



Member Newsletter

March 06

National Transport Commission/CVIAQ Brake Project Workshop...

Members met at the Mt Ommaney Hotel Apartments complex on Friday 3 March.

The National Transport Commission's consultant Dr Peter Hart provided information on the NTC's National Heavy Vehicle Braking Strategy.

The project will review strategy and priorities for improving the safety performance and regulation of Australia's fleet of new and in-service heavy vehicles. Dr Hart's presentation gave a comprehensive look at future braking options to be considered in the establishment

of legislative requirements.

The current regulatory approach to braking is challenged by the introduction of new brake technologies that increase the range of possible permutations and in-service compatibility issues, particularly for combination vehicles.

There is also an identified need to consolidate braking regulations and achieve consistency for new and in-service vehicles, including the regulation of replacement parts.

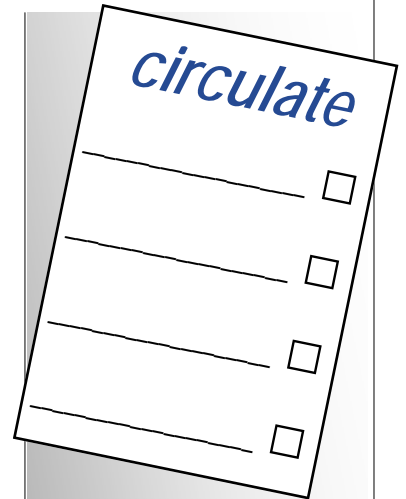
The key elements of a proposed braking strategy are

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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.

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action now!

Date changes for the following:

- Next Service Mgrs' Council Meeting
- Golf Day
- Charity Dinner

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CVIAQ Web Site ~ www.cviaq.asn.au



Members may have noticed that access to our web site www.cviaq.asn.au was down during this month. The reason for this is that the brand new web site being developed in house is now ready for launch. The new interface will assist members and the public in finding their way around the site and ensure the easy distribution of information by the CVIAQ.

The site has now commenced operation and will provide an excellent resource for members and industry for information and news. CVIAQ has tried hard to achieve a user friendly web site while still retaining the wealth of information that the industry requires in a format that makes it easy to locate what you need.

Members comments and suggestions on the site format and content are welcome. Please email all responses to website@cviaq.asn.au

CVIAQ Golf Day ♦♦♦♦ 7 June 2006

The popular CVIAQ Golf Day is on again held Wednesday 7 June.

Look for your Booking Form in the upcoming April Newsletter edition.

A few changes to the last Golf Day have been set with CVIAQ CEO, Mr Brett Wright announcing that apprentices are to benefit from the Golf Day proceeds, as the day will support the CVIAQ Apprentice of the Year Award.

You will be able to join your fellow members and industry guests for a

“Apprentices to benefit from Golf Day proceeds...”



2005 Apprentice of the Year
MATTHEW BROWN
Volvo Truck & Bus

great day out at Brookwater Golf Club with a round of golf and some great prizes to be won.

The event will feature a “shotgun start” and an Ambrose team competition.

Sponsorship of holes will also be available and this will enable you to display your corporate banner at the event.

Remember:
Booking Form available in the April Newsletter edition.

National Transport Commission/CVIAQ Brake Project Workshop...

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.

Members provided direct feedback on the strategy to the NTC. There was considerable discussion on the regulation of replacement parts and on possible methods of calculating brake performance without having to perform expensive vehicle testing.

The CVIAQ will respond to the proposal on behalf of members. Copies of the proposal can be found on the NTC website www.ntc.gov.au

The proposals are to be further developed and refined through public consultation and workshops with industry and road safety regulators, culminating with the NTC's submission of a Heavy Vehicle Braking Strategy to Australian Transport Council later in 2006.

Manufacturers' Council Meeting

The Council met at CVIAQ House on Tuesday March 14.

The meeting was well attended and had a busy agenda including:

Review of:

- ADR 42 General Safety Requirements
- ADR 43 Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions
- ADR 44 Specific Purpose Vehicle Requirements
- Wheel Guards
- National Heavy Vehicle Braking Strategy
- Oversize Overmass Regulation Review
- Draft Vehicle Standards Bulletin: FUPS and Cab Strength

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

CVIAQ CEO, Mr Brett Wright spoke to the meeting about the CVIAQ produced Draft Vehicle Standards Bulletin: FUPS and Cab Strength. Mr Wright provided details on the procedures contained in the draft and explained the process of certification.



Training Council Meeting

The next meeting of the CVIAQ Training Council will be on Wednesday 5 April at CVIAQ House 12 Swann Rd commencing at 9:30am.

This meeting will closely examine the recently released State Government White Paper "Queensland Skills Plan" (see page three).

The CVIAQ has for some time been formulating an extensive Vocational Education and Training strategy and it is now time to review VET issues to maintain consistency with government direction. Members wishing to download a copy of the Queensland Skills Plan should visit www.cviaq.asn.au where we have a copy available for download.

There are significant potential improvements available to the industry and we need to take maximum advantage of these opportunities. It is no secret that skills shortages are the most critical issue facing our industry at this time. So come to the meeting if you have a stake in training in our industry.

CVIAQ House

12 Swann Rd Taringa

Wednesday 5 April

Commencing at 9:30am

Queensland Government

The Queensland Government has now launched the White Paper on vocational training "Queensland Skills Plan".

This plan is the long anticipated result of community and industry responses to the Green Paper *Queensland's proposed responses to the challenges of skills for jobs and growth.*

The CVIAQ submitted a substantial response to the Green Paper and asked for significant change to the vocational system for the heavy vehicle sector.

CVIAQ President Mrs Sharon O'Phee and CEO Mr Brett Wright recently attended a White Paper industry briefing conducted by Department of Employment and Training (DET) Director General Scott Flavell and Deputy Director Chris Robinson.

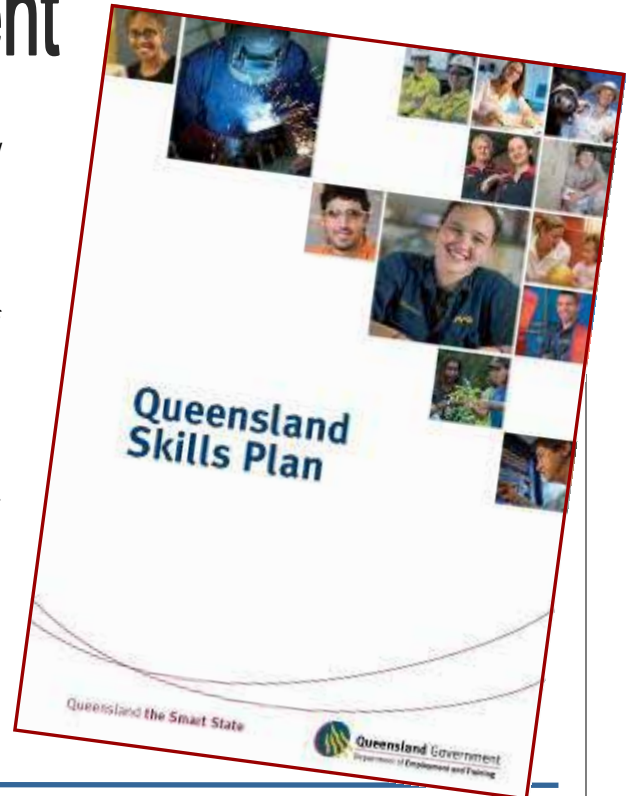
The briefing was held prior to the launch of the Plan by Premier Peter Beattie and Minister Tom Barton.

It is pleasing to note that following the

CVIAQ submission and subsequent lobbying the Skills Plan now specifically includes an individual Skills Formation Strategy for the heavy vehicle repair sector.

Mrs Sharon O'Phee said that *"the Skills Plan offers the industry a way forward in addressing the current skills shortage that is causing so much concern and the ability to have an input into the training our staff receive".*

The CVIAQ will be working closely with DET staff in the future to ensure that the heavy vehicle industry receives the maximum benefit possible from the implementation of the skills plan.



Career Night at Corinda High

CVIAQ met with Corinda High School students at the Student Careers Night held to provide information to assist students in deciding on their future direction. The function was attended by CVIAQ staff and CVIAQ *Apprentice of the Year* - Mr Matthew Brown.

Matthew attended on behalf of the industry and proved to be a great ambassador. Students and parents were provided with information on careers in the heavy vehicle sector.

Head of the Senior School at Corinda High Mr Keith Bichel said *"It is terrific to have such good representation from industry at the function. Without the direct experience and information industry can supply it is hard for the students to make decisions on their future.*

We need to work closely with local industry to ensure that we can continue to find placements for students to experience a real world environment and workplace."

The CVIAQ will continue to work with Corinda High School and with other schools in the South West area to ensure industry exposure to future apprentices and trainees.

CVIAQ is currently working with school representatives to organise the 2006 *Schools to Industry Tour* to be held around mid year.

The tour will enable students with an interest in a career in the industry to sample a cross section of careers and employers available to them.



The tour will follow the same format as in the past with three member businesses visited by students bussed to their premises.

Students will visit an Engine Manufacturer, a Truck Service Facility and a Trailer manufacturer.

This will provide a hands on perspective of jobs available to students including sales, administration and parts departments as well as the more traditional trades skills.

Students will be drawn from the 25 High Schools in the South West Local Community Partnership area and will be screened to ensure that those who attend are genuinely interested in heavy vehicle careers.

Members wanting more information on the tour or on placements for work experience should contact John Samson at CVIAQ on 3876 7733 or email to j.samson@cviaq.asn.au for tour details or contact details of your local school.

Leukaemia Foundation Thanks CVIAQ



Leukaemia Foundation CEO Peter Johnston visited the February CVIAQ Board Meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Leukaemia Foundation.

The CVIAQ Charity Dinner has so far contributed over \$300,000 to support the Foundation.

Peter gave a presentation where he detailed the activities of the Foundation and where they are spending money. Peter advised that the support given to the Foundation had enabled them to continue the following activities:

- Construct its fourth patient accommodation village in Queensland. The new village which is currently being built on Brisbane's south side near QE11 Hospital, is a 30 unit, \$7.5 million complex which provides patients and their families from rural and remote areas with free accommodation and access to educational, practical and patient support services.
- Provide 27,026 nights accommodation to patients and their families, respond to 17, 573 requests for assistance and provide transport for 2589 trips for treatment and social occasions, all completely free of charge.

Peter presented a plaque to the CVIAQ in thanks for the contribution they have made to the Foundation.

Peter said *"it would be impossible for the Leukaemia Foundation to function without the generosity of groups like the CVIAQ members. Their support and the support of the general community is vital to ensure the provision of services to people in dire need"*.



*Kindly accepted on behalf of the CVIAQ members...
L to R: John Grossman - Director, Sharon O'Phee - President, Peter Johnston (LFO), Ian Langton - Director.*

events calendar

April

5 Training Council Meeting

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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