



Incorporating Rural Carriers

Livestock Transporters Association of Victoria

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Message from the President

I would like to start this report by introducing myself. I am Kevin Keenan and with my wife Heather run a single truck operation at Yarrowonga. I have been in the Livestock cartage business for 30 years. This is run in conjunction with a small farm.

The reason for taking on the Presidency of The Livestock Transport Association Of Victoria incorporating Rural Carriers, was to try to keep up the good work that the previous Presidents and executive have done and possibly increase our membership so as to give a larger and stronger voice when dealing with Governments and other sections of the community. To do this I will be relying on all members to help out either by being on committees, attending meetings or by letting Christine, in the office, or myself know what is going on that concerns you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Conference committee for the very successful combined ALRTA / LTAV Annual conference held in Melbourne in July. A special thanks to Christine who worked to the point of exhaustion to make it the spectacle that it was, also to Jodi, the Conference Coordinator who battled on through personal illness to deliver a truly memorable weekend. These two people are an example of the members that we have in the Association who believe in what we do and put themselves on the line and push tirelessly to make it better for all of us, THANKYOU. Also to Peter and Trevor, thank you for giving the support required to keep these two women sane during stressful periods.

A new Conference committee is to be formed for next years conference, so if anyone would like to be on it please let Christine know. Timing and location are always important so if you have any ideas please let us know now.

The sponsors that came to our conference did a magnificent job of their displays and without your loyal support we would not be able to deliver the services or the political push, to make major differences in the way we can operate our businesses in a safe and profitable way.

The incoming executive of Ian Einsiedel and Shane Knight [Vice Pres] Trevor Fry [Treas] and Mick Debenham [Sec] are all eager to do their bit for the association, so welcome to the executive and I hope we have a successful year.

To all delegates we will endeavour to make the meetings to fit in with your work load and make them as informative and short as possible. To the new delegates welcome and thank you for wanting to share your time to make informed decisions as to how we go forward. I would like to offer the opportunity to any member who would like to be an observer at our delegates meetings to feel free to let Christine know and come along also.

I would like to congratulate John Beer in becoming National President. This is a great achievement for John who led our association for many years with great pride and I am sure he will do the same nationally.

Finally I would like to thank Anthony Boyle for his last two years as President. I know having been vice president to him the work he has put in and I hope with his support and knowledge I can do a similar job. Thank you Anthony.

In closing I would like to give you my phone number 0428 574 678 and my email; kkeenan@bigpond.net.au If you have any thoughts on any issues please share them.

Go safely,

Kevin Keenan



2011 National Conference

The conference has come and gone, and on the whole it was a success for the LTAV, the ALRTA and the industry. Exposure at the MCEC was high, and many passers-by were issued with a 'Visitors Pass' to view the exhibition. Most reports have been very positive about the sessions and the content. Sponsor feedback has been mostly good, with some room for improvement. The amount of time delegates spend with sponsors is always an issue, and scheduling in education and information sessions impacts on this. Perhaps the structure of the way Conferences are planned needs to be assessed to better meet the needs of all involved. This is one for the next conference committee. If you are interested in being involved in next years' conference, please let us know!!!!

2012 Victorian Conference is planned for August 10th & 11th at Bendigo. This will need to be confirmed and a venue booked by the incoming conference committee.

Thank you to all our sponsors, interstate visitors and members and partners who attended. It became obvious that we needed to provide access to individual parts of conference to enable those who are unable to attend the whole weekend, to attend for some of it. There were a few things that didn't go according to plan, and some that were close to going 'belly up' – but we scraped through, with the help of some very supportive people who can think on their feet, some creative management and a fair amount of good luck. We did it – and we made a profit for the LTAV ☺

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August 2011



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If you do attend, please put your LTAV hat on and provide some feedback to the members on anything you think they would like to hear about.**

Truck Wash Availability – at Geelong and others!

Ray Goodman has advised that there is to be a reduction in the access hours to Geelong Saleyards truck wash facility. The hours of operation were reduced approximately 2 years ago, from 24 hour availability to 7.00AM to 9.30PM access. City of Greater Geelong has recently notified, by posting a sign, that the truck wash would now be closed between 7.00PM and 7.00AM every day. There has been no consultation or discussion with industry, and Ray and Rhonda Goodman acted and contacted Geelong council. A petition was generated and over 70 signatures were secured at the Geelong saleyards on 15th August and sent in with a letter of protest.

LTAV discussed this issue and the access and availability of other truck wash facilities at the delegate meeting on August 20th. There seems to be a trend of reducing hours of availability and it is an issue the LTAV needs to address on behalf of members. We wrote a letter supporting Ray's letter, to Cr Rod Nelson and Mr John Brown of City of Geelong. We also sent letters to the Mayor of Geelong, John Mitchell, Minister for Agriculture, Peter Walsh, DPI, RSPCA and WorkSafe Victoria drawing the issue to their attention, with a copy of the letter sent to those at City of Greater Geelong.

We pointed out that it is not merely a matter of convenience for operators to access truck wash facilities, but it impacts directly on animal welfare, hygiene standards, disease control, effluent management and also the environment of those living near or around trucks that are not washed out after transporting livestock and importantly, the value of the livestock transported in unclean trucks is significantly reduced, which is then a direct cost to the primary producer. It also has the potential to impact on driver fatigue regulations.

LTAV would like to hear from all members who have information about changes and also condition of truck wash facilities. Please contact the office and tell us what sort of things impact truck wash and facilities that you encounter.

LTAV incorporating Rural Carriers

At the AGM on Saturday 16th July, it was voted and passed to admit Rural Carriers to full membership of the LTAV. Part of this motion, was to retain the LTAV name and logo as it is, with no change. LTAV represents much of the transport industry in what we advocate for on behalf of our members. So now we will be formally representing Rural Carriers and giving them a voice on issues that affect them in the various aspects of their daily life.

Membership form changes have been made to help capture information about the types of business's that our Rural Carriers undertake. This will help us, by knowing exactly who we are representing and help identify areas specific to their carrier business.

Together We Are Stronger!

2011– LTAV Celebrating 25 Years - CONFERENCE HANDBOOKS – Limited copies available from LTAV office.
Phone Christine to grab a copy – some great stories and history included. \$20.00 each including GST & Postage



On Farm Facilities

VFF have contacted the LTAV with the suggestion that if we provide them with some information about ramps and on farm facilities, they would be able to circulate this to their members. This is promising, as in the past we were told that it wasn't a farmers' problem, but a carriers problem. A sub-committee of members has been formed to clarify the issues and identify some possible solutions to take back to the VFF. The committee consists of Bill Hickey, Graeme Thomas, Mick Debenham, Shane Knight and Kevin Keenan. If you have comments on this, or would like to be involved, please contact one of the committee to provide your input.

Bill Hickey & Graeme Thomas

Livestock Handling & Preparation for Transport – Fact Sheet

Mick Debenham suggested that while the 'Fact Sheet' has so much information, it could be uploaded to the website as a point of referral, but perhaps a fridge magnet – dot point alert would be something that could be used and left at farmer's yards, or mailed out with accounts with a referral point to further information. It was suggested that we could ask the VFF to be part of this, as they have contacted now and expressed an interest in seeking information we have to share with their members. We'll look at costing this.

Mick Debenham

Saleyard Safety

OHS Inductions for Saleyards are an important responsibility for all. If you have not yet done a Saleyards induction, please ask when the next induction will be run at your local yards. Everyone has a responsibility to work in a safe manner, and address any issues that cause a hazard or risk to anyone.



Free road, transport and logistics safety
forums

Bairnsdale Meeting Thursday 29th of July

Anthony O'Connor, Ian Einsiedel and Pete Callanan attended a meeting at Bairnsdale conducted by VTA for the Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council Regional Safety Forums that are being conducted throughout Victoria in 2011. There were approximately 50 people in attendance with only approximately 20 of those transport operators attending.

Presentations were conducted by VicRoads, Victoria Police and Worksafe; they all gave information in regard to compliance, safety initiatives for Victoria and in the East Gippsland region.

Local operator and vice president of LTAV, Ian Einsiedel also conducted a presentation and informed everyone about the need for better signage, flashing lights and more public awareness in regard to extra heavy vehicle movements occurring during the mountain calf sales in and out of the Omeo area after the long weekend in March.

He also discussed the lack of suitable road side rest areas for livestock vehicles and inadequate parking areas in most rural towns for drivers to eat, shower and rest etc.

There was a very hostile debate in regard to east Gippsland's, road deterioration and condition of all roads in general, repairs to road surfaces, safe passing areas, wire rope barriers and adequate rest areas. Complaints were also directed at the Victoria Police task force in relation to harassment of drivers during their blitz in the East Gippsland area.

Pete Callanan



Department of Transport – Transport Solutions Plan

Lachlan McDonald from the Dept. of Transport recently formally responded to the LTAV submission which we lodged with them in June. Lachlan thanked the LTAV for raising the compelling transport and logistical issues facing the livestock transport industry and the transport industry in general. He assures us that the issues raised will be given due consideration in the development of the Transport Solutions Strategy. Our submission was supported by comments made to Lachlan at the recent conference, in particular truck washing facilities and their locations. As an association it is important that we communicate with governing bodies, legislators and decision makers involved in the entire supply chain. Raising awareness of the issues we deal with daily is what supports change when the opportunity arises. We look forward to continuing to work with the Dept of Transport and other industry stakeholders to develop practical solutions for a more efficient transport and supply chain network.

Membership Renewals

The membership renewals are coming in and that's great. LTAV 2011/2012 Membership stickers for vehicles are now available and will be distributed within the next few weeks. We have added a few fields to the membership form to capture some information about the business you do with our sponsors. We will not be passing on anyone's details to sponsors from this information, but it does allow us to ensure that we don't miss any benefits as an association based on the number of members who are clients of our sponsors. We have also included fields to capture information about our members, in particular new Rural Carrier members. This information is purely for us to enable us to provide proper representation to all members of the association.

We are also seeking email addresses from all that have them. ALTA will now be passing on a fax cost to the LTAV based on the number of faxes sent out each week with the Monday News. This will cost the LTAV an average of \$100 per month – so if you have access to an email address – please pass it on to the office. You will receive information much faster, and it will be a cost saving to the association.

Christine

VLLS – VicRoads

Kirstie Matthews of VicRoads has notified the LTAV that there are changes in the wind for the VLLS and the way it is administered. They appreciated the participation they were involved in at the conference and distributed survey's and gathered information about the VLLS. Of 60 surveys issued, 48 were returned which was pleasing. VicRoads have asked for representatives to be part of a working group to assist in the review of the scheme. The LTAV members who will be representing you on this working group are; Ian Einsiedel, Bill Hickey, James Brown and Peter Callanan.

Driver Handbook

Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have provided some federal government funding towards the production of a 'National Driver Handbook'. John Beer and Kevin Keenan, put their hand up on behalf of LTAV to manage this project. I have commenced gathering information from a Victorian perspective, and will now move forward into liaising with national regulatory bodies and agencies, to gather required information and collate for production. It will be produced on an annual basis, with a diary component built in to make it not only a useful training and compliance resource, but also a daily business record. The concept is well developed and has been well received by our sponsors, who are also keen to be involved. The first year of production will be the biggest challenge, to get it out into the market place and identified as a 'must have' by all in the livestock supply chain. Some of you will be contacted to provide expertise in your areas of livestock transport, and you may wish to have some input. This will be joint initiative with ALRTA, as they will oversee the funding and acquittal and also assist with business advice on production, marketing, sponsorship and sales. This project was planned for the LTAV to generate a repeat income stream for the association apart from membership and sponsorship. This is still the intention, though as an aside, it will also generate income for the national body, ALRTA and other state associations. A committee was formed at the delegate meeting on Saturday, being, Christine Odewahn Project Leader, Philip Halton, Project Advisor, Pete Callanan, Kevin Fechner, Peter Shiells and Alan McKenzie. If you would like to contribute to this project in any way, please contact me in the office.

Christine



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