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2019 Trucking Australia Forum



Above: Joe Lopino and Shannon Brough (Australian Furniture Removalists Association)

Hosted in Perth this year, LTC CEO Jillian Dielesen and LTC Chair Cathi Payne, attended the 2019 Trucking Australia Forum on the 3 to 5 April 2019. The forum provided an opportunity for industry stakeholders to discuss issues and opportunities, such as truck regulations, the future of freight and logistics in Western Australia, current driver shortages and improving training standards and other topics.

The Australian Furniture Removalists Association (AFRA) were announced as winners for the National Training Excellence Award which were announced at the ATA Foundation Sponsors Awards Gala Dinner. The awards are an important opportunity to recognise efforts of those demonstrating dedication and commitment to Australian Trucking. The LTC congratulates all winners and finalists on their nominations.

Review of the VET Sector

Last year, an independent review of Australia's Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector was conducted. The outcomes of this review are now available in a new report: *Strengthening Skills: Expert review of Australia's Vocational Education and Training System*. The Review argues that there needs to be a significant upgrade to the architecture of the VET sector so it can successfully deliver the skills needed for Australia's future, and recommends a six point plan for change and a roadmap for achieving it.

Click [here](#) to read the report.

New FIFO Health Code Launched

The first code of practice to help promote and maintain mentally healthy workplaces for FIFO workers in the resources and construction sectors has been released. The code aims to address hazards and risk factors in FIFO work places and encourages organisations to adopt a risk management process to identify potential psychosocial hazards.

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National Freight Data Hub Announced

A National Freight Data Hub will be established in an Australian first to track freight use and identify choke points and congestion across Australia. The hub will act as the nation's central collector and disseminator of freight data in a similar role as the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Access will be given for all freight transport system users, private companies, regulators, state transport departments and other government agencies.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Effectiveness of the Current Temporary Skilled Visa Scheme

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee have released a report analysing the current effectiveness of temporary skilled visa systems in targeting genuine skills shortages. The report consists of six chapters which provide background information to the temporary skilled visa system before examining the effectiveness of the labour market in Chapter 4.

Click [here](#) to read the report.

Inquiry into Automated Mass Transport

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities has released a new report which examines current and future developments in the use of automation and new energy sources in land-based mass transit, including rail and road mass transit, point-to-point transport using automated vehicles, and the role and responsibilities of the Commonwealth in the development of these technologies.

Click [here](#) to download the report.

World First Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Study

The National Transport Commission (NTC) and the Cooperative Research Centre for Alertness, Safety and Productivity (Alertness CRC) have released what is being hailed as a world first study into heavy vehicle driver fatigue. The two year study evaluated alertness monitoring technology and the impact of shift work on driver alertness. The study examined more than 300 heavy vehicle driver shifts (both in vehicle and in a laboratory) as well as 150,000 samples of retrospective data. The study confirmed the link between alertness and drowsiness patterns associated with specific work shifts for heavy vehicle driving. It is believed the study will inform future fatigue policy as part of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

Click [here](#) to read the summary.

New Technical Requirements for Remotely Piloted Aircraft

There are new technical requirements for Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs), or Drones contained in the Part 101 (Unmanned Aircraft and Rockets) Manual of Standards (MOS) 2019. The new rules affect commercial and professional RPA pilots and operators. CASA is currently developing the guidance material to assist with the transition. Two of the new rules will come into effect immediately, which are:

- Introducing specific requirements for the on-going approval of extended visual line of sight (EVLOS) operations
- Ensuring there is a buffer between your RPA and any controlled airspace above it.

The other rules will commence in 12 month and will include training and competency standards for remote pilot licences (RePL) and standing approvals for certain kinds of operations near aerodromes. Requirements for RePL training instructors will commence in 18 months.

Click [here](#) for more details.

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Skilling Heavy Vehicle Drivers

The Transport and Logistics' Industry Reference Committee (IRC) is working on a project to specifically address the skills and knowledge requirements of heavy vehicle drivers to improve safety levels. The review will focus on the skills and knowledge required for drivers to interact safely with all road users and to manage emergencies or incidents. The revised units will provide heavy vehicle drivers with base-level skills as they progress through various licence categories.

The IRC will be seeking feedback to ensure the revisions to the Training Package capture all information to make drivers safer.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Future Skilling Our Nation eBook

Australian Industry Standards (AIS) has released a free eBook on the feedback gained from the Industry Skills Forums. The eBook provides information on the aims and objectives from the national consultations and explores the skills and workforce development issues in the age of digital transformation for each State and Territory.

Click [here](#) to read the eBook.

Aviation Drafts Finalised

The AVI Aviation Training Package Aviation Regulatory Review, Remote Pilot, Rescue Crew Officer drafts are now finalised. The draft Training Package materials for these projects have been submitted to the Australian Industry Skill Council (AISC) for final endorsement.

TRAINING UPDATE

Extension of Implementation date for TAE Credentials

The requirement for trainers and assessors to hold updated TAE qualification has been extended and will now come into effect on 1 July 2019 (previously 1 April 2019). The Federal Department of Education and Training has advised there will be no further extensions beyond 1 July 2019.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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