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ANDREW WHITE

We are past the first month of 2024! I hope you were able to have a break over the festive period and spend time with your family and friends. Our industry has been very busy over the last 12 months and we all need time out to ensure we can think clearly and regain our perspective of ourselves, our people and our businesses.

Some of you may know this will be my last Detours report as president. I have decided it's time to step down from the management committee. It has been very rewarding serving on the board for TMAA, we have achieved a great deal from the creation of TMAA to where it is today.

I have been part of The Traffic Management Association before it became an association. I was part of the team that pulled all the states together created what has become TMAA today. It has been an amazing journey bringing our industry that was predominately a bunch of backyarders across Australia to what we are today - an aligned group of professional providers of safety solutions and risk mitigation for anyone who needs to be near or on a road.

I would like to thank the board members I served with over the last 12 years. Every board member has been passionate and dedicated to improving safety, seeking innovation, and improving the TTM industry.

We have had meetings at Parliament House Canberra, dinners with government ministers at all levels, fighting for our cause with like and related associations at meetings and industry groups functions. We even fought really hard to get a Traffic Management industrial award up, a subject

that still needs further work. Of course our relationship with SARAH group, National Road Safety Week and our own Your Speed is Our Safety campaign is our dedication and forever work to doing all we can to get everyone home safe every day - no exceptions.

It has been an amazing ride.

My vision for TMAA is to continue bringing our industry, governments, clients and related entities together to continually improve our professionalism, presentation and consistency through training and innovation so that we earn the well-deserved respect of the public which will in turn improve safety for our people and the people we work with.

The Austroads Harmonised Training has been rolled out in SA and NT from February 1. Victoria and Tasmania are on the Austroads journey too. Each state has a slightly different transition period. There will be bumps as we transition to the new system however I am sure they will be managed during this time of change.

Delegate bookings, sponsorships and the program continues to develop for the TMAA conference - well done to the TMAA conference team. I'm looking forward to catching up at the conference and seeing our great people celebrated for their efforts in Temporary Traffic Management.

TMAA membership and sponsorship continues to grow.

Welcome Belinda to the TMAA team as our National Account Officer. I'm sure she will be great, she is South Australian!!

As much as I like to talk TMAA I look forward to not receiving Matt's emails and calls to write Detour articles.

I will still be around and hope to support TMAA and our industry, just not at board level.

Thank you to the TMAA people for the trust and support that drives TMAA each and every day to create a better temporary traffic management industry.

Andrew White
TMAA President

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MATTHEW BERENI

As CEO of the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA), I write to you today with a mixed bag of updates - reflecting on past contributions, navigating present challenges, and looking forward to exciting opportunities.

First, we bid farewell to two pillars of our association: Andrew White, current President and NT Board Member, and Stephen O'Dwyer, Past President and WA Board Member. Both have been with us since the very beginning in 2012, playing instrumental roles in shaping TMAA into the force it is today. Their dedication, leadership, and expertise have undeniably advanced our mission of promoting best practices and delivering better industry outcomes. Coincidentally, we have just launched an Acknowledgment Board on the TMAA website highlighting the lasting impact of past, current leaders and volunteers who have given their time, expertise and passion to strengthen TMAA. Andrew and Stephen's significant roles are prominently displayed in this Acknowledgment Board. While they step down from TMAA's National Board, I am confident their support will continue in different capacities.

The Western Australian landscape currently presents unique challenges for our members. The new Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme, effective February 1st, 2024, has already caused confusion. While Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) encourages adoption of the new rate for all work, many clients remain hesitant to pay the increase outside of MRWA projects. This disconnect poses a significant issue, and TMAA is actively advocating for clarity and a solution that balances the interests of all stakeholders.

Meanwhile, the National Training Harmonisation framework rollout across other states remains a hot topic. We support this initiative for the long-term benefits it brings to the industry. However, we recognise concerns raised by our members regarding training material and learner costs. Your feedback, received directly or through state divisions, is crucial for our effective engagement with State Road Agencies and Austroads. Please continue to share your voices - your input empowers us to better represent your needs.

On a bright note, we welcome the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads as our first Associate Group member, setting a precedent for future collaboration with state road agencies. This signifies their commitment to seeking input from our association on policy matters impacting the industry. We stand ready to collaborate and contribute our expertise.

Looking ahead, excitement mounts for the upcoming National Conference - poised to be our biggest yet! With an exceptional work and social program, outstanding speakers, and confirmed sponsors, the stage is set for an unforgettable event. The 10 Excellence Awards promise to be another highlight, recognising the incredible work within our industry. The 2024 Conference is undoubtedly an experience you won't want to miss.

Beyond the conference, TMAA continues to thrive. We warmly welcome new members who integrate seamlessly into our state division meetings, thanks to the incredible efforts of our dedicated Chairs and Vice Chairs. These meetings foster knowledge sharing and camaraderie, creating a truly inclusive and dynamic environment. I am immensely proud of this spirit of collaboration.

Furthermore, we are diligently working on several important initiatives, including the Cost Optimisation program and the National Traffic Controller Safety Survey. Our presence at the Intertraffic Expo in Amsterdam will allow us to network and learn from leading professionals globally, and we will share our insights upon our return.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Stay safe, and I look forward to connecting with you on the Gold Coast on March 14th and 15th for the National Conference. Together, let's create an even brighter future for the traffic management industry in Australia.

Matthew Bereni
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





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DAN CROWLEY

On behalf of the TMAA Q we wish all members across Queensland and Australia the very best 2024 for your businesses and safety of your staff. Unfortunately 2023 across Queensland and Australia we saw a number of serious incidents and fatalities and look to industry, clients, government and the public to collectively keep up all safe.

The Qld Chapter has continued to have a positive influence with the Qld Government in particular the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). We are very appreciative of the support and respect DTMR show to TMAA Q with the knowledge that working together can only make the industry more professional and safer. Throughout '23 and continuing into '24 we look to;

- Continue to develop TMAA / TMR working partnership, what does good look like over the next five years.
- Lobby for Cost Effective and Operationally Viable TC, TMI, TMD training.
- Contribute to TMR TTM safety focused social media releases.
- Participate in TMR technical document working groups.
- Provide industry input into TMR TTM tech specification development.
- Build rapport with the Local Government Association of Qld.

In conjunction with DTMR we have been liaising with AustRoads re their framework for harmonisation around several financial and practical applications to the recommendations made. Again, we have found AustRoads supportive and wanting to work with industry in understanding what potential roadblocks could occur as a result of well-intended changes. We look forward to continuing these discussions as they are issues that could affect Queensland but across the country.

Wrapping up the year we celebrated with our Christmas function at the function centre at Allen Border field - Queensland - greatest Australian Cricket Captain. Approximately 120 members, their staff, clients and suppliers attended a great afternoon of fun and entertainment capped off by magician/comedian - Christopher Wayne. Possibly better known as a member of the internationally renowned naked magicians. Fortunately, or unfortunately for some in the crowd he kept his gear not and owed all regardless. During the function we were pleased to present our annual Golden Bat Award to the member who has gone above and beyond in their service to the association. This year we were pleased to announce our chapters Vice Chairman John Cassel as the very worthy recipient. John is not only the Vice Chair of Qld but its national representative on the National Board. His technical knowledge has been invaluable in discussions with the Qld DTMR and AustRoads where he has been as the forefront of ensuring change is in the best interests of the industry not only in Queensland but Nationally. He always makes himself available to all members and industry representatives where advice is asked and answered regardless whether you are a competitor and naturally has garnered huge respect from industry and government colleagues alike. A most worthy winner.



We would like to thank TMAA for driving and expanding the categories of recognition throughout the industry. There is such an array of quality candidates and finalists across numerous disciplines and their recognition is deserved. We congratulate Jodi Mantello of Moonyah workforce as our Qld Traffic Controller of the Year. Jodi has worked in traffic management for the last four years. Jodi has demonstrated time and again that safety is her top priority, even when it means going above and beyond her regular duties. She is not afraid to speak up when she notices potential hazards or risks, clearly communicating any concerns both to clients in the field and to our office staff. Her strong voice on safety issues, backed up by good judgment, has helped avoid several close calls over the years. Jodi has had a significant positive impact on her workplace, team, and the traffic control field overall. To all our worthy Qld finalists we wish you the very best and thank you for the effort you put in to be nominated in the first place.

We know the upcoming TMAA conference in March at the Gold Coast is fast looming and we look forward to catching up with our interstate member colleagues.

Until then stay safe.

Dan Crowley
TMAA QLD Chair

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Traffic Controller of the Year 2022 - Sam Eveleigh

In the heart of Darwin's bustling traffic management scene, Samantha Eveleigh has continued to illuminate our industry with her unwavering dedication and exceptional skills. As our esteemed National Traffic Controller of the Year 2022 and Indigenous Traffic Controller 2022, Samantha's journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

Even during the festive season, Sam proved to be our dependable superstar. As one of our emergency call-out staff members, she willingly made herself available over Christmas, attending urgent Power and Water jobs and supervising the Fulton Hogan patching contract. Her commitment to ensuring the safety and efficiency of our roadways remains unparalleled.

Beyond her operational duties, Sam has taken on the role of a mentor with grace. Currently training staff on Mike Excavation for Power and Water urgent works, her patience and calming persona have been invaluable in easing the nerves of fresh staff members embarking on



Sam on-site at an emergency job..

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Samantha Eveleigh training new staff.

new projects. Sam's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive work environment underscores her dedication to the development of her colleagues.

Reflecting on her award, Samantha expressed gratitude for the recognition, emphasising her hope that it inspires others to join the field. As nominations for the 2023 TMAA Excellence Awards approach, Sam is excited to witness the expansion of award categories, celebrating all contributors to making Australian roads, work sites, and events safer for everyone. She eagerly anticipates the announcement of the new National Traffic Controller of the Year in March, wishing all finalists good luck.

As we embark on a new year filled with opportunities and challenges, Sam, on behalf of Trafficwerx NT, extends her thanks to TMAA for the enriching opportunities of the past year. She is excited to witness the industry's continued growth and the celebration of diverse contributions through the expanded award categories. Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2024, let us continue working together to make our roads safer and more efficient.

Warm regards,
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ANTHONY SIMMONS

Reflecting on a Remarkable Year: TMAA in Victoria Thrives in 2023

Welcome to 2024! As we step into a new year, the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) in Victoria extends its heartfelt gratitude to all its members for their unwavering support throughout 2023. A special acknowledgment goes out to our dedicated leadership team, comprising Anthony Simmons, Matthew Bereni, and Bailey Morgan, whose guidance and assistance played a pivotal role in making 2023 a resounding success.

STRIDES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2023, the TMAA in Victoria witnessed significant advancements in professional development. The introduction of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM), a new Code of Practice (CoP), and revamped traffic controller training marked a transformative phase for the industry. A notable highlight was the breakfast meeting featuring guests Patsy Thomas and Geoff Allan from Austroads, drawing the highest member participation of the year.

Patsy Thomas shared invaluable insights into the new Austroads Traffic Controller Training Program, elevating the depth and quality of training for traffic controllers. The industry now anticipates a more robust knowledge base, especially for new entrants in 2024.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The TMAA in Victoria concluded 2023 with a memorable end-of-year celebration, where the finalists for the Traffic Controller of the Year award were announced. The event featured a dazzling performance by the comedy magician and illusionist, Luke Blaze, captivating the audience. Prior to the luncheon, a members' meeting fostered excellent attendance and productive discussions.

Congratulations to our Victorian Excellence Award finalists:

- Traffic Controller of the Year: Jaqueline Webb (Construct Traffic)

- Indigenous Traffic Controller of the Year: Chez (Cheryl) Davis (First Nations Traffic Management)
- Rising Star Traffic Controllers of the Year: Bradley Sitlington (Go Traffic) & Davud Karadag (Traffic Diversions Group)
- Traffic Management Trainer of the Year: Brian (Gus) Craig (Civil Edge)
- Traffic Management Company of the Year (Tier 4-6): KPI Traffic Control
- Traffic Management Company of the Year (Tier 7 and above): Altus Traffic

These awards recognize excellence and innovation within our industry, honouring those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievement.

LOOKING AHEAD: TMAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

As we embark on a new year, the excitement continues to build for the TMAA National Conference scheduled on the Gold Coast from March 14-15. The Gala Dinner will be the grand stage for honouring the winners of each excellence award category. The conference promises a packed agenda with engaging events, exhibitions, and ample networking opportunities.

If you haven't secured your ticket yet, visit the TMAA website to ensure you don't miss out on this enriching experience.

Thank you for your commitment to our association and here's to a promising 2024 for the TMAA in Victoria - where innovation, excellence, and collaboration continue to shape the future of traffic management!

Anthony Simmons
TMAA VIC Chair



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For the past 12 years, Peter Frazer OAM has been committed to ensuring "Everyone gets home safe to their loved ones every day no exceptions!". Following the completely avoidable and tragic death of his 23 year old daughter Sarah Frazer, Peter created Safer Australian Roads And Highways (SARAH), and as you may be aware, subsequently created and leads what is now Australia's most important road safety event, National Road Safety Week. He is also responsible for creating Australia's road safety symbol, the Yellow Ribbon.

He is a leading global advocate for road workers, and a national leader specifically promoting the safety of our traffic controllers and their families.

As the TMAA is a proud partner of his organisation, we thought we would share a letter he wrote for his daughter on Sarah's 12th Anniversary.

While his letter is just written as a grieving Dad, it allows an important insight into how our TC's, their families, friends and loved ones, are affected by road tragedy. It also gives an insight into why the TMAA wants every person who uses our roads and highways, to look actively after all those on the road ahead ... or as Peter would say... to commit to "#Drive So Others Survive!".



A letter to Sarah on her 12th Anniversary



My darling Sarah

Valentine's Day used to be a very happy time for your mother and I, but now as that day approaches, I am overcome with sadness... haunted by the fact that it means that there is only one day left before your next anniversary.

Last night, I remembered back to Valentine's Day 2012 ... that night you were still packing your bag in preparation for your journey the following day ... You were so excited that the next week, you would be starting your Photography Degree at Charles Sturt University but you told us that you still had so much to do before your plan to leave mid-morning on your drive to Wagga Wagga.

You said how starting Uni was the culmination of all you had worked for ... you were so eager to be on your way and with your "essentials" already packed (ie. your camera, photographic gear and portfolio) ... you wanted to get on with it so you could make a difference in the world. I remember thinking that night that you already had made such a difference with your dedication to others, whether through your work at school with St Vincent De Paul, or your volunteer work overseas with poor kids in the third world.

Anyway, that night I had called you down for dinner a number of times and you would irritably reply "I'll be down soon!". I was starting to get snippy for while it was only a simple meal that I had prepared, it would be our last meal until you were back home in a couple of months' time. When you finally came downstairs, I remember Mangya (Grandma's nickname), Mum and I sitting with you... we would laugh together as we ate dinner and yet there was a

touch of melancholy in sharing that simple meal, because over the previous five years, I felt that you had been away far too much as you back-packed around the world, working where you could, and building that portfolio that you so treasured but never shared with us...

We were halfway through dinner when I poured us all some sparkling wine, and as I always do at dinner, I said we had to make a toast. With that I held up my glass and said:

"Here's to you Sarah, and the start of your new life".

How could I have known that in just 16 hours' time, your life would be taken by a distracted truck driver. How could I have possibly known that as time ticked by that night, it was really a countdown that would take you away from us forever.

The next morning (15 February 2012), I would say goodbye to you, not knowing that this would be the very last time I would ever hug you... ever kiss your beautiful face. It was around 7:45 am when I drove off, never realising you had less than 300 minutes to live.

Before you left home for the last time, with the car packed to the gunnels with everything you needed to begin your new life 450 kilometres away, you're rinsed off your car and then posted your last Facebook comment saying:

"I've just washed the bird poop off my car, I hope this is a good omen!"

But it wasn't ... because a little over 90 minutes into your journey, your car would breakdown on the Hume Freeway because your radiator had failed... you did the right thing and pulled over into the emergency lane but while Roads

and Maritime Services had built that road with three lanes in each direction, and had set the speed limit at 110 kph, it had not built the emergency lane to Australian standards and had left it as only 1.5 metres wide. So not only was your vehicle left hanging into a high speed lane, to make matters worse, there was a crash barrier beside the Freeway that ran for 1600 metres, and because there were brambles and thorny bushes that prevented you from getting yourself off the road, you were left in harm's way.

This was completely foreseeable by the road designers and builders, but they had given priority to the movement of vehicles, and not to the safety of vulnerable people.

I was in a Managers' Meeting when you left me a panicked voicemail but because my phone was off, I never got that message until after 12:30 pm when we broke for lunch. I had never shared that message but back in 2018, I was asked to write the Foreword for the "Inquiry Into the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020", and for the first time I shared your words to me. Here is a little of my quote from the Foreword.

"It was around 11:15am when she left me a voicemail that will haunt me for the rest of my life. She said that as her car had lost power, she pulled over close to the guardrail but couldn't get her vehicle out of the high speed lane. She was crying when she said that as there were brambles on the other side of the guardrail, she couldn't physically get herself off the road either. She was trapped.

I will never forget these words.

'Cars and trucks are speeding past just centimetres away from my car... No one is changing lanes away from me ... I am terrified that they will hit me. I rang the NRMA. Dad, please call me!'

As I was at work, my mobile was off, so I didn't get the voicemail until after 12:30pm. Hearing her message, I went into a state of panic. I dialled her mobile but she didn't answer. I kept dialling but it just kept going to her voicemail.

My beautiful daughter was the kindest, funniest, most intelligent person I had ever met. She had everything to live for. But at 12:32pm, Sarah and the tow truck driver who had come to assist, were horrifically killed when a passing truck crashed into them. She was now left in pieces on Australia's most important road... .. Sarah's loved ones will grieve for the rest of their lives."

Your words ring in my ears, every day my Darling, and I sometimes have difficulty sleeping. This was especially true last night. Mum and I ended up going to bed

around 1:00 am but I found it very hard to sleep and indeed I woke at 5:30 this morning... I stayed in bed but vivid memories of you prevented me from falling back to sleep so I got up 15 minutes later. I went downstairs and sitting in silence, remembered how 12 years ago on this very day, I could still hold you... Now I just speak to you in the quiet of the morning, or as I sit by myself in the dark of night.

I often speak of you to others and when I tell them about you, I mention how devoted you were to looking after others and especially those who were vulnerable... I talk about your volunteer work with the elderly, and with little children, for in reality, that was what you dedicated your short life to... I proudly tell them how you would challenge those who took others for granted... most of all, I loved your commitment to seeking justice for those society didn't give priority to.

In an incredibly profound way Sassy, you changed my life... You showed me how to be a better person... And while road safety was never your gig, looking after those who were vulnerable absolutely was ... and my darling you are now the inspiration for everything I do.

Thank you for the short time we had together in our family ... Without you, I will always be heartbroken...

I love you... I miss you... and I will forever hold you gently in my heart.

Dad xox

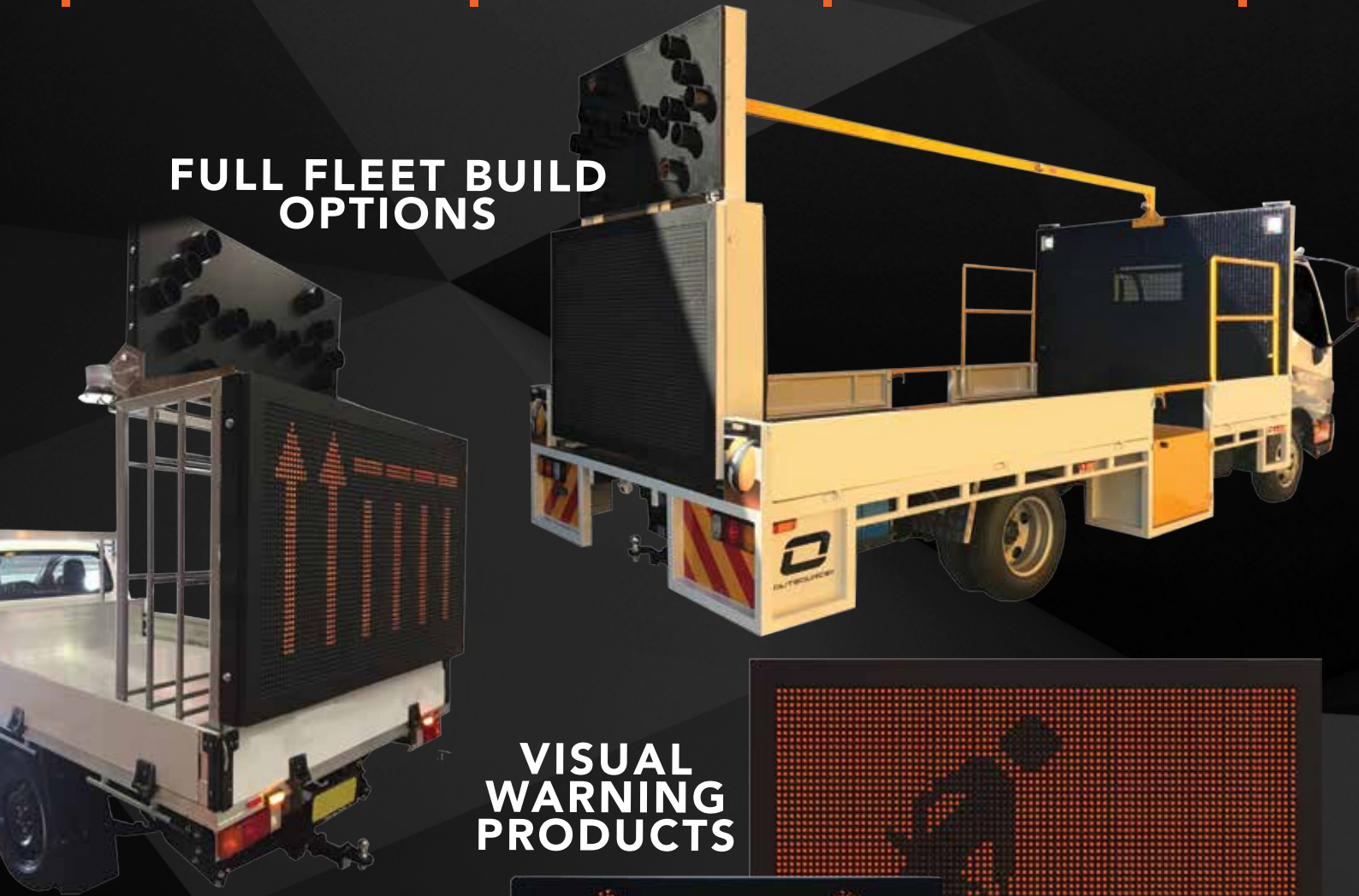


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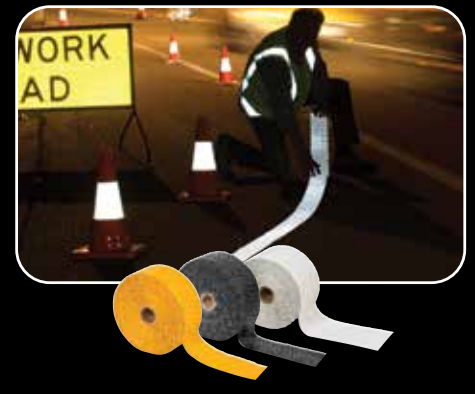
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STEFAN WEBB

Another Christmas and New Years period has come and gone. Who can believe we are into February 2024 already! We trust that all of our hard working staff had a fantastic break and were able to rest up and spend some quality time with their loved ones.

The last quarter in Adelaide is traditionally the kick off to the Adelaide events season. Commencing with many local Christmas Pageants in November and December and moving through to premier events such as the Valo 500 and the Tour Down Under and then onto 'Mad March' which showcases some fantastic Fringe performances right across the city. Traffic Management plays a pivotal role in providing safe spaces for event organisers to bump in, bump out and conduct their events. Event traffic management is a niche area that allows the community to come together to celebrate and have fun.

After the 'spell' at Christmas, many of the civil constructors have returned to work to continue projects and to commence new ones. Recently the Majors Road project commenced vegetation removal in preparation for the construction of the additional on/off ramps for the Southern Expressway. Once complete, these ramps will allow easier access to the corridor for residents living in the surrounding suburbs.

Other projects will commence throughout the year in preparation for the start of the T2D tunnelling project. Intersection upgrades and rail separation projects will occur

in the Southern suburbs of Adelaide to prepare for the higher volumes of traffic that will undoubtedly be diverted away from the South Road corridor while the T2D project is in full swing come 2025 (and beyond)

February 1st was an important date for traffic management here in South Australia. This was the day when the new Austroads training program was officially rolled out. The 'good ole' Workzone Traffic Management Ticket is no longer, being replaced by the new Austroads 'tiered' system of training. Currently we have six RTO's registered to provide the training. There is an 18 month transition period whereby the current WZTM ticket will no longer be valid for use after August 2025 (unless they expire earlier).

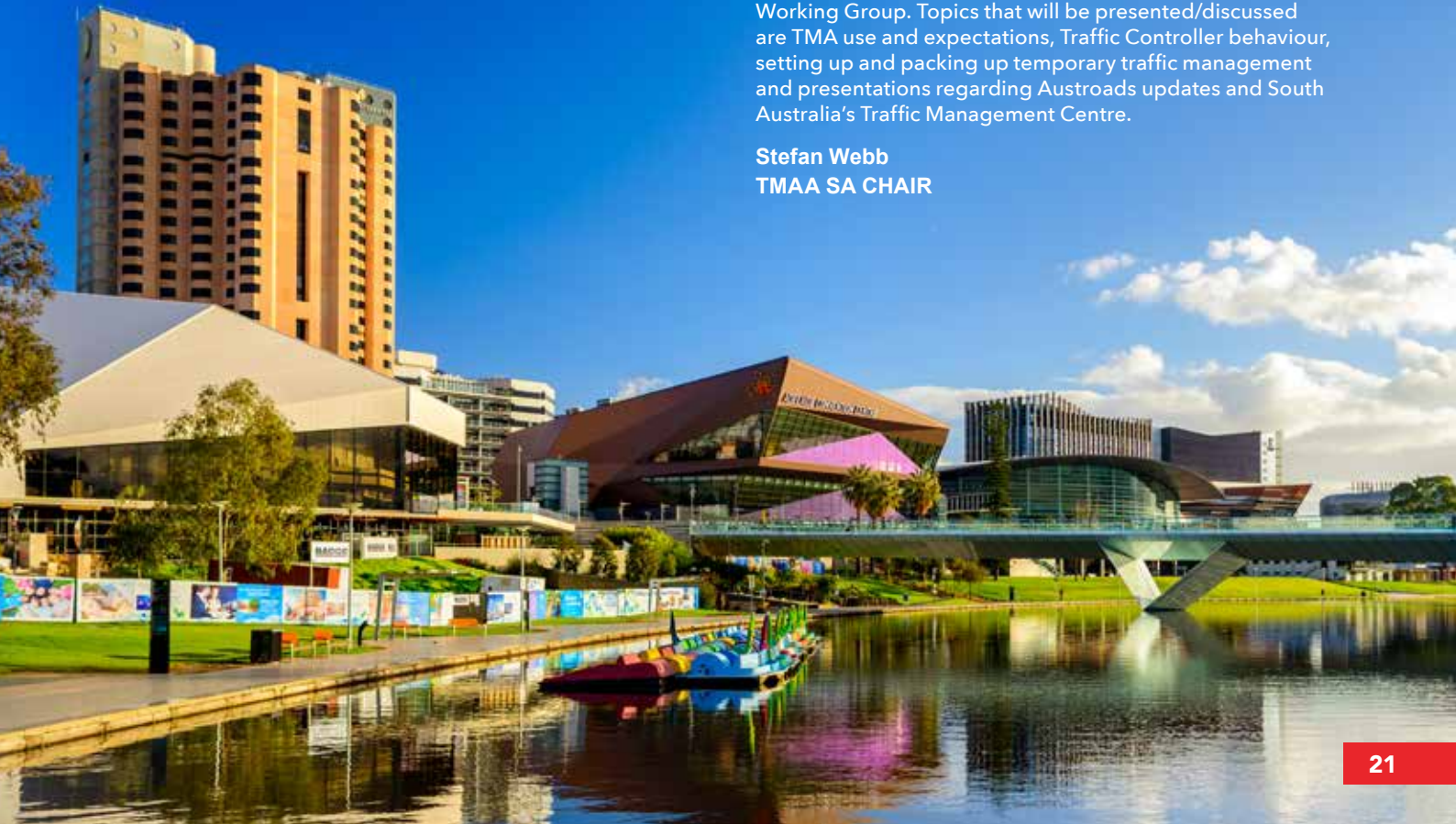
At our recent TMAA meeting Eugenio Bria provided members with vital information regarding the 'recognition of prior learning' program associated with the Austroads training. There seems to be a fair amount of work required to follow the path of proving the prior learning.

Overall we believe the long term benefits of the new training protocols will far outweigh the short term pain associated with the transition.

Coming up at our next (breakfast) meeting we are honoured to have Jon Whelan, Chief Executive for DIT as our guest speaker. It is always great to listen to Jon's insights and thoughts about the current state of affairs as well as what the future holds from a 'Department' point of view.

Also on the horizon is our next Traffic Management Forum presented by the Safety Influencers Traffic Management Working Group. Topics that will be presented/discussed are TMA use and expectations, Traffic Controller behaviour, setting up and packing up temporary traffic management and presentations regarding Austroads updates and South Australia's Traffic Management Centre.

Stefan Webb
TMAA SA CHAIR



An update on the National Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

Geoff Allan,
Austroads Chief Executive



New Year is often a time to look back at the year that was and make resolutions for the year ahead on ways to improve.

Looking back at 2023, it was a terrible time for some in the temporary traffic industry. While it wasn't widely reported as other road crashes, traffic workers were struck in many parts of Australia, with some losing their lives.

The resolution for 2024 is to work to the nationally consistent adoption of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM) all around Australia.

Austroads, the association of Australian and New Zealand government road and transport agencies, continues to work with members, local government, and industry to harmonise temporary traffic management practice. There are two key reasons for adopting the improved nationally consistent practice for temporary traffic management:

- It improves the likelihood that road workers will be safe - every employer has a responsibility to protect their workers.
- National consistency will help drive efficiency, for example, successful completion of the training requirements in one state/territory will be recognised in another participating state/territory.

Since the release of the AGTTM in late 2019, Austroads has worked with the temporary traffic management industry, state and territory governments and the training sector. While implementing changes can sometimes be challenging and slower than hoped, the industry under the leadership of Andrew White and Matt Bereni is helping us make progress. Austroads National Temporary Traffic Management Operations Manager Patsy Thomas has continued to listen to industry to shape implementation to address issues as they arise.

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APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDERS

Under the national training framework for TTM the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) framework detailing the process for an RTO to become an Approved Training Provider (ATP) to deliver temporary traffic management training, the oversight and audit mechanisms and renewal/termination was finalised.

Since the last edition of Detours, several RTOs have successfully become ATPs. The list of ATPs grows each week. I congratulate all of those training organisations for their commitment to improve road worker safety.

****Please note this list is current as at 19 January 2024, a current list of all ATPs can be found online at austroads.info/ttm-atps**

Only ATPs can deliver the Skill Sets in the Temporary Traffic Management National Training Programs. New employees to temporary traffic management (in a participating jurisdiction) must complete their training in one or more of Temporary Traffic Management National Training Programs with an ATP.

The current list of ATPs can be found online at austroads.info/ttm-atps. ATPs can be identified in the market by displaying the TTM approved training provider logo.



Temporary traffic management logo for the use by an Approved Training Provider to identify in the market.

Approved Training Provider	State/Territory
Access Training Centre	South Australia
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Carlisle Learning	South Australia
CFMEU Education and Training	Victoria
CivilEdge	Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia
Construction Training Group	Victoria
Cove Training	Victoria
CTA - Create Train Achieve	Northern Territory
ESI Training and Consulting	Victoria
Just Careers	Victoria
Star Training and Assessing	Victoria
SysTec	Victoria
WorkZone Training	South Australia, Northern Territory

STATE/TERRITORY ADOPTION

The response from all states and territories has been positive. For the immediate adopters, the timelines for adoption of the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management are presented in the table below.

State / Territory	ATP Application Process Opens	National Training Framework Becomes Mandatory	Transition Period *
Victoria	Now open	Please refer to New traffic management training in Victoria : VicRoads for implementation and transition details	
Tasmania	Now Open	1 January 2024	Please refer to Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads – Transport Services
South Australia	Now Open	1 February 2024	February 2024 – December 2026
Northern Territory	Now Open	1 February 2024	February 2024 – December 2026
Western Australia	2024	Category 1: Feb 2025 Category 2 and 3: Feb 2026	Category 1: February 2025 – February 2028

*As current qualifications expire an individual will transition to the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management - please refer to jurisdictional websites for detailed transition information.



AUSTROADS INNOVATIVE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEVICE AND SOLUTION ASSESSMENT

The Austroads Innovative Temporary Traffic Management Device and Solution Assessment (AITDSA) Scheme provides a way for innovative devices and solutions used for temporary traffic management to be assessed and recommended for use in Australia and New Zealand.

AITDSA responds to the emergence of new technologies, innovative solutions and devices that can be used to improve safety at work sites.

A total of six innovative temporary traffic management (TTM) devices and solutions have been recommended for use by AITDSA, with others currently being assessed.

Most recent AITDSA approval was made at the December 2023 AITDSA Panel meeting recommending for use a solar-powered, motorised boom gate SentiGate. The device can be remotely controlled by traffic controllers. In the event of an impact, the SentiGate's boom arm swings away, minimising potential impacts to road users.

The full list of innovative devices and solutions recommended for use by AITDSA, and the adopted use of the innovations across Australia and New Zealand, is online at austroads.info/AITDSA-products.

2024 AITDSA PANEL MEETING DATES

Monday 18 March 2024 (deadline for new product submissions Monday 19 February)

Monday 17 June 2024 (deadline for new product submissions Monday 20 May)

Monday 9 September 2024 (deadline for new product submissions Monday 12 August)



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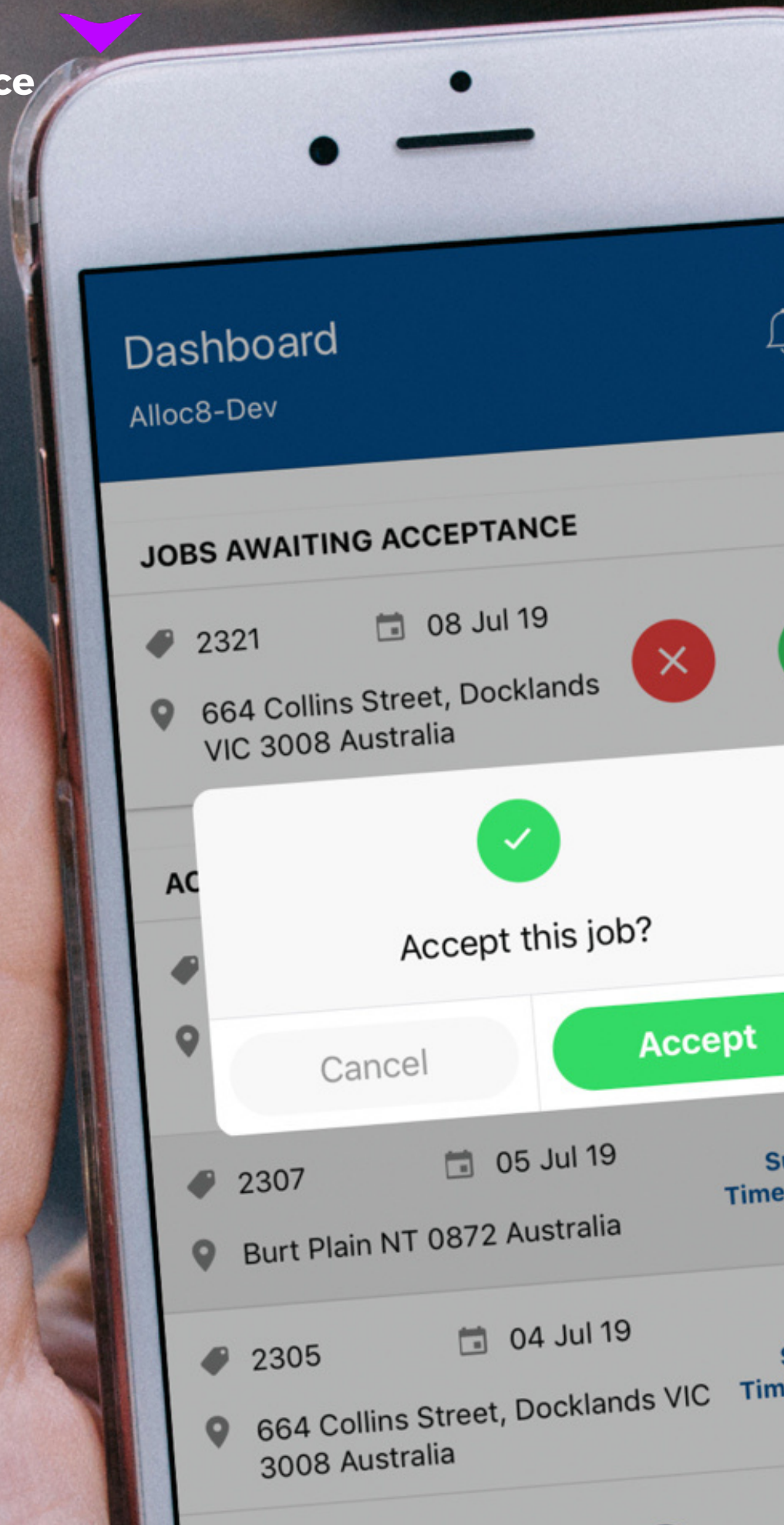
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PROTECTING THE BOTTOM LINE

It is easy to get carried away when you grow your business. As you chase new prospects and increase sales, you may find yourself forgetting about existing customers and clients, stretching yourself too thinly as you target future expansion.

Investing in scheduling technology helps you manage your resources effectively, ensuring that you are able to complete all tasks to a high standard, even as volume and demand increase. As a result, not only will you be able to book more jobs and grow your client base, you'll be

able to ensure that those jobs are getting done the right way. Protecting both ends of your business is crucial to sustainable growth.

THE PRACTICALITIES OF PLANNING AND FORECASTING

Technology directly supports the planning and forecasting aspects of growing your business. Effective planning and scheduling tools allow your teams to allot resources for upcoming projects and match the right personnel to the right jobs. In addition, an automated functionality will help guide you by suggesting allocation levels and personnel scheduling based on project requirements, effectively streamlining the whole process. Eliminating human data entry and manual processes makes planning more efficient and reduce the potential for errors. Plus, it saves all employees time and energy.

Integration with external systems is also significant here. For example, you may need to check your plans against compliance guidelines or provide reports and risk assessments to regulatory bodies. The technology you invest in should bridge the gap between your systems and those of external agencies and entities in your industry.

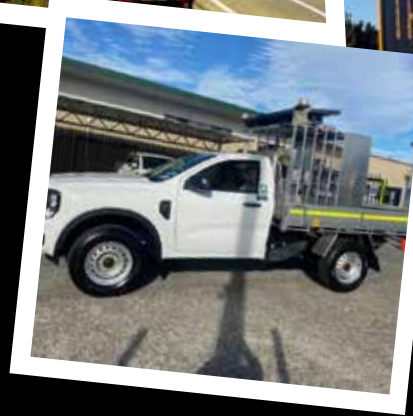
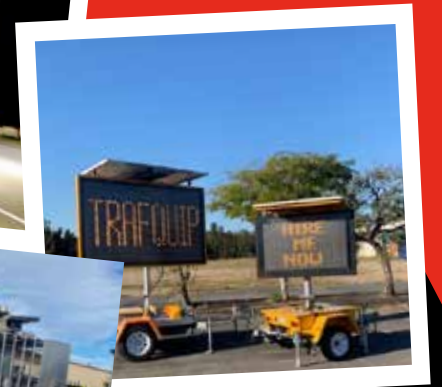
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CHRIS BOYER

Reflecting on a Dynamic Year and Setting Our Sights on 2024

As we bid farewell to 2023, I am delighted to share with you a recap of our recent activities, celebrate the joyous end-of-year festivities, introduce a remarkable Traffic Controller of the Year finalist, and outline our priorities for the upcoming year.

RECENT TMAA ACTIVITIES

In the past year, our Northern Territory division has been a hub of dynamic activities, our online and face-to-face meetings have served as invaluable forums for discussing industry developments, sharing insights, and fostering collaboration. The engagement from stakeholders, including Matthew Bereni, Bailey Morgan, and representatives from the Road Authority, CCF, City of Darwin, and local government areas, has played a pivotal role in shaping positive change within our industry.

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The festive season in the Northern Territory was nothing short of spectacular as we gathered at Wharf One, down at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct, to celebrate our achievements. Joined by Deputy Leader of the Opposition Gerard Maley, TMAA CEO Matthew Bereni and TMAA President Andrew White, along with senior management and dedicated Traffic Controllers from across the NT, it was an evening filled with camaraderie and joy. The shared moments at Wharf One not only strengthened our professional bonds but also underscored the sense of unity within our TMAA community.

TRAFFIC CONTROLLER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

I am delighted to introduce Marco Eslait-Brand, our exceptional finalist for Traffic Controller of the Year in the Northern Territory. The award was presented by Gerald Maley during the year-end celebrations. Originally hailing from Belgium, Marco has been a driving force in the NT for the past four years. His infectious personality and can-

do attitude make him a shining example of excellence in our industry. Finding out the results of all our State and Category TMAA Excellence Awards finalists exemplify best practices and dedication to the field, such a brilliant run-up to Christmas for the industry.

2024 PRIORITIES AND GOALS

Looking ahead, our priorities for 2024 are aligned with our commitment to safety, efficiency, and innovation in traffic management. We aim to spearhead the transition to the harmonization of temporary traffic management training, ensuring that our staff remains at the forefront of industry standards. Additionally, we will focus on continued collaboration with the NT government to address the evolving challenges posed by infrastructure projects and maintain a safe working environment for our dedicated team.

2024 TMAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The upcoming TMAA National Conference holds immense promise for us. We look forward to gaining valuable insights, sharing our experiences, and networking with industry leaders. This conference provides a platform for us to learn from the best, stay updated on the latest advancements, and contribute to the continued growth of traffic management nationwide.

In closing, let us embrace the opportunities and challenges that 2024 presents. Together, we will navigate the ever-evolving landscape of traffic management, ensuring the safety and efficiency of our roadways for all.

Wishing you a prosperous and fulfilling 2024, looking forward to seeing you in March at the conference.

Warm regards,

Christopher Boyer
TMAA Northern Territory Chair



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NICOLE WILLING

As we say goodbye to 2023, I reflect with pride on a year marked by industry accomplishments, unity, and advancement. In the spirit of looking back and looking ahead, I'd like to offer insight into our undertakings, festivities, and aspirations for the year, 2024.

The year 2023 culminated in joyous festivities as TMAA Tasmania hosted its much-anticipated end-of-year Christmas drinks. Bringing us all together at the beautiful roof top bar of the Crowne Plaza Hobart, the event provided a platform for networking, exchanging ideas, and fostering a sense of community within the industry. It's always great to come together in an informal, relaxed environment, to let our hair down. The warm atmosphere set the stage for reflecting on the collective achievements and challenges faced throughout the year, reinforcing the strength of our goals for the future of the industry in Tasmania. At our Christmas event, we were lucky enough to have the winner of Traffic Controller of the year announced and I am delighted to share the exciting news that **Dwayne Hill of Altus Traffic Australia** has been selected as the Tasmanian finalist for Traffic Control of the Year! Dwayne's dedication to cultivating positive public relationships and consistently surpassing expectations has rightfully earned him this prestigious acknowledgment. Warmest congratulations, Dwayne we can't wait for you to represent us at the National Convention in March, we know you'll not only do Altus but also Tassie proud.

A highlight of the end of 2023 was the successful debut of TMAA Tasmania's first-ever mini trade show. This groundbreaking event showcased latest technologies from our supplier **HiVis** and **Tranex Roads and Traffic** innovative signage solutions. Special thanks to our friends at CCF Tas for presenting their services to our members too! The positive response affirmed our commitment to fostering growth, innovation, and we are excited for mini-trade show planning in the future.

Looking ahead to 2024, TMAA Tasmania is geared up for another year of progress and innovation. Our key goals and priorities include:

- Elevating safety standards remains our paramount concern. We will continue to collaborate with industry stakeholders, government bodies, and local communities to ensure that our temporary traffic management practices adhere to the highest safety standards outlined in the AGTTM.
- Investing in the professional development of our members and their workers is crucial. The Tasmanian Traffic Management industry is committed to the successful roll out of the new

National training framework that will equip our workforce with the latest skills and knowledge, ensuring a high level of competency in temporary traffic management.

- Embracing technological advancements is pivotal for staying ahead in the rapidly evolving field of traffic management. In 2024, TMAA Tasmania will explore and implement cutting-edge technologies that enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of temporary traffic management practices through data collection and more comprehensive use of Portable Traffic Control Devices to keep our controllers off the road out of harms way.
- Anticipation for the National Conference in March
TMAA Tasmania eagerly anticipates the National Conference in March, where industry leaders, professionals, and stakeholders from across Australian will converge to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and innovations in temporary traffic management. We look forward to sharing our experiences, learning from others, and collectively contributing to the advancement of our industry on a national scale.

Nicole Willing
TMAA TAS Chair





Michael Ferguson

Tasmanian Minister for
Infrastructure and Transport



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Major traffic changes have been put in place as part of the construction of Tasmania's largest ever transport infrastructure project, the Bridgewater Bridge.

The \$786 million bridge, which will replace the existing bridge with a four-lane, 80kph span across the Derwent River, features grade-separated interchanges at each end for a seamless connection for vehicles in both directions.

In mid-December, major traffic changes occurred on the southern side at Granton so construction can progress safely.

A new temporary roundabout was established on the Brooker Highway and all through traffic has now switched onto the new Lyell Highway alignment.

A section of Black Snake Road is closed, and Main Road traffic will be temporarily directed along George Street for about three months to travel north or south on the Brooker Highway.

There will be safe pedestrian access and access to properties across the project site at all times.

In early 2024, all Midland Highway northbound traffic in Bridgewater will be diverted along Old Main Road, while southbound traffic will remain on the existing highway.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Michael Ferguson, said major construction had gained momentum after the completion of the temporary bridge, allowing construction to continue without impacting traffic.

"The original construction schedule remains on time to be completed in mid-2025," the Minister said.

"While opening the bridge to one lane of traffic in each direction at 60kph by the end of 2024 was the initial target, I am advised by project management that they can complete the job more efficiently, with less risk to worker safety and open to all four lanes of traffic at 80kph within the overall due date.

The \$786 million bridge, which will replace the existing bridge with a four-lane, 80kph span across the Derwent River, features grade-separated interchanges at each end for a seamless connection for vehicles in both directions.

"Maximising local industry participation in the project has been a priority, but this has meant it has taken longer than expected to ramp up to peak production.

"Planning work started back in 2019, so to finish this project within months of the forecast date will be a significant achievement considering the challenges across the building and construction industry."

"Last week I visited the New Bridgewater Bridge project site and was thoroughly impressed with the rate at which the new bridge is taking shape," Mr Ferguson said.

"Anyone who has driven through the area recently would have seen the hive of activity taking place across the project site.

"From the crews working nonstop to produce more than 1,000 concrete bridge segments, to the teams making sure people can travel safely through the site, everyone is working hard to get this project finished."

Across the project site, 14 of the 42 bridge piers have been poured and more than 190,000 cubic metres of earth moved.

Crews are working hard to complete both bridge abutments, with all land piers completed and segments being lifted into place.

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TYNAN DIAZ

Greetings to all members and associates of the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) NSW Division. Under the joint stewardship with Chair Khaleel Hamden, we are delighted to share the strides our division has made over the past year, witnessing an impressive 37% increase in membership. This achievement could not have been possible without the dedication of our current members, our associates, and the impactful guidance of Matt Berini, CEO of TMAA and his team who have been instrumental in meeting and exceeding our member's expectations

The conclusion of 2023 was marked by our annual Christmas golf day, a valued event by our members. With over 40 participants, Ventia triumphed over the previous champions, Altus Traffic, by a single shot to claim the coveted trophy, celebrating camaraderie and competition within our division.

Our first meeting of 2024, held on February 15th and hosted by Innov8 at the Penrith Panthers, was a testament to our commitment to innovation and member engagement. The event featured a demonstration of the new SentiGate, offering our members invaluable insights into transportation solutions and product benefits. We were also visited by the presence of Prabaka Siva, Transport for NSW Director of TMC Network Access & CJM, who provided an update on the newly developed oplinc portal. This system, in development for two years, is on the brink of improving our permit application operations, pending integration with other critical network systems for a seamless rollout. Our members will be the first to know of the GO-Live date once we hear more!

Our collaboration with TfNSW on the development of TCAWS versions continues to make significant headway, with Craig Walker leading discussions on the critical aspects of Truck Mounted Attenuators & Portable Traffic Control Devices. An industry survey conducted among our members and associates has yielded valuable data, offering insights into the current challenges, improvements, and solutions for the future guidance on TMAs & LTMA's implementation. We anticipate sharing these findings with Craig and his team, as well as with our members, to collaboratively address and refine our practices for better & safer outcomes.

As we eagerly anticipate the TMAA National Conference set for March 14th-15th at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast, we would like to highlight the Excellence Awards and our NSW finalists. Special thanks to our NSW associates, Kennards Hire and Seymour Whyte, for sponsoring the National Traffic Controller of the Year and Traffic Management Designer of the Year awards, respectively.

Our NSW finalists embody the excellence and dedication within our ranks, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations and support to Jo Connell, Daryl Dobson, Violet White, Alec Czarnowski, Simone Hampton, Steven Bishop, Kate Fabro, Corina Lindsay, Gerard O'Neill, and the nominated companies and projects. Their contributions and achievements reflect the high standards and commitment of the TMAA NSW Division to excellence in traffic management.



We are delighted to share the strides our division has made over the past year, witnessing an impressive 37% increase in membership.

This conference represents a significant opportunity for us to come together as "The Voice of the Traffic Management Industry," celebrating our collective achievements and forging a path toward a safer, more efficient future for Traffic Management. We look forward to what promises to be an unforgettable event, marking yet another milestone in our journey towards excellence.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Warm regards,

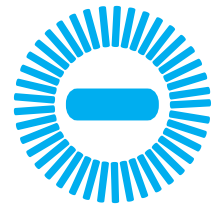
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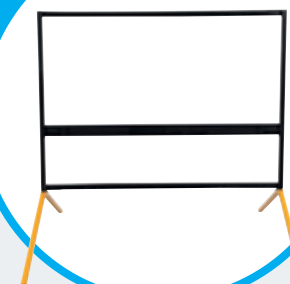


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Available through the NHVR Portal, it also creates a single-entry point for industry to access their heavy vehicle related information.

The National Network Map is just one of the ways we are transforming the NHVR Portal into a heavy vehicle business centre.

We will see it become the central and authoritative location for the trucking industry to map journeys across state and territory borders for their entire fleet.

The transition of each state and territory map onto the NHVR Portal to create the National Network Map began in December 2022, and it has been an incredible effort to reach this achievement.

This includes 54 networks in South Australia, 111 networks in Victoria, six networks in Queensland, 67 networks in New South Wales and six networks in Australian Capital Territory.

The new map means industry can access more comprehensive and consistent routing data, creating a more efficient routing experience.

In turn, this will reduce the number of permit applications required, and enable a quicker turnaround for approvals.

Since the map's launch on 20 December, it has been accessed more than 17,000 times by users across Australia.

We look forward to seeing this figure grow as more drivers and companies begin using the map to route journeys for their entire fleet.

But the benefits of the map are not limited to industry, with positive outcomes for government as well.

Road managers are given access to a self-service tool to manage gazetted networks, and have the enhanced ability to manage disruption and publish safe updates to their networks.

This means during disasters - including floods, bushfires or significant accidents - updates can be shared in real-time.

The National Network Map will be linked to a national network of road ownership providing better data, which will mean fewer delays in permitting and better decisions regarding network access.

It's been an ongoing journey to get to this stage, and I'm thrilled the NHVR is delivering technology upgrades to help equip truck drivers across Australia with more efficient routing options.

Over the next six months, the NHVR will continue to work on digitalising all maps associated with pre-approvals, as well as working with local government road managers to develop faster approvals for these pre-approval maps.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the [National Network Map](#), head to the [NHVR website](#) and you can begin using the new tool today.

Sal Petrocchio AM,
NHVR CEO



SA Power Networks

POSITIVE INTENT:

How in-vehicle data, driver education and industry partnerships built a strong road safety culture



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Case Study: SA Power Networks: POSITIVE INTENT: How in-vehicle data, driver education and industry partnerships built a strong road safety culture

Synopsis

SA Power Networks faces a multitude of safety risks, ranging from risks for specific items of equipment to general risks associated with supplying power. This was reflected in its approach to maximising workplace road safety performance, from identifying and acting on individual risks to building a positive safety culture. Rather than 'reinventing the wheel', the organisation adapted proven approaches to meet its own challenges.

Introduction

SA Power Networks' fleet travels 20 million kilometres each year to provide and maintain power supply across South Australia. It has the largest non-Government fleet in the State, and that fleet varies widely from passenger and light commercial vehicles to fit-for-purpose equipment like EWP's (elevated work platforms).

Its people often work over long distances and varied terrain, from urban settings to regional and rural areas, including off-road locations. Add the unpredictability of requiring access to private land to complete its operations, and the list of workplace road safety risks SA Power Networks has to manage is extensive.

So where did the organisation start? Like many, with data.

And why? To understand what was actually happening in its organisation and where action was needed.

Data has been the driving force behind preventing incidents, acting as a leading indicator for where driver education and management focus is required, and informing what training is provided and who to.

The approach has proven so effective, the organisation has significantly cut both the number and severity of driver-at-fault incidents, expanding its successful approach beyond driving to all transport risks.

This case study will highlight SA Power Networks' journey to a strong workplace road safety culture, the critical role data and in-vehicle monitoring plays in each facet of its approach, and how benefiting from the experience of others has helped it create effective and tailored measures without needing to 'reinvent the wheel'.



Read the full Case study on the NRSPP Website.

"...as a company we also needed to fully understand what's going on here and what we can do to mitigate the chances of this happening again."



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