



Member Newsletter

26 Metre B-Double Vehicle Standards Bulletin and Information Brochure

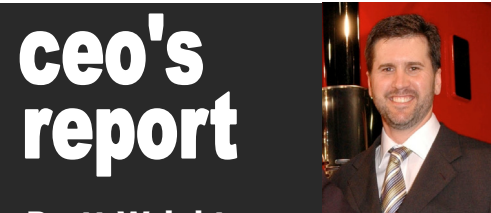
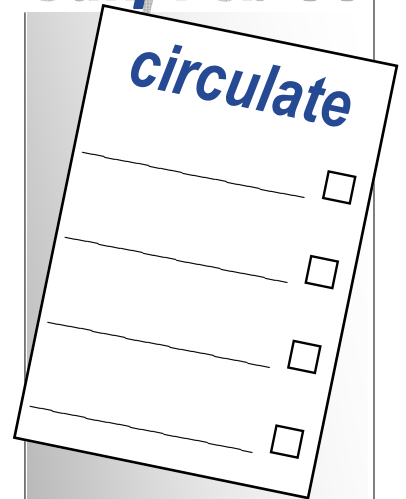
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CVIAQ has recently circulated a copy of the draft Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) "Certification and Proof of Compliance Requirements - UN ECE R93 Front Under run Protection Devices and UN ECE R29 Cab Strength Requirements" to all CVIAQ Member contacts and Manufacturer Council contacts for comment.

CVIAQ is developing the document in conjunction with

Queensland Transport, RTA of NSW, VicRoads, Transport SA and the Truck Industry Council (TIC) to bring about uniform arrangements for truck and bullbar manufacturers and other allied companies wishing to certify for FUP and Cab Strength. The current interim arrangements will expire on the 31st March 2006 in most states and it is intended for the VSB to take effect from 1st April 2006.

In addition, an information brochure has been drafted to provide details on the general operational and plating requirements of 26m B-Doubles to inform the wider industry. This will be produced shortly and be distributed throughout a number of Australia's leading transport magazines, road agencies and of course directly from the CVIAQ, CVIAA states and the TIC ■



ceo's report

Brett Wright

COAG Agrees on National Approach to Training...

In a Communiqué from the Council of Australian Governments' Meeting held on 10 February 2006 in Canberra the council, comprising the Prime Minister, Premiers, Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association reached agreement on a number of measures to "underpin a new genuinely national approach to apprenticeships, training and skills recognition and alleviate skill shortages currently evident in some parts of the economy."

We hear of a lot of agreements and understandings coming out of politicians but we must take note of the measures agreed to by COAG. You can access the full Communiqué on the web at <http://www.coag.gov.au/meetings/100206/index.htm#apprenticeships>

Some of the measures COAG has agreed to include:

- A stronger commitment to quality training through national based auditing and quality standards for registered training organisations,
- Enable people with trade qualifications to move more freely around Australia without undergoing additional testing and registration processes in skills shortage trades by June 2007,
- Make it easier for migrants with skills to Australian standards to work as soon as they reach Australia,

- By December 2006 arrangements that allow apprentices and trainees to work as qualified tradesmen and tradeswomen as soon as they have demonstrated competency to industry standards, without having to wait out a set time period or make special application.
- New funding to be agreed between the Commonwealth and States and Territories on a bilateral basis will be provided to help training organisations and assessment centres establish or improve recognition processes.

These measures are of major relevance to CVIAQ members. Industry must be diligent and ensure government recognises our needs when it comes to the proposed competency based training assessment and the 'signing off' of apprentices as tradesmen.

"technical competency is not the only prerequisite industry requires..."

CVIAQ and its member delegations have already made a number of representations to the Queensland Government regarding proposals contained in their recent Training 'Green Paper' and made it clear that technical competency is not the only prerequisite industry requires an apprentice to achieve when becoming a tradesman.

The decision making ability of a tradesman working on a piece of equipment worth hundreds of thousand of dollars is crucial. It can cost employers dearly if not exercised properly and only comes with experience and maturity.

We are entering a phase in training policy where true competency based assessment of qualifications may not allow for the human element of training. CVIAQ will continue to advise government to recognise the human elements of a tradesman's competency and therefore avoid a potential deterrent to employing and training apprentices ■

action now!

Update your diary with the 2006 CVIAQ events



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Service Managers' Council Report



The Council held their first meeting for 2006 on Wednesday 8th February. The busy agenda for the meeting saw Chairman Mr Roger Davey (pictured left) from DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles returned to the position for another year with Mr Derek Marriott of Cummins Engine Co elected Vice Chair. Congratulations to Roger and Derek.

The meeting adopted a new format for the agenda that is designed to help get through the workload and ensure productive use of members time. The Council will also assign working groups to work on issues and report back to the next meeting rather than deal with complex issues on the spot.

The meeting appointed a working group to respond to the proposed DoTaRS review of ADR 65 Maximum Road Speed Limiting for Heavy Vehicles and Heavy Omnibuses and to further examine technology for measuring real time vehicle road speed that is practical for use by service personnel.

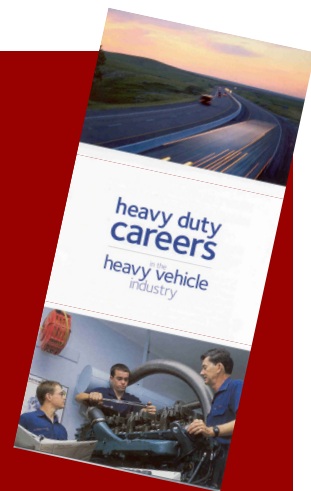
Also on the agenda were the 2007 Apprentice Skills

Competition rules, TAFE Industry Reference Groups, TAFE training resource requirements and apprenticeship durations.

CVIAQ CEO Mr Brett Wright reported to the meeting on the approval of Front Underrun Protection Devices for operation with 26m B-Doubles. The approval process for bull bars to be used as a FUP Device has caused significant confusion in the heavy vehicle community. Mr Wright outlined the process as it exists today and outlined the CVIAQ proposal to the State Transport Authorities to have Bull Bars certified by competent entities.

The meeting discussed content and layout for a heavy vehicle mechanical trades brochure suitable for use with schools when promoting the industry. This brochure will be used in conjunction with the existing careers brochure as well as planned brochures for trailer and body trades and spare parts.

The meeting welcomed back Mr Chris Amos from Moreton TAFE who has recently returned to his position after a period of working in the Department of Employment and Training.



Manufacturers' Council Meeting

The CVIAQ Manufacturers' Council will meet on Tuesday March 14 at CVIAQ House 12 Swann Rd Taringa commencing at 9:30am.

The Council already has a busy agenda with the NTC Performance Based Heavy Vehicle Braking proposal documented in this newsletter and developments with the 26m B-Double implementation.

The Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting and we look forward to seeing members there on the day.

CVIAQ House

12 Swann Rd Taringa
Tuesday 14 March
 Commencing at 9:30am

Training Council Meeting

The first 2006 meeting of the CVIAQ Training Council will be held Wednesday 5 April.

"This paper will set the pattern for apprentice training for many years to come..."

The meeting will be at CVIAQ House 12 Swann Rd Taringa and will commence at 9:30am.

It is anticipated that the Department of Employment and Training will have released the White Paper on *skills for jobs and growth*. This paper will set the pattern for apprentice training for many years to come and is of vital importance to our industry.

The Training Council will (provided that the White Paper is released) examine the paper and work on the CVIAQ Training Plan to ensure that the industry has access to the best training available.

As the Training Council was an integral part of the extensive response to the previous Green Paper on this topic it is hoped that our needs are recognised and acted upon by government.

The Council will also examine its work plan for the year and allocate resources accordingly.

National Transport Commission

Performance Based Heavy Vehicle Braking Rule Proposed

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released a discussion paper "**National Heavy Vehicle Braking Strategy**" for public comment. The paper will be followed up with a series of workshops (*see "STOP PRESS !!!"*) with industry and transport regulators. The report proposes short-term amendments to existing design rules and vehicle standards, leading to the production of a Performance Based national braking rule.

The NTC's Mr Tony Wilson advised that "a new Performance Based national braking rule is needed. This will allow braking regulations to cut across the growing number of technical issues and focus on the outcome – a vehicle combination with safe braking characteristics".

"Regulation which attempts to prescribe the technology will always struggle to keep pace with new brake innovations. A Performance Based approach sets minimum standards for braking in all load conditions, without stipulating how it is done," he said.

The key elements of a proposed braking strategy are

described as including:

- New Performance rules—supporting national minimum standards for stopping distance and directional control; to be developed in the medium term, and to apply to in-service combination vehicles and brake replacement materials, in addition to new vehicles.
- Short term safety amendments, to be implemented as important 'stepping stones' to the new rule, including:
 - Extending the requirement for wheel lock-up protection (ABS function) to all new motor vehicles, and to single trailers that carry dangerous goods (matching the existing requirement for B-Doubles);
 - For new and existing combination vehicles—improved specification of unladen brake compatibility, and the means for its ready calculation;
 - The regulation of replacement parts for new and in-service brake performance; and
 - A new Industry Code of Practice to improve brake balance and performance for existing combination vehicles.

The CVIAQ Manufacturers' Council will examine this proposal at their March 14 meeting and formulate a response to be sent to the NTC.

Standards Australia

Standards Australia has published a new draft of DR 05570 (a revision of AS1418.11-2004) Cranes Hoists and Winches – Part 11: Vehicle Loading Cranes.

The major change in the draft is the addition of a new Section 5 covering specific requirements for side loading cranes. Members wishing to obtain a copy of the draft can receive a free download from:

<http://www.saiqlobal.com/shop/script/Search.asp>



STOP PRESS !!!

CVIAQ to host National Transport Commission Brake Project Workshop...

The CVIAQ will host the NTC workshop at the **Mt Ommaney Hotel Apartments, Cnr Centenary Hwy & Dandenong Road Mt Ommaney, commencing 8:30am, Friday 3 March 2006.**

All CVIAQ members and the wider industry are invited to attend.

Please advise your attendance by contacting Tracey at CVIAQ on 07 3876 7733 or email t.phipps@cviaq.asn.au.

The workshop is a part of the NTC strategy to examine new technology and future heavy vehicle braking regulations (*refer article above*).

CVIAQ to Relocate

CVIAQ House is now under contract to be sold and re-developed. The site is to be part of a larger re-development involving the entire block on the corner of Swann and Moggill Roads.

The Board of Directors has accepted an offer from the developers for the purchase of the property with settlement due in June this year.

The Association is looking to purchase a new premises and ideally will relocate to a site in the South West of Brisbane to remain close to the Industry.

The Board has identified the key building requirements to enable the Association to identify a site that will provide the best service to members.

Tools for Your Trade Program

Members should be aware that the *Tools for Your Trade* Program entitles new apprentices in the mechanical trades and in Bus Truck and Trailer Manufacture to an \$800 tool kit after completion of three months of their apprenticeship.



This is an initiative of the Federal Government as part of the new Apprenticeship Scheme and is at no cost to the employer.

Employers will have received a verification form provided by *Tools for Your Trade* to be completed after the three month period. They will then receive a voucher to cover the purchase of the tools.

Long time CVIAQ member and supporter Mr Doug Warby of Warby Tools has advised that Sidchrome Tools has commenced a promotion where bonus tools and tool boxes are available to eligible apprentices. Bonus amounts vary from \$378 - \$1236 dependant on the level of tool kit purchased.

Members wanting further information should call Doug Warby on 07 3848 2232.

For information on the program visit:
www.toolsforyourtrade.com.au

CVIAQ Board of Directors

The Board has appointed Mr Derek Marriott of Cummins Engine Co to fill the casual vacancy created by the retirement of Mr Tony O'Leary at the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

Mr Marriott was welcomed at the December meeting and his election will bring many years of industry experience to the Board.

At the December meeting Mr Glen Lewis advised the Board that he was resigning from his position as a Director.

CVIAQ President Mrs Sharon O'Phee thanked Glen for his valuable contribution to the Association and for his dedication to the organisation of the extremely successful Charity Dinner to aid the Leukaemia Foundation.

events calendar

March

- 3 NTC/CVIAQ - Brake Project Workshop
- 14 Manufacturers' Council Meeting

April

- 5 Training Council Meeting

June

TBA Golf Day ~ **BROOKWATER**

- 7 Service Managers' Council Meeting

July

- 11 Manufacturers' Council Meeting
- 29 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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