



# Member Newsletter

## November 06

### 2006 CVIAQ Annual General Meeting

The 2006 Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at CVIAQ House. The Meeting marked the retirement of Board member Mr Mike Hancock of Scully Trucks. Mike, a Board member since the year 2000, was the President from 2003 -2005 and the Vice President from 2002-2003 and 2005-2006.

The meeting saw Mrs Sharon O'Phee re-elected to the position of President with Mr John Grossman accepting the Vice President's role. Mrs Sharon O'Phee and Mr Ray Smithers were due by rotation to stand for re-election. Mr Smithers was also returned to his position. Mr Derek Marriott, having been appointed to fill a casual vacancy in 2005 was elected as a member of the Board. Mr Chris Musch was also elected to fill a vacant position on the Board.

The CVIAQ Board of Directors for 2006/7 is as follows:

#### President

Mrs Sharon O'Phee O'Phee Trailers Pty Ltd

#### Vice President

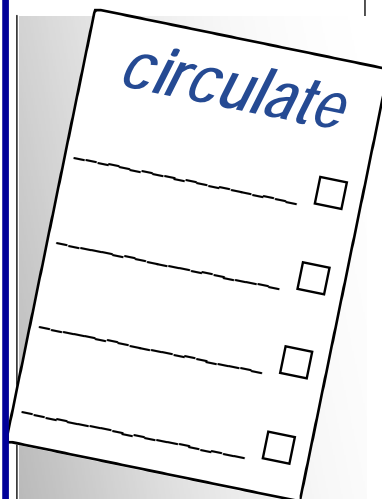
Mr John Grossman DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles

#### Board Members

- Mr Rob Brown The Brown & Hurley Group Pty Ltd
- Mr Ian Langton Esanda Finance Ltd
- Mr Derek Marriott Cummins Engine Company Pty Ltd
- Mr Bob Martin Jost Australia Pty Ltd
- Mr Chris Musch Isuzu Australia Limited
- Mr Ray Smithers Volvo Commercial Vehicles Australia



Front L-R: Bob Martin, Sharon O'Phee, John Grossman, Chris Musch  
Back L-R: Ian Langton, Ray Smithers, Rob Brown  
Absent: Derek Marriott



### action now

Update your address books & diaries...

- CVIAQ moves to new premises in November
- Manufacturers' Council Meeting held at new CVIAQ premises

### The Queensland Truck & Machinery Show Website to Launch in November...



Stage 1 of [www.truckandmachineryshow.com.au](http://www.truckandmachineryshow.com.au) is about to be launched. The first stage will have general information for exhibitors and visitors including dates, times, entry pricing, venue and transport information, site maps and show news.

The CVIAQ has endeavoured to create a user friendly website that provides all the show information that an exhibitor or visitor will require.

Stage 2 will provide more specific information to exhibitors including exhibitor lists, site maps and exhibitor services information. Exhibitors will be able to purchase VIP passes and tickets to the Cocktail Party online using a secure ordering system. The second stage should be available for exhibitors to access by January 2007.

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### CVIAQ Annual Dinner and Awards Night a Great Success

The CVIAQ acknowledged excellence from within its membership at the Annual Dinner and Awards Night held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

CVIAQ members, staff and invited guests gathered together at Hillstone St Lucia to enjoy a great dinner, entertainment and to celebrate the achievements of some of the industry's most talented members.

The entertainment, Elton & Friends, was enjoyed by all. Members and guests danced the night away to renditions of classic Elton John songs and a few other great memories from Mick Jagger, David Bowie and Rod Stewart thrown in for good measure.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement and presentation of the CVIAQ Apprentice of the Year Award. The 2006 award was won by Tom Higgins of Cummins



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Engine Company / TORGAS. Tom, an apprentice in Certificate III Heavy Commercial Vehicle Engineering - Mechanical, was presented with the Award, a laptop computer & printer and tools to the value of approximately \$4000.

The Industry Recognition Award for 2006 was presented to Mr Tony O'Leary from



**L-R:** Peter Johnston, Sharon O'Phee, Glen Lewis, Chris Musch, Mark Johnston

Tramanco for his exceptional contribution to the industry. Mr O'Leary, a past CVIAQ Board Director, was a dedicated member of the

CVIAQ Technical Committee (now the Manufacturers' Council) for many years and was intimately involved in the formulation of the Queensland Code of Practice for Commercial Motor Vehicle Modifications.

A bonus for the evening was the presentation of a cheque from the CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner Working Committee to Peter Johnston, CEO of the Leukaemia Foundation Qld. The cheque presentation was in recognition of the five years of collaboration between the CVIAQ and Leukaemia Foundation Qld which has raised funds in excess of half a million dollars through the annual CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner.

## The 2006 CVIAQ Apprentice of the Year Award

The presentation of the Apprentice of the Year Award took place during the CVIAQ Annual Dinner and Awards Night held at Hillstone St Lucia on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and was announced by Board Director Mr Bob Martin.

The **Apprentice of the Year Award** is an annual award open to final year apprentices from the heavy vehicle repair, service and manufacturing sectors. The entrants must be nominated by their employer and are judged by interview with a panel of members appointed by the Association.

The award is held in high regard by industry and has a history stretching back over twenty-five years. The Apprentice of the Year Award has provided a unique showcase for the talents of our best apprentices. Nominated apprentices are eligible for awards in three categories:

- Apprentice of the Year
- High Achievement Award
- Certificate of Merit

The judges chose five recipients for awards:

### CVIAQ Apprentice of the Year (photo shown)

Tom Higgins – Cummins Engine Company/TORGAS (HCV Engineering - Mechanical)



### High Achievement Award

Rafiq Deen – Mack Trucks Australia (HCV Mechanical)

Lee Rodgie - Cummins Engine Company/TORGAS (HCV Engineering - Mechanical)

### Certificate of Merit

Troy Richards – The Brown & Hurley Group (HCV Mechanical)

Ryan Stewart – Stewart & Sons Coaches (Bus, Truck & Trailer Manufacture)

The prize value for the awards was in excess of \$9,000 with the Apprentice of the Year receiving a laptop, software, printer and tools to the value of \$4,000.

The other award recipients shared tools to the value of \$5,000.

The CVIAQ applaud the generosity of its members who donated the funds raised from the annual CVIAQ Golf Day to the purchasing of the prize package for the award recipients. Many thanks also to Warby Tools for their share in the sponsorship of this award.



**“Tony, clearly a worthy award recipient...”**

## CVIAQ Industry Recognition Award

The 2006 CVIAQ Industry Recognition Award was awarded to **Mr Tony O'Leary of Tramanco**.

The presentation of the award took place during the CVIAQ Annual Dinner and Awards Night held at Hillstone St Lucia on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The CVIAQ Industry Recognition Award is presented annually to an industry member who has demonstrated excellence in performance, outstanding achievement and has made a significant contribution to the industry.

Tony was one of the most dedicated members of the CVIAQ Technical Committee which proceeded the current Manufacturers' Council and its various individual working groups since 1982 which formulated and drafted the Queensland Code of Practice for Commercial Motor Vehicle Modifications. This later became the National Code of Practice for Heavy Vehicle Modifications VSB6. The "Acknowledgements" section of the original publication provides a permanent record of the value that Queensland Transport placed on his contribution.

Tony has contributed extensively to a number of other technical areas including numerous reviews of Australian Design Rules and vehicle regulations over the last three decades. His technical expertise, ability to identifying possible misinterpretations and drafting clear unambiguous statements has been invaluable.

Tony's other significant contribution to industry was his long involvement on the CVIAQ Board of Directors which he joined in 1991 and served for 14 years until retiring at last year's Annual General Meeting. Tony's business experience in the vehicle modification sector was most valuable in ensuring a balanced sense of direction in planning the role of CVIAQ in industry affairs.

The award was presented to Tony (photo shown) on behalf of the CVIAQ Board of Directors by CVIAQ CEO Mr Brett Wright. Tony, clearly a worthy award recipient received acclaim from the members and guests present.

## Federal Government Unveils Skills for the Future Package

*Prime Minister John Howard recently unveiled new funding of \$837 million over five years to help build a more highly skilled and responsive workforce to support Australia's long-term economic growth.*

The primary focus of the *Skills for the Future* package is on raising the skills of Australia's adult workforce.

It also carries a clear message about the importance of upgrading skills over the course of an individual's working life and responds to demands from employers for a higher level of skills, a broader range of skills and more frequent updating of skills.



### More support for apprentices

The government will invest \$307 million over five years in new financial incentives to support mid-career workers undertaking a traditional trade apprenticeship.

From July 1, these incentives will be available each year for up to 10,000 people aged 30 and over who are starting an apprenticeship at the Certificate III or Certificate IV level in an occupation in high demand.

Those 30 and over already undertaking an apprenticeship in these occupations in July 2007 will also be eligible.

Howard estimates this initiative will more than double the number of people undertaking apprenticeships midway through their career.

### Business skills voucher for apprentices

To assist Australia's new breed of "worker-entrepreneur", from January 1 about 6,300 apprentices each year will receive vouchers of up to \$500 to contribute towards the costs of accredited business skills training, at a total cost of \$12.3 million over five years.

Apprentices who are undertaking an apprenticeship in a traditional trade will be eligible to apply for the voucher any time from the end of their second year until two years after completion.

The vouchers can be used in TAFEs and private or community colleges and will be separate to any business skills training provided as part of an apprenticeship.

## National Transport Commission News

### Single Pool Fixes Audit Frustrations

Transport operators who maintain their trucks and load vehicles under accredited schemes could save time and money following an agreement to consolidate auditing services.

In some circumstances, the transport industry faces costly multiple audits of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS), TruckSafe and WA Heavy Vehicle Accreditation. The new approach will draw on a single national pool of qualified and competent auditors to serve all three schemes.

"We're moving from an uncoordinated mixed bag of auditor competencies and duplicated paperwork, to a 'one stop auditor shop' for all three schemes. This will be achieved by introducing consistent auditor qualifications, working together on aligning audit dates and using a common reporting format," said National Transport Commission (NTC) CEO Nick Dimopoulos.

An overhaul of heavy vehicle accreditation to meet the industry's future needs is the subject of a discussion paper to be released in the near future.

For further information, go to the news desk at [www.ntc.gov.au](http://www.ntc.gov.au).

### Review of the Diesel Vehicle Emissions NEPM (issued on behalf of the NEPC)

In June 2006, the National Environment Protection Council (NEPC) initiated a review of the Diesel National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM).

A discussion paper ([http://www.ephc.gov.au/nepms/diesel/diesel\\_intro.html](http://www.ephc.gov.au/nepms/diesel/diesel_intro.html)) has been released by NEPC Committee to seek stakeholder input on the effectiveness of the NEPM, identify issues and where possible make recommendations for NEPC to consider.

Comments are sought by Close of Business **Friday 15 December 2006** and can be sent to the **NEPC Service Corporation** on [hmiddleton@ephc.gov.au](mailto:hmiddleton@ephc.gov.au).

### Higher weights proposed for twin steer semi trailers

Semi-trailers fitted with twin-steer axles could carry heavier loads under a proposal released by the National Transport Commission (NTC) for comment today. The reform promises significant safety and productivity gains for the logging, mining, container, waste and construction industries.

Current heavy vehicle mass regulations for semi-trailers are based on single-steer axles and cap gross weights at 42.5 tonnes. The new proposal recognises the ability of twin-steer axles to carry higher weights safely, without causing significant road damage.

To read the news release and to access the report please go to the link: <http://www.ntc.gov.au/NewsDetail.aspx?page=A0240030550000002000211>

## Manufacturers' Council Meeting... at the new CVIAQ office

Due to the CVIAQ office relocation, the Manufacturers' Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 will be postponed to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006. The meeting will be held at the new CVIAQ office at 82 Westcombe Street Darra.

The meeting will commence at 9.30am. Morning tea will be served with the meeting expected to end at 11.45am. The agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting and we look forward to seeing members there on the day.

Please RSVP Tracey with your attendance at [t.phipps@cviaq.asn.au](mailto:t.phipps@cviaq.asn.au) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

### Manufacturers' Council Meeting

82 Westcombe Street  
Darra

**Tuesday 28  
November**

Commencing at 9:30am

## CVIAQ to move office in November...

The CVIAQ will be relocating to its new office at **82 Westcombe Street Darra** on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



The new office contact details:  
**P: 07 3376 6266**  
**F: 07 3376 7166**

The postal address:  
**PO Box 364**  
**Sumner Park BC Qld 4074**

Contact with the CVIAQ may be interrupted on the days of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November due to the transfer of phone lines and the reinstallation of computers.

# events calendar

## November

**28 Manufacturers' Council Meeting**

## December

**25 Dec - 1 Jan CVIAQ Office Closed**

## CVIAQ Welcomes New Members

### >>> T.E. Trucks

**Member contact:** Mr Darryl Blakemore

T.E Trucks are the distributors of Tatra Trucks to Queensland and New South Wales.

### >>> Big Rigs Newspaper

**Member contact:** Ms Sarah Hawkins

Published every fortnight, Big Rigs is a free newspaper for truck drivers and people in the transport industry. With 26,000 copies distributed Australia wide, Big Rigs is produced by The Queensland Times Pty Ltd (A Division of APN News and Media Ltd) at Ipswich and has been a part of the industry since 1991.

## Attention Service Managers

### National Apprentice Challenge Nomination Period Extended to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

The National Apprentice Challenge is a team event organised by the CVIAQ Service Managers' Council and is aimed at identifying Australia's best heavy vehicle apprentices by testing their knowledge and real world diagnostic skills.

With the support of Kenworth Trucks and the Kenworth & Dealer Industry Fund apprentices could win a trip to compete in the National Apprentice Challenge at the 2007 Queensland Truck & Machinery Show and if successful, a trip to America visiting the Mid-America Truck Show in Louisville, truck and engine factories and much more!

To participate your apprentice/s must be enrolled in an approved National Training Package course relevant to the heavy vehicle industry and nominated by you or a group training organisation.

**"PRIZES VALUED OVER \$50,000 TO BE WON INCLUDING A TRIP TO AMERICA VISITING THE MID-AMERICA TRUCK SHOW IN LOUISVILLE, TRUCK AND ENGINE FACTORIES AND MUCH MORE!"**

Early next year a theory test will be held in each state and territory to determine the two best apprentices to represent your region. Teams from the following regions will be competing in the challenge - QLD, NSW/ACT, VIC/TAS, SA, WA and NT.

If you think your company has what it takes, forward your representative apprentice/s Nomination Form/s to the CVIAQ for their chance to participate in this prestigious event.

To compete in the National Apprentice Challenge download a nomination form from [www.cviaq.asn.au](http://www.cviaq.asn.au) or [www.kenworth.com.au](http://www.kenworth.com.au) and send to the CVIAQ on or before Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.



## CVIAQ Board of Directors

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<b>Vice President</b>	John Grossman DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles
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Rob Brown	The Brown & Hurley Group P/L
Ian Langton	Esanda Finance Ltd
Derek Marriott	Cummins Engine Company P/L
Bob Martin	Jost Australia P/L
Chris Musch	Isuzu Australia Limited
Ray Smithers	Volvo Commercial Vehicles Australia



[www.cviaq.asn.au](http://www.cviaq.asn.au)

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