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Message from the President

Dear Member

As we get ready to present what I believe to be the best national conference ever, the LTAV committee is flat out. We have a jam packed program and are looking forward to a great event. If you have not registered yet then please do so, I am sure you won't want to miss it. We also have a big announcement from L M Byrne. Mick, Teri and family have come together with BPW Transpec, Jost, Beaurepairs and Colrain to offer a crate to be auctioned at this year's Saturday night Gala Dinner. It will be offered as a spec sheet and the winning bidder will be able to make changes prior to production. So if you are considering a new crate, consider this one. Thanks to Byrne for their support.

We will also be joined by the Dept. of Transport at the conference to support our submission to them on rural roads. This is a real opportunity to have your say on the standard of roads and the planning for improvements. A strong relationship with the Dept. is high on LTAV agenda and we look forward to building on it.

As we come back to earth after the counting time success it is time to move attention to rego charges. ALTA is launching a campaign at the conference to fight unfair charges. The success in the counting time was due to members turning up and having their say. It will need to be the same this time as well.

At the finish of the conference we will hold our AGM. Time has been set aside for members to have an open forum and your say on the way the LTAV is going. So please make sure you attend. If you can't make the full conference, try and come on Saturday and make the AGM. As normal we will have our election of office bearers. After 2 years as President and 4 years as Vice President I feel it is time to blood some new faces at the executive of the LTAV. Much of our success this year has come from many hands making light work. With a strong policy program the future is strong and I look forward to still being part of the team.

With my time coming to an end as President I would like to thank all members for your support of the LTAV and in particular I would like to thank the committee for standing up when needing too. I hope all members understand what we have all achieved over the last few years.

- Strong relationship with new transport Minister and his support for the counting time vote.
- Strong relationship with Dept. of transport and being at the coal face of planning.
- Strong relationship with sponsors
- Improvements to Saleyards due to members sitting on boards.
- New ramps at Leongatha.
- Improved member services due to LTAV office
- Strong financial position
- Strong and respected position with Vic roads.



Message from the President

I would also like to thank Christine for all her hard work in the LTAV office. I could not do this job without her professionalism and her ability to think on her feet. The LTAV is blessed to have her and I can't thank her enough for her support.

Finally I would like to thank my family for their support. Putting up with phone conversations all night, flying and driving to meetings all the time, packing a bag or just making a cuppa when on the phone. It has all made the job 'Doable.' So to my wife Lisa helping at home and my Mum Wendy at the office thanks for your help.

I look forward to your support to the next President, and I hope to see you all at the conference for a beer and a catch up.

For the last time, keep safe.

Anthony Bayle

Next Delegates Meeting – will be determined by the new committee – elected at the AGM

2011 National Conference - July 15 & 16 2011 & 25th Anniversary of the LTAV

Registrations – Have you registered yet? This conference is hosted, solely for the purpose of providing all of our members with up to date, relevant industry and regulatory information as well as an opportunity to meet with our sponsors and see the latest in transport technology. And, an opportunity to get together with carriers and members in a relaxed setting, enjoy a few drinks, a story and a laugh.

Photo's – History of the LTAV – thanks to those who sent in photos and stories for the conference handbook and powerpoint presentations. We've got some great input. Thank you.

Rural Carriers – If you have contacts with rural transport operators that you think would be interested in coming to our conference – let Christine or myself know, and we can send them a registration package. The more the merrier!

Drivers & Employees – your drivers and employees are also invited and encouraged to attend. The sessions and content are relevant to all and we would encourage you to invite your drivers and employees to the sessions.

Sponsors – We are grateful for the support we have received from all our sponsors, and we have some new sponsors keen to be involved in the conference and in the business of Livestock Transport. There are still two sponsorship packages available but most have been secured.

Member Support - Can you help out at all? Call me on **0429 804 197** email **conference@ltav.com.au** and let me know if you would be available to help out on the registration desk, or in any way at all. *Jodi Fry*



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Separate Session Registrations for Conference

After feedback from the members, it has been decided to enable attendance at separate sessions at the conference. The sessions for each day are very relevant to your business, and it would be disappointing if you were unable to attend these sessions.

FRIDAY Afternoon –

- VICROADS - Heavy Vehicle Roll Over Presentation & VLLS Update & Enforcement
- VICTORIA POLICE Heavy Vehicle Unit – Presentation
- PACCAR /Kenworth – Heavy Vehcile Safety Systems & Vehicle Stability capabilities
- ROYAN – What happens at a heavy vehicle accident
- DPI – Animal Welfare in the event of an accident or incident

FRIDAY Evening -

- IVECO – Cocktail Party – including Men’s Health – Andrology Australia’s Merv Hughes
- AUCTION – Some great items have been donated, including a ‘Casey Stoner Nolan signed racing helmet’

SATURDAY –

- Dept of Transport – Regional Solutions Plan
- NTC – Costs & Charges
- VERVE ECONOMICS – A Trailer Registrations – Launch of National push for realistic fee structure
- NHVR – Update on National Law
- PANEL SESSION – Of the morning presenters & Ian Einsiedel LTAV Member, chaired by Philip Halton ED ALTA
- LTAV – AGM and Forum

SATURDAY Evening –

- Gala Dinner at Crown Studio 3 – including speeches and presentations by National Sponsors – Life Member presentations ALTA & LTAV – Comedian ‘Peter Dee’– National Auction and DJ & Dancing

Prices for individual sessions have been calculated to simply cover costs. They are as follows,

Friday Afternoon only – including Afternoon Tea	\$ 40.00
Friday Afternoon & Evening – including above and cocktail party	\$150.00
Saturday Full Day – including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea	\$ 75.00
Full Saturday Only – including above and Gala Dinner	\$225.00

A registration form is attached reflecting the above options, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to attend at least some of the conference.

NATIONAL SPONSORS





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2011 Conference Sponsors – A Big Thank You to all our Sponsors!





Echuca Truck Parking – the dilemma continues..!

Lindon Way from BP has advised that we have a short term only parking option in Echuca for refueling and accessing facilities at their old depot.

BP our National Sponsor, has an outdoor payment terminal and some room to park a truck or two while you access facilities at their old BP Echuca depot, located on the corner of Old Goulburn Road and Sturt Street Echuca. Whilst it may not perfectly fit the requirements, it does provide a place to park where you can refuel and access facilities and perhaps some food from an outlet not too far away.

The depot has 2 high flow diesel pumps and good storage and facilities. We appreciate the support from BP.

On Farm Facilities - Survey

Thank you to those who have completed their 'On Farm Facilities' Survey and sent in some photos of facilities in use that are not up to scratch. The information we gather from our members will provide us with the detail we need to address this issue. If you have not yet completed a survey, we urge you to do so soon. *Bill Hickey & Graeme Thomas*

Livestock Handling & Preparation for Transport – Fact Sheet

Thank you to those who provided feedback for the Livestock Handling & Preparation for Transport Fact Sheet. It is in the process of going from draft to ready for distribution for you to give to your customers.

Mick Debenham & Pete Callanan

Training those coming into Livestock Handling Roles

LTAV is looking at providing input into training that is currently delivered for people coming into agricultural fields. We hope to provide some guidelines to be built into training to teach the correct preparation of livestock for transportation.

Jodi Fry

NHVR UPDATE – A Trailer Feedback Required

Thank you to the few who have responded to the feedback request. If you haven't yet provided your thoughts on the A Trailer charges – there's still time. The National campaign to fight for fair charges will be launched at the conference. There's still time to have your say – let us know just how this charging affects your business. Just advising the number of days your A Trailer is parked up and not used of the 365 days it's registered, will give us some grounding to assist to get something done.

Pete Callanan

Chain of Responsibility

Rigby Cooke has been contacted regarding the ownership of the letter written on behalf of the LTAV. We own it and can use it. We now need to include scenario's to include Agents and Abattoir and Farmers to have one letter to send out to all in the supply chain, so all in the chain will be fully aware of their responsibility under CoR and those of others in the supply chain as well. We can then give a copy of the letter to members to issue to their own clients, and record the listing of those the LTAV sends the letter to. If members record who they have issued the CoR letter to, and we as an association have supporting information, it will be a useful tool for members, and may help to protect them if a CoR event occurs. We will also send a copy of the letter to WorkSafe Victoria, VicRoads, VFF, DPI and Minister for Transport.

Saleyard Safety

Naracoorte Lucindale Council has written advising us that the wearing of harnesses will be enforced at Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange. And, all parties entering Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange are required to have undertaken an OHS induction, which are conducted in conjunction with the Livestock Saleyard Association of Australia.



Department of Transport – Transport Solutions Plan

Anthony and Christine attended a one on one meeting on behalf of the LTAV with representatives from the Department of Transport and DPI in Melbourne on 19th May. They were seeking input direct from industry to advise the minister on the Transport Solutions Plan. Anthony gave them many facts and figures and explained issues of bottlenecks and other road issues in Victoria. We have been asked to provide a submission of LTAV concerns, firmly backed up with real data about how these issues affect our members, and what the cost of that affect is. A member request for feedback was prepared for members responses, asking for the top five issues they see as a problem in their daily work. Relating to bottlenecks on roads and roads in general and also, access, getting and keeping drivers, rest areas, regulatory issues, saleyards, cross border anomalies or anything else identified as a problem.

The LTAV submission was lodged on June 17th and included what and why and what cost there is to business of the top five problems identified by the members. Data about the numbers of stock coming into Victoria and numbers carted into all the Victorian processing plants, as well as number of stock traded through saleyards around Victoria on a weekly basis. This will be supported by the Productivity Report commissioned by the ALTA in 2006. Please contact the office if you would like a copy of our submission.

We will keep you updated with the response and outcomes from this submission. Lachlan McDonald of Dept. of Transport will be presenting a session at the conference on this Victorian Regional Solutions Plan.

Membership Renewals

The membership renewals are coming in and that's great. LTAV 2011/2012 Membership stickers for vehicles are currently being printed and will be distributed after the conference in July.

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 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.

Truck Wash

Avdata has written to advise that the Truckwash charge at Bendigo Livestock Exchange will increase to \$098.18 cents per minute – plus GST - being \$1.08 per minute.

Bendigo Facilities

Janice Wignall advised a couple of weeks ago, that the shower facilities at Bendigo have been closed due to vandalism. Until they are repaired, the old showers will be open 9.00AM to 4.00PM Monday and Tuesday's only. No after hours access.

SUPPORTERS





Humour 😊

Would you believe it, as a result of the last census, they sent my form back yesterday!!!

In answer to the question, "Do I have any dependents?" I answered, "Yes" and listed them;

- "Asylum-seekers;
- Illegal immigrants;
- Dole-bludgers;
- Smack-heads;
- Career single-mums;
- Public-fund supported alternative life-stylers;
- The ABC;
- Gouging banks;
- Flaky financial-advisors;
- The Indonesian education system;
- Ungrateful bastards receiving Australian 'foreign aid' in places unheard of for purposes that appear inexplicable.
- And the criminal classes of Europe and Africa who have been allowed in, and never to work again and have begun new careers in crime."

Apparently this wasn't an acceptable answer.

I ask you - did I misinterpret the question ?

And just because we need a good laugh - 😊

The other night I was invited out for a night with the 'girls.'

I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, 'I promise!'

Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easily.

Around 3 a.m., a bit loaded, I headed for home.

Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed

3 times. Quickly, realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times.

I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him. (Even when totally smashed... 3 cuckoos plus 9 cuckoos totals = 12 cuckoos MIDNIGHT!)

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, I told him 'MIDNIGHT'... he didn't seem pissed off in the least.

Whew, I got away with that one!

Then he said 'We need a new cuckoo clock.'

When I asked him why, he said, 'Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said 'oh shit.' Cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.



Free road, transport and logistics safety forums

As a part of *Freight 2011*, VicRoads and the Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council are pleased to announce a series of five transport safety forums open to all members of the logistics network.

VicRoads, WorkSafe and industry experts will share current information and trends to help make your organisation safer and more productive.

It's FREE to attend any of these forums.

Registrations will open from 8:45am with the program starting at 9am sharp.

Forums will conclude at 12:15pm with a light lunch and include information on:

- Road safety reforms
- WorkSafe update
- Drugs & alcohol in the workplace
- Local safety reforms
- Latest developments in safer vehicles for the transport industry.

Don't miss this great opportunity

LOCATIONS & DATES

Mildura - 30 June 2011

Alfred Deakin Centre, 180-190 Deakin Av
(Corner Twelfth St)

Warrnambool - 18 August 2011

Mid City Warrnambool,
525 Raglan Parade

Bendigo - 14 July 2011

Foundry Hotel, 366 High Street

Melbourne - 25 August 2011

Moonee Valley Racing Club,
McPherson Street

Bairnsdale - 28 July 2011

The Colosseum, 117 The Great Alpine
Road (Omeo Hwy)

REGISTRATION

Click the link to register your place

REGISTER HERE

Visit www.freightweek.com.au or www.vta.com.au.
For further enquiries, contact the VTA on 03 9646 8590

