



# Member Newsletter

September 07

## Annual General Meeting to be held at the new Leukaemia Foundation Accommodation Village

The 2007 Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 5:30pm. **The meeting will be held in the CVIAQ Room at the new Clem Jones / Sunland Leukaemia Foundation Accommodation & Support Centre at Nathan.**

President Sharon O'Phee and the Board of Directors encourage all members to attend this year's AGM. Following the formalities, members will be able to tour the new facility which CVIAQ has contributed to through funds raised at the CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner.

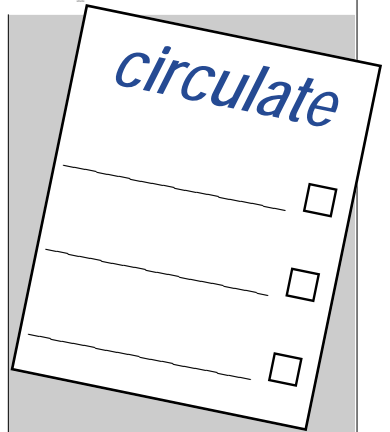
The meeting will confirm the Directors, Financial and Auditors Reports and will also undertake the election of Directors and Office Bearers for the coming year. A copy of the 2007 Annual Report will be forwarded shortly to all authorised member representatives together with the notice of Annual General Meeting, Proxy & Nomination forms.

A barbequed meal and refreshments will be served at the completion of the meeting and we look forward to seeing the membership take part in this important event. Please advise your attendance to Briony Morrison on 07 3376 6266 or to [b.morrison@cviaq.asn.au](mailto:b.morrison@cviaq.asn.au).

### Annual General Meeting

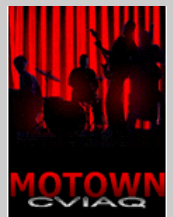
Cnr Troughton Rd  
& Middle St  
(entrance off Middle St)  
Coopers Plains

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October 2007  
commencing at 5:30pm



## action now

➤ **CVIAQ Annual Dinner & Awards Night**  
book now to reserve your table/s or seat/s now!



For more details ~ page 3.

## 2007 CVIAQ Schools to Industry Tour Provides Students with Apprenticeship Opportunities

Students from Brisbane South West District schools visited CVIAQ member company premises on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Schools involved were Corinda State High School, Glenala State High School, Centenary State High School, Forest Lake State High School, Stretton College and Nyanda State High School. Over ninety students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 were involved.

The tour, the third in as many years to be jointly organised by CVIAQ and the Brisbane South West Work Education Program Incorporated, was undertaken to showcase the various career paths available in the industry. Students visited the Brisbane Isuzu dealership at Archerfield and the O'Phee Trailers manufacturing plant at Rocklea.



Students toured through both premises witnessing first hand the types of careers available in the heavy commercial vehicle sector. The visitors were able to see activities involving many of the trades in the manufacturing and repair sectors as well as

spare parts and administrative operations in both a workshop and office situation. Students showed great interest with a number confirming on the day their intention to apply for employment with one of either host companies. Like previous tours, the 2007 event continues to enhance the likelihood that students will look to the heavy vehicle industry for apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience as they prepare to leave school and enter the workforce.

Many well deserved thanks to Mr Pete Kenny from Brisbane Isuzu and Mrs Sharon O'Phee from O'Phee Trailers for giving up their valuable time and organising staff to host the students and conduct the tours. A special thank you is directed to Brisbane Isuzu for providing lunch to all participants on the day.

The school visits are a part of the ongoing CVIAQ commitment to address the present skills shortages being experienced by members.

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## Date set for the CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner

The CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner, in aid of the Leukaemia Foundation, will return to Brisbane City Hall in the larger format in 2008. **The date for the event is set at Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March.** Members who have attended past dinners know what a great night they are with live music, charity auctions and raffle prizes featured throughout the evening.

Since 2002, the CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner has raised in excess of \$500,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. CVIAQ continues its commitment to assisting patients and their families living with Leukaemia, Lymphoma and other related blood diseases.



## Mickel Named as New State Minister for Transport



Queensland has a new Transport Minister, with former Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations John Mickel replacing Paul Lucas in the portfolio. Transport has now become part of John Mickel's new super-ministry which will also include Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations. It provides one of Cabinet's tougher performers a strategic portfolio to tackle Queensland's urban congestion and most

likely issues where the State's interests have broader ties in employment, trade and industrial relations.

Transport and Main Roads have again been separated, with Main Roads now tied to Local Government. Warren Pitt whose former responsibility was as Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Seniors and Youth will take charge of this new Main Roads and Local Government portfolio.

Main Roads has developed an increasing relationship with local councils to improve road networks - with recent examples include the Boundary-Keliber Road project at Richlands, and the Airport Link project.

Main Roads has also increased its funding to local councils to improve road networks outside Brisbane.

Former Transport and Main Roads Minister Paul Lucas has been sworn in as Deputy Premier and takes on the super portfolio of Infrastructure and Planning, named by Ms Bligh as one of the new government's priorities to tackle statewide planning.

While welcoming Mickel's appointment, Transport Workers Union State Secretary Hughie Williams has called on the new Minister to undertake an urgent review of long-distance driving laws. He has also urged Mickel to take an "active approach" in improving the State's bus industry.

## cviaq council news

### Manufacturers' Council Meets at Darra

The CVIAQ Manufacturers' Council met on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007 at the CVIAQ office in Darra. CVIAQ CEO, Mr Brett Wright, chaired the meeting and welcomed new council members, Mr Steve Scales from Volvo Commercial Vehicles Australia and Mr Lyndon Collie from Western Star Trucks Australia.

Mr Wright began the meeting with a report on the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTaRS) Technical Liaison Group meeting held in Melbourne on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

Mr Kit Bleakly provided a report to council members on the revised Australian Design Rules registered on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The revised ADR'S outlined were:

- ADR 35/02** – Commercial Vehicle Brake Systems
- ADR 38/03** – Trailer Brake Systems
- ADR 62/02** – Mechanical Connections between Vehicles

The council also discussed the following ADR'S that are set for review by DoTaRS later in the year:

- ADR 63** – Trailers Designed for Use in Road Trains
- ADR 64** – Heavy Goods Vehicles Designed for Use in Road Trains & B-Doubles
- ADR 65** – Maximum Road Speed Limiting for Heavy Goods Vehicles and Heavy Omnibuses

The Council agreed that any amendments to ADRs 63 & 64 must comply with the current Australian Vehicle Standards Rules (AVSRs) and as such a review of AVSR Sections 139 & 140 should be done concurrently with the review of these ADRs.

Mr Wright proposed the formation of a Council working group to review and update the 2005 submission sent to DoTaRS on ADRs 63 & 64 with the purpose of resubmitting the submission prior to the DoTaRS review commencing.

Mr Wright also mentioned that the CVIAQ Service Managers council was in the process of reviewing ADR 65 and that any revision suggestions to this ADR would be forwarded to DoTaRS through this channel.

The council also reviewed the wording to the Mass Limits section of the Queensland Transport Information Bulletin & Guideline as well as discussing the National Transport Commission's news release on blueprint designs for higher productivity trucks.

Any members interested in obtaining a copy of Mr Kit Bleakly's report on the revised ADRs 35/02, 38/03 and 62/02 or Mr Wright's report on the Technical Liaison Group meeting please contact Mr Paul Woodland on [p.woodland@cviaq.asn.au](mailto:p.woodland@cviaq.asn.au).

### Manufacturers' Council Meeting

82 Westcombe Street  
Darra

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 2007**  
commencing at 9:30am

## The Federal Government to provide Funding for Seatbelts in Buses

The Federal Government has again intervened in an area of state government responsibility, unveiling plans to spend \$40 million to fit seatbelts in school buses in rural and regional areas. Mr Howard yesterday accused states of dragging their feet on bus safety and offered up to \$10million a year for the next four years to "plug the gap".

"Ensuring that seatbelts are provided on school buses is firmly a state and territory responsibility and while some have taken varying action, the most populous states - NSW and Victoria - have not," Mr Howard said.

"This is unacceptable. The onus is now on state and territory governments to take measures of their own to fit their school bus fleets with seatbelts."

Under the scheme, private bus companies will be eligible to apply for subsidies of up to \$25,000 per bus to install seatbelts. Mr Howard said the funding would pay for seatbelts on 1500 buses and cover more than seven million bus trips a year.



The Queensland government has accused Prime Minister John Howard of not being serious about this issue with Queensland State Transport Minister John Mickel calculating the cost of installing seatbelts

in the Sunshine State alone at around \$1 billion.

"It does seem to support the view that the federal government is not very serious about seatbelts in school buses when it talks about \$40 million over four years nationally."

Bus transport is considered 20 times safer than car travel and the greatest danger for school students is not travelling by bus but getting on and off the vehicle. This is the safety issue that warrants the greatest attention.

The Bus Industry Confederation (BIC) welcomes the Federal Government's involvement in public transport. However BIC believes that the Federal Government should consider investment in safety education campaigns for school students and transport planning & infrastructure development alongside any investment in fitting school buses with seat belts.



## Rudd set to change IR Laws if Elected

The labor party's long awaited Industrial Relation policy implementation plan was released recently by Kevin Rudd. The plan looks at replacing Workchoices laws, scraping award systems for those employees earning over \$100k per year and progressively phasing out Australian Workplace Agreements (AWA's).

Rudd explains that labor is determined to get the balance right between fairness and flexibility.

On flexibility, labor recognizes the need to ensure that business can work flexibly with their employees. It will be possible for people on common law contracts earning over \$100k per year to have award free employment arrangements. However, those employees will still be covered by ten legislated national employment standards, which guarantee basic entitlements such as annual leave, parental leave, public holidays, penalty rates and redundancy entitlements.

When it comes to fairness, Rudd explains that it is critical that AWA's are eliminated. "AWA's are unfair and give too much bargaining power to large employers while leaving no bargaining power to the individual employee. Labor will use a transitional period to phase out current AWA's. Employers have entered into these agreements in good faith within the existing industrial law. In some cases, agreements have some years to work through."

The key principle for labor is that AWA's do not represent an element of their future Industrial Relation's system.

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# Annual Dinner & Awards Night

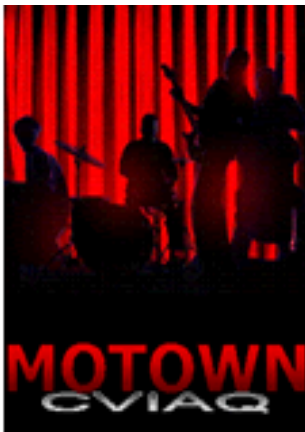
## Saturday 6 October '07

### A Motown Spectacular

Marvin Gaye ♦ Stevie Wonder ♦ The Temptations ♦ The Four Tops  
Diana Ross and the Supremes ♦ Martha and the Vandellas ♦ The Jackson Five

## LAST DAYS BOOK NOW!!!

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Awareness Strategy  
Free Briefing Session  
Across Queensland**



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The sessions are free, however registration is essential as places are limited.

For full details of a session near you visit the Experience Pays web page at [www.commerceqld.com.au/experiencepays](http://www.commerceqld.com.au/experiencepays).

**CVIAQ Welcomes New Members**

>>> Gilshenan & Luton Legal Group

**Member Contact:** Ms Claire Simpson

Gilshenan & Luton Legal Group provide specialised legal services to small-to-medium enterprises, member-based organisations, regulatory boards and financial institutions as well as tailored legal services for a broad range of individual clients.

>>> Omega Tankers

**Member contact:** Ms Keylla Santos

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**Member contact:** Ms Sarah Greig

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**events calendar**

**September**

14 Industry Recognition Award - nominations close

**October**

6 CVIAQ Annual Dinner & Awards Night  
24 Annual General Meeting



**November**

6 Manufacturers' Council Meeting  
27 CVIAQ Information Night

**December**

5 Service Managers' Council Meeting  
25 CVIAQ Office Closed - Christmas  
26 CVIAQ Office Closed - Boxing Day



**January**

1 CVIAQ Office Closed - New Year's Day

**March**

1 CVIAQ President's Charity Dinner  
5 Service Managers' Council Meeting



**April**

1 Manufacturers' Council Meeting

**CVIAQ Board of Directors**

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<b>Vice President</b>	John Grossman DaimlerChrysler Commercial Vehicles
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