



**JULY 2011**

**Annual General Meeting**

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council (TFLC) will be held on Wednesday 27 July 2011 at the TCCI conference room, Old Post Office, 68-72 Cameron Street, Launceston commencing at 12:00noon. Members are especially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

**Tasmanian Government Support for Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council Refused**

An application seeking re-instatement of Tasmanian Government funding for the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council from 1 July 2011 has been refused by the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure, David O'Byrne.

At the same time the Federal Government's Minister for Infrastructure has confirmed its ongoing funding support for freight councils throughout Australia – up to a maximum of \$200,000 per council per annum, subject to receipt of matching funding from the State Government.

This means Federal Government funding of up to \$200,000 per annum has been lost to Tasmania as a result of the Tasmanian Government's decision not to provide financial support to the TFLC from 1 July 2011.

The decision of the Tasmanian Government is extremely short-sighted and is very disappointing. If the TFLC did not exist then the Tasmanian Government would need to allocate resources within the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources to address the many freight and logistics issues that would inevitably arise that need action. At present many of these issues are being addressed by the TFLC.

The TFLC has sufficient reserves and is identifying alternative sources of revenue to enable it to continue to operate as normal for at least the next twelve to eighteen months.

**Tasmanian Freight Transport Strategy**

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council is seeking input from its members and other major stakeholders in the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania into the most important Tasmanian freight infrastructure survey that has been undertaken in the last twenty years.

The TFLC is consulting with all major stakeholders who have an interest in moving freight in to, out of and within Tasmania to seek their views on what:

- Infrastructure investment is required;
- Transport corridors are required for the future;
- Improvements can be made to the existing transport system;
- Regulatory changes could be made to enhance freight movements; and
- Challenges that the industry faces in the future.

It is proposed that the strategy will look at areas including air, rail, road, sea and regulatory issues including land use planning.

Survey forms must be returned to the TFLC by 29 July 2011. If you haven't yet completed a survey form please do so to ensure that your views are considered as part of the Strategy.

Following the initial consultation with major stakeholders, forums will be held in major centres throughout Tasmania with invited stakeholders to discuss the interim findings and to prioritise any proposed capital works and outcomes.

The outcomes from that consultation will be built into a Tasmanian Freight Transport Strategy. The Strategy will cover a period of at least 30 years from 2011 – 2040 and will be prepared from the survey results and outcomes from the forums.

The Strategy will be provided to Infrastructure Australia, the Federal and Tasmanian Governments and the Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council.



## Obituary – Philip Petersen



The Tasmanian freight community was saddened following the tragic death of the Chairman of the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council, Philip Petersen, on 29 April 2011. Philip was flying his ultra-light plane from Tumut in NSW to Loxton in South Australia when he suffered a heart attack, his plane crashed and he died. Philip was a passionate flyer and was doing something that he greatly enjoyed at the time of his death.

Philip Petersen was very well known and respected in the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania and throughout Australia. He was a great and enthusiastic supporter of the industry and made a lasting contribution to it. He was a deep thinker about the challenges in the industry and more importantly the solutions. He was a unique and colourful character who always ensured that Tasmanian concerns were heard both locally and nationally. His frank and forthright approach over many years was very well respected and his dry wit and humour will be missed.

Philip was born on 3 May 1944 in Buxton, Derbyshire in the United Kingdom. Following a successful career in the British Army, Philip immigrated to Australia in 1969 to take up a position with Jetaway in Melbourne. A 40-year career in transport and logistics followed. Philip was Assistant Director Rail Management Unit with the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources until his retirement in February 2009.

Philip had been chairman of the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council since its inception in 1999 until his untimely passing.

The Council extends its deepest sympathies to Philip's wife, Sylvia and his children, Lola and John.

## Membership Fees

Following a period of no annual membership fees, the loss of government financial support has meant that the TFLC has had to reintroduce annual membership fees of \$100 plus GST commencing from the new financial year. Accounts will be sent to members in the next few weeks.

The loss of government support means that the TFLC needs the backing of the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania (that includes anyone that moves freight into, out of or within Tasmania) now more than ever before.

Members of the TFLC receive the following benefits:

- Access to expert advice on improvements to, or changes within the freight industry;
- Access to regular information on TFLC issues and initiatives through quarterly News Bulletins and the TFLC's website;
- Opportunities to contribute to improved efficiency and integration of freight logistics through the supply chain;
- Information about emerging logistics technologies and systems;
- Links to the Australian Freight Council Network within the national freight industry;
- An ability to initiate company-specific projects through the TFLC in relation to freight issues;
- Opportunities to contribute to the identification and formulation of the industry position through the TFLC in relation to freight issues which are then communicated to governments, regulatory and other policy making institutions;
- Membership of an organization working with the Federal and State governments, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce & Industry and other agencies
- Linking of your website to the TFLC's website as another way of broadening your referral network.

Without the support of industry, the TFLC will not survive.

Please show your support by renewing your membership for 2011-12 now.

### **Re-launch of LINC website**

Efforts to reduce the impact of the looming jobs shortage crisis on the Australian transport and logistics (T&L) sector received a major boost last month with the official re-launch of a national, industry-specific careers/occupation website.

The innovative website has been designed specifically to attract and retain skilled workers to the T&L industry, which is projected to triple in size by 2050 due to increased demand.

In Tasmania, the T&L industry is a significant employer in its own right and makes a large contribution to Gross State Product both directly and indirectly (by supporting other industry sectors such as agriculture and forestry).

The LINC website is proudly supported by the TFLC and will provide the state with a chance to showcase its T&L skills and workforce initiatives on the national stage into the future.

The original website has undergone a major overhaul with a host of national and state specific industry resources now contained on the site, and with all states now actively participating and supporting the initiative. This includes an interactive careers pathways tool which is designed to engage the individual and demonstrate the vast array of career opportunities available in our industry. The main aim of the redevelopment has been to improve the site's useability and overall appeal to all generations.

Highlights of the revamped website include:

- Completely redeveloped and "new look" website with enhanced useability, functionality and visual appeal;
- Overhauled and updated industry-specific national information that will be continually monitored and updated;
- Careers within the industry being the main focus of the new site with multiple enhancements, and;
- All States now joining LINC, giving the site national significance.

More information is available at: [www.the-linc.com.au](http://www.the-linc.com.au)

### **Loss of AAA Shipping Service**

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council is continuing to work with shippers, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and representatives from the Minister for Infrastructure's Office to ease the impact of the loss of the AAA international shipping service from the end of April 2011.

Without the service, Tasmanian importers and exporters have been forced to ship international goods via Melbourne at significantly increased costs. For some Tasmanian companies this has resulted in their businesses becoming unviable.

Whilst it is generally agreed that nothing can be done to reverse this decision and that another international shipping service is unlikely to fill the void, work is continuing to try and obtain financial support for Tasmanian companies adversely affected by the loss of the AAA service.

### **2011 Regional Ports Conference**

It is not too late to register for the 2011 Regional Ports Conference which will be held in Launceston on 21 and 22 July 2011.

The theme of the Conference is "Facilitating trade links to national logistics networks". Keynote speakers include David O'Byrne, Minister for Infrastructure, Dan Norton, Chairman of TasPorts, Paul Weedon, CEO of TasPorts and Damien White, CEO of TasRail. A site tour of Bell Bay will finish off the Conference.

A Pre-Conference Workshop will be held on 20 July 2011 to address workforce training, planning, retention strategies, people management and new industrial relation developments. Given the impending skills shortage facing the industry, this workshop will be worth attending by itself.

For more details on the Conference, contact the TFLC on (03) 6236 3663 or email on [freightlogistics@tcci.com.au](mailto:freightlogistics@tcci.com.au) or check the website [www.informa.com.au/regionalports](http://www.informa.com.au/regionalports).

### **Review of Tasmanian Vehicle Route Network**

The Minister for Infrastructure recently released results from the first comprehensive review of Tasmania's high productivity vehicle route network.

A high productivity vehicle (HPV) is a heavy-vehicle combination such as a B-Double. HPV's have operated on Tasmanian roads since they were first trialled in 1993 and service some of Tasmania's major industries. The recent review assessed more than 2,500 kilometres of Tasmania's roads.

The review found that two-thirds of the network either meet Tasmanian guidelines or are marginally below the guidelines and that two-thirds of the network also carries about 90 per cent of Tasmania's HPV freight.

The review also found HPV's are among the safest vehicles on Tasmanian roads based on crash statistics.

The full report is available on DIER's website:  
[http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/latest\\_news](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/latest_news)

### **Women Moving Forward**

Four women working in the transport and logistics (T&L) industry in Tasmania have taken up sponsorships offered by the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council and have recently commenced a Women Moving Forward (WMF) mentoring program. The WMF program has been designed specifically for women in T&L and challenges them to identify, plan and implement actions to achieve their professional and personal goals. WMF is a program that builds the efficiency, capability and number of jobs in T&L by supporting the development of women.

The TFLC congratulates the following women who have the drive and initiative to succeed in the T&L industry in Tasmania:

- Carmen Bellinger – Fresh Freight Tasmania
- Carol Steers - Incitec Pivot Fertilisers
- Nicola Grace - Seaway
- Helen Kirkman – Willard Estate Logistics

### **Tasmanian Export Awards 2011**

Entries for the 2011 Tasmanian Export Awards close on 25 August 2011 with winners to be announced at the Tasmanian Export Awards dinner at Wrest Point in Hobart on 14 October 2011. This prestigious program is Tasmania's highest recognition of excellence for companies exporting goods and services and is held in high regard around the world. For more details <http://www.eawards.com.au/export2011/tas/intro.php>

If you have any enquiries regarding the Tasmanian Export Awards, please contact Fransina Barns on email [Fransina.barns@development.tas.gov.au](mailto:Fransina.barns@development.tas.gov.au) or phone (03) 6233 5752 at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

### **Free Copy of MHD Supply Chain Solutions Magazine**

The Australian Logistics Council has provided the TFLC with a number of copies of the July / August 2011 issue of the MHD Supply Chain Solutions magazine. A copy of the magazines will be posted to members on request – please send an email to [freightlogistics@tcci.com.au](mailto:freightlogistics@tcci.com.au) if you would like to receive your complimentary copy.

### **Thank You**

The TFLC would like to acknowledge the major financial and other support that is provided to it from the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry:

