected duration, generally defined as the target for early completion of an apprenticeship, has been set at 42 months for MEM30298.

The nominal and expected duration for AUR30605 Certificate 111 in Automotive (Mechanical Diesel Fuel Specialist) has been reduced to 36 months. This amendment is supported by the CVIAQ.

For further information on amendments to nominal and expected apprenticeship durations, please go to link:

http://www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/client/about_us/skillsplan/comp_apprent.html



Ferguson returns as Labor's Transport Man

Labor powerbroker Martin Ferguson will return to the opposition transport portfolio as part of a reshuffled front bench under new leader Kevin Rudd.

Ferguson takes responsibility for transport, roads and tourism, a similar position to that held at the last election before he switched to become Labor's resources spokesperson.

The Victorian won friends in the trucking industry during his two separate stints as the shadow minister. He won top marks from lobby groups at the last election for his support of Government initiatives on diesel grants and effective life.

Labor's former transport spokesperson, Senator Kerry O'Brien, has been moved to the primary industries, fisheries and forestry portfolio.

Transport industry leaders will also welcome Labor's emphasis on infrastructure. Anthony Albanese will head up a water and infrastructure portfolio, and Labor has already announced it will establish a commission for infrastructure provision.

cviaq council news

Manufacturers' Council Meets in November

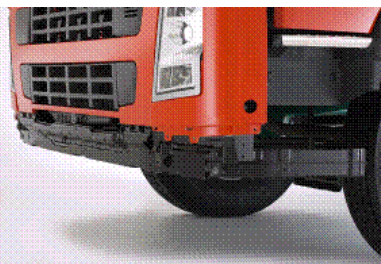
The CVIAQ Manufacturers' Council met for their November Meeting at the new CVIAQ premises at Darra. The meeting was chaired by CVIAQ CEO Mr Brett Wright. The meeting was well attended and the busy agenda included:

- An overview of the National Transport Commission draft proposal whereby semi-trailers and prime movers fitted with twin steer axles could carry heavier loads
- A report to the meeting on the recently released Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) from the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTaRS) on Underrun Protection

- An overview of a discussion paper which sets out the National Transport Commission's (NTC) proposal to permit more general use of quad axle groups in semi-trailers and B-doubles

The council reviewed the above documents and provided feedback for the CVIAQ to respond where required on behalf of the industry.

The next Manufacturers' Council Meeting will be held after the Qld Truck & Machinery Show on Wednesday 6th June 2007.



Service Managers' Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Service Managers' Council will be held at the CVIAQ office at 82 Westcombe Street Darra on Wednesday 7th February 2007.

The meeting will commence at 9.30am. Morning tea will be served, with the meeting to end at 11.45am. Please RSVP Tracey Phipps with your attendance at t.phipps@cviaq.asn.au.

Service Managers' Council Meeting

82 Westcombe Street Darra
Wednesday 7 February 2007

Commencing at 9:30am

National Transport Commission News

Accreditation Lifts the Safety Bar

A proposal for a new national heavy vehicle accreditation framework builds on research which shows accredited trucks are 2.5 times safer.

Accredited heavy vehicles¹ are up to 2.5 times safer than non-accredited vehicles, according to a discussion paper released by the National Transport Commission (NTC). If non-accredited articulated trucks on the Eastern Seaboard achieved the same improved safety performance, the crash rate could be halved.

"Operators who maintain and load their vehicles to national standards are safer. We know externally audited accreditation works," said NTC CEO Nick Dimopoulos. "Our challenge now is to improve the system and deliver even further road safety gains."

The NTC has released a discussion paper *Policy Review of Road Transport Heavy Vehicle Accreditation* to explore the options available. A modular framework, which allows certified industry schemes to deliver services to nationally agreed standards, is identified as the preferred approach.

Mr Dimopoulos said the review is timely as governments consider extending audited accreditation to manage driver fatigue and performance-based SMART trucks. Good operators who manage road safety risks will benefit under this approach.

"In practice, accreditation can give vehicles maintained in a safe condition an exemption from time-consuming annual vehicle inspections. You can carry heavier loads because we know properly maintained suspensions cause less road damage.

Mr Dimopoulos added that an increased emphasis on self-compliance should allow governments to better target enforcement resources on those who operate outside national accredited schemes.

Expansion of the Higher Mass Limits Network

Queensland has a policy allowing vehicles fitted with road friendly suspension to carry more freight on routes that are capable of accepting higher masses.

The Queensland and Commonwealth Governments have entered into a Bilateral Infrastructure Agreement (BIFA) in accordance with the Auslink program. The BIFA encourages a staged rollout of extensions to the existing HML network in conjunction with additional responsibilities for road transport operators.

From October 2006, the Queensland Government will expand the number of higher mass limits approved routes, to meet its



obligations under the Commonwealth Government's Auslink program.

Queensland's current policy for requesting extensions will still apply while BIFA obligations for both the Queensland Government and road freight industry are met.

Higher mass limit routes are approved only after an agreement to use the road has been obtained from the road owner, and the proposal has been endorsed by Queensland Transport/Main Roads.

To view higher mass limits maps go to link:
http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/LTASinfo.nsf/index/hml_maps_home

Updated Australian Road Rules now Available

The latest version of the Australian Road Rules is now available for download from the National Transport Commission (NTC) website. The updated version incorporates all amendments approved by the Australian Transport Council up to and including June 2006. To download a copy of the Rules go to the link:

<http://www.ntc.gov.au/ViewPage.aspx?page=A02207505300940020>

Standards Australia

Standards Australia has announced that the Australian Standard AS 5062-2006 Fire Protection for mobile and transportable equipment has now been published.

The standard sets out the fire risk management process for mobile and transportable equipment including vehicles. It also sets out the design, installation, commissioning, maintenance and listing requirements for engineered and pre-engineered fire protection systems installed on mobile and transportable equipment.

For a copy of the standard, go to www.saiglobal.com/shop/script/search.asp.

CVIAQ Office Hours



The CVIAQ office will be closed as of end of business on Friday 22nd December 2006 and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2007.

2007 Public Holidays

01/01/07	New Years Day	Monday
26/01/07	Australia Day	Friday
06/04/07	Good Friday	Friday
09/04/07	Easter Monday	Monday
25/04/07	Anzac Day	Wednesday
07/05/07	Labour Day	Monday
11/06/07	Queens Birthday	Monday
15/08/07	Ekka	Wednesday
25/12/07	Christmas	Tuesday
26/12/07	Boxing Day	Wednesday

CVIAQ Welcomes New Members

>>> **Demount Australia**
Member contact: Mike Hancock
 Manufacturers of intelligent transport technologies.

>>> **Air Brake Services**
Member contact: George Green
 A specialist brake company, Air Brake Services design and manufacture brake components.

>>> O'Brien Glass

Member contact: Marina Saliba
 O'Brien Glass is recognised as the market leader in both automotive and building glass & glass replacement, offering a truly national service.

O'Brien can replace any piece of vehicle glass – including heated rear windows, electric windows, and small vents – in any vehicle – from cars to buses and trucks to tractors.

events calendar

February

7 Service Managers' Council Meeting

March

24 CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner

April

1 Apprentice of the Year Award - nominations open

1 Industry Recognition Award - nominations open

May

17-20



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18-19 National Apprentice Challenge

June

5 Manufacturers' Council Meeting

July

4 Service Managers' Council Meeting

August

19 Industry Recognition Award - nominations close

24 Apprentice of the Year Award - nominations close

October

6 CVIAQ Annual Dinner

24 Annual General Meeting

November

6 Manufacturers' Council Meeting

December

5 Service Managers' Council Meeting

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