



CVIAV – A division of VACC, serving the Automotive Industry since 1918. Local people taking on the local and national issues that affect you in the Commercial Vehicle Industry.

March 2019

Honouring Graeme Ruby – Former CVIAV Chairman

Former long serving Chairman of CVIAV, Mr Graeme Ruby was presented with a certificate of gratitude for his service to the commercial vehicle industry during the most recent executive committee meeting held at VACC House.

With a career spanning 46 years with Winter and Taylor Isuzu in Geelong, Graeme was instrumental in contributing to government's upgrading of the Motor Car Act 1986 and assisted with the issues relating to the auction system.

He became his employer's first VACC chamber rep in 1989 and served as Chairman of CVIAV from 1994-96 and again from 2009-12.

VACC and the CVIAV division extend our thanks and gratitude to Graeme for his commitment and service to the automotive industry and wish him the very best in his retirement.



CVIA Chairman, Mr Allan Bartlett presents Certificate of Gratitude to Mr Graeme Ruby.

VACC Member visits

VACC's CVIAV Industry Policy Advisor, Dr Imogen Reid and Area Manager Matthew Devenish visited [Vawdrey – Semi Trailers and Truck Bodies](#) and [Complete Truck Bodies](#) in February.

Both businesses are long term VACC members, with Vawdrey joining in 1985 and Complete Truck Bodies members since 1995.

Imogen looks forward to meeting with more members throughout the year and hearing about the real issues affecting commercial and heavy vehicle businesses.



L-R Matthew Devenish, Greg Carson, Mick Vawdrey (owner) and Dr Imogen Reid
L-R Matthew Devenish, Debbie Iverach, Bill Williams (owner), and Dr Imogen Reid

Regular News

B-double Operators' Guides

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has released a collection of updated operational guides to support the transition of heavy vehicle notices.

These include:

[South Australia Load Carrying Vehicle's Operator's Guide](#)

[New South Wales Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Operator's Guide](#)

[New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle and Combination Operator's Guide](#)

The Operator's Guide provides details of the following for eligible vehicles operating under the Notice:

- travel requirements
- pilot and escort requirements

key contacts Please note these requirements were previously contained in Appendix 1 and 2 of the former New South Wales Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2014.

Updates to VSB6

Two updates have been made by NHVR to VSB6.

Version 3.1 introduces a new modification code for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels and a simplified in-service emission testing procedure for using portable emission-measuring systems ([VSG28](#)).

NHVR Manager Vehicle Safety and Performance, Peter Austin said:

VicRoads

Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme (VASS)

VicRoads has informed VACC that the location and allocation of VASS signatories and codes will be reviewed. The initial review stage should be completed by February/March 2019, with offers made to applicants by June/July 2019.

Authorised Signatories under the VASS

VicRoads is currently undertaking a review of the location and allocation of VASS signatories across Victoria.

VicRoads is seeking feedback from CVIAV members *regarding your experience of a specific lack of VASS skills in particular geographic locations*. This will help them inform their intake decisions.

If you have any examples, please email Imogen Reid ireid@vacc.com.au or call (03) 9829 1145.

Industry News

Government committing \$400K to educate young drivers how to drive on the road with trucks

The Liberal and Nationals' Government hope to reduce the number of crashes involving heavy vehicles and will invest \$400K in the Australian Trucking Association (ATA)'s Safety Truck to educate young people across the country to safely share the road. Read the full release [HERE](#).

Review of the National Heavy Vehicle Law

The National Transport Commission is leading a review of the Heavy Vehicle Law and its supporting regulations and is Chaired by former Productivity Commission Chairman, Mr Peter Harris.

Its aim is to:

- improve safety for all road users
- support increased economic productivity and innovation
- simplify administration and enforcement of the law
- support the use of new technologies and methods of operation, and
- provide flexible, outcome-focused compliance options.

Consultation will take place between February 2019 – February 2020 and we will ensure VACC members are well represented.

The drafting of new legislation should be completed by May 2021 and presented to Ministers by November 2021.

The Terms of Reference can be accessed [HERE](#)



VACC News

VACC Industry Awards (VIA) – Applications still open

Members are encouraged to submit an [application for the forthcoming VIAs](#) by 31 March.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your business and receive peer recognition.

The application process has been simplified and VACC is on hand to assist with the application process should members require it. Simply contact VIA Assist (03) 9829 1222 or vaccawards@vacc.com.au

The Awards will take place on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at the Grand Hyatt. Members can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



ASSISTED AUDIT - Pay and Leave Entitlements

This VACC Assisted Audit – Pay and Leave entitlements (Audit) has been developed to assist members in evaluating the degree of your business' compliance with Australian workplace laws (in terms of your business' obligations under the Fair Work Act 2009, National Employment Standards and the relevant modern awards).

The Audit is a self-paced audit to be undertaken by a nominated/official representative on behalf of your business.

The VACC Industrial Relations Department can clarify or provide further information to assist each member to complete each section of the Audit. Free assistance or clarification on the Audit is always available by contacting the VACC Industrial Relations Department on (03) 9829 1123.

Once the online form has been completed it will be submitted for assessment by a member of the VACC IR team who will provide members with feedback.

The cost of this audit is \$350 + GST (paid on submission of the form). This audit is currently only available to VACC members.



Launch of VACC Federal Election Policy Document: Keep Australia Moving

VACC has recently launched our 2019 federal election policy manifesto “Keep Australia Moving”, which was developed in consultation with VACC members.

The document outlines 20 key national policy recommendations for the next Australian Government, relating to 10 core areas:



- Automotive futures
- Access to service and repair information
- A mandated Motor Vehicle Insurance Repair Industry Code of Conduct
- An automotive specific Franchise Code of Conduct
- Skills and training
- Industrial Relations
- An end-of-life vehicle program
- Improved digital connectivity in regional areas of Australia
- Abolition of the Luxury Car Tax
- Red-tape reduction and Australian Consumer Law

The document will assist VACC prosecute our advocacy agenda at a national level.

To download your copy click HERE <https://www.vacc.com.au/keep-australia-moving>

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