



JANUARY 2012

Happy New Year

On behalf of the Chairman, Tim Hess, and the Board of Directors of the Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council, we would like to wish everyone a happy New Year and a great and prosperous 2012. Thank you for all your support in 2011 and we look forward to working with you all in 2012.

Bell Bay Shipping Service Update

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council was represented at a meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure David O'Byrne, DIER Secretary Norm McIlfatrick, TasPorts, TasRail, TCCI and members of the Bell Bay Industry Group on 8 November 2011 to update all parties on what is happening, to explore the possibility of other shipping lines replacing the AAA and Agility services at Bell Bay and the long-term future of the Bell Bay port. The preference for all parties is to get another shipping line to provide a shipping service from Bell Bay. In the meantime, the Tasmanian Government is seeking an extension of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme to cover exports.

Tasmanian Transport Forum

The third annual Australian Maritime College. Tasmanian Transport Forum was held on 9 December 2011 and was an outstanding success. Over 70 delegates attended and it was pleasing to see that many were senior managers in their fields. Plenty of positive feedback was received.

A report from the Forum will be included on the Australian Maritime College website <https://www.amc.edu.au/tfimages> early in the New Year. Many thanks to TasPorts and the Port of Melbourne Corporation for their generous sponsorship which made the Forum possible. The Tasmanian Transport Forum has now become a very worthwhile and much anticipated annual event on the Tasmanian calendar.

Submission to Infrastructure Australia

In November 2011, the Tasmanian Government made a submission to Infrastructure Australia (IA) which provides an update on Tasmanian projects that are currently in the IA pipeline and other new projects with a value of over \$100 million that will also be put forward under the Nation Building 2 Program.

Transport projects in the submission include:

- An update on the \$150 million Bell Bay Intermodal Expansion Project. The proposal has been modified to focus on immediate improvements to the Burnie port and long term objectives (2018 – 2025) for a staged Bell Bay development to remove constraints and increase freight capacity at Bell Bay from 150,000 to 400,000 TEU's.
- Strategic plan for the Midland Highway with a staged approach for the provision of a four lane highway over the longer term.
- Strategic plan for the Brooker Highway. \$238 million is required in the short to medium term for improvements from Berriedale Road to Howard Road, junction upgrades at Goodwood / Elwick / Howard Roads, upgrade of the Risdon Road junction and upgrade of the Risdon Road to Domain interchange section of the Highway.
- Program for the revitalisation of rail in Tasmania. The project is estimated to cost \$240 million and includes relaying most of the entire network with concrete sleepers, relaying of approximately 290 kilometres of life-expired track, strengthening of bridges and culverts and upgrades and remedial works on the Melba, Fingal and Bell Bay lines

A copy of the full submission is available on the DIER website <http://www.infrastructure.tas.gov.au/>

The submission also outlines work being done by DIER on the development of an integrated transport policy and the development of a Tasmanian freight strategy which is due for release in July 2012.

Flinders Island Freight Forum

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council held a very successful Freight Forum at Whitemark on Flinders Island on Friday 2 December 2011.

The TFLC was very pleased with the turnout from businesses and the Council on the island and the frank and open discussion that took place. If there are other issues regarding freight that were not raised at the Freight Forum, the TFLC would be pleased to hear from anyone with their views. The TFLC can be contacted by telephone on (03) 6235 3663 or by email freightlogistics@tcci.com.au.

The TFLC has released a discussion paper outlining the issues and some thoughts people present at the Freight Forum had about what might be done to overcome those issues. The discussion paper has been circulated to Freight Forum participants for comment.

A final report will be forwarded to Freight Forum participants, the Flinders Island Council, the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure and the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources in February 2012 and any appropriate actions will be incorporated into the TFLC's work plan for the next 12 months.

Sponsorship of LINC website

Sponsorship opportunities exist for industries in the transport and logistics industry in Tasmania to promote themselves on the LINC website – www.the-linc.com.au - the transport and logistics industries "one stop shop" information website.

The website contains a variety of information for industry, government and the general public. However, LINC's main focus is promoting careers in the T&L industry.

Sponsorship packages from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per annum are available and include career brief opportunities, industry sector sponsorships, career section sponsorships, State portal sponsorships through to national sponsorships.

If you are interested in finding out more about the sponsorship packages available and the benefits that you will get for your investment, contact Rob McGuire at the TFLC by phone on (03) 6236 3663 or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

One Rule Book On The Way

Australia's heavy vehicle owners, operators and drivers are only twelve months away from driving across eight Australian states and territories under one rule book, with the recent vote by the inaugural Standing Council of Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) on 4 November 2011 to support the first bill of the new Heavy Vehicle National Law.

SCOTI replaced the former Australian Transport Council, as part of recent Council of Australian Government's (COAG) reforms.

The SCOTI vote on 4 November 2011 was closely followed by the introduction of the proposed legislation into the Queensland Parliament on 15 November 2011. Once passed, the Queensland legislation to set up the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) will be adopted by all other states and territories to roll out the framework nationally.

When the NHVR opens for business on 1 January 2013, it will bring in significant reforms to the trucking industry. Owners, operators and drivers across the country will see the rules come into line for registration, road access, mass and loading, fatigue management, and compliance and enforcement for heavy vehicles throughout Australia. That's a real burden in time and money as individuals try to navigate the rules and make sure they meet different and sometimes inconsistent requirements. The new legislation will do away with more than 360 current variations to heavy vehicle regulations across the states and territories.

Australian Logistics Council Forum

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) invites members of the transport and logistics fraternity in Australia to be part of the premier event for transport and logistics leaders and decision makers at its 10th annual ALC Forum, which will be held on 28, 29 and 30 March 2012 at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel in Sydney. The forum theme is '*Positioning Australia in the Global Supply Chain*' – a task important to each and every Australian operating company. Full details are available from the TFLC or online at www.austlogistics.com.au.

Women Moving Forward Mentoring Program

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia's Women Moving Forward (WMF) continues to be the most successful program of its type for the transport and logistics (T&L) industry. WMF is a program that builds the efficiency, capability and number of jobs in T&L by supporting the development of women. It is open to all women, in any role, in any region in any T&L company. 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

The WMF program incorporates a high quality, self-paced and cost effective mentoring program, targeting the retention and development of women within the T&L industry. The program identifies what women want in their personal and professional lives and helps get them there.

The next Women Moving Forward Program will commence on 9 March 2012 with registrations closing on 2 March 2012. Cost is \$750 plus GST. To find out more or to register please visit www.cilta.com.au or contact wmf@cilta.com.au.

5th Intermodal Asia Conference

Intermodal Asia is one of the biggest Container Port and Terminal Operations Exhibition and Conference trade events throughout the Asia Pacific region. The Port of Melbourne Corporation will host the 2012 conference which will be held at the InterContinental Melbourne Hotel from 8 to 10 February 2012.

The *5th Intermodal Asia 2012* will comprise a world-class exhibition and conference programme. The conference will feature 30 world class speakers in global logistics and transport and will be attended by more than 300 senior executive decision makers from the world's leading ports, shippers, cargo owners, shipping lines, freight forwarders, logistics companies, terminal operators, railway operators and port-rail equipment services suppliers.

Full details are available from the TFLC or online at www.transportevents.com

Free Copies of MHD Supply Chain Solutions Magazine

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

Air Cargo Security

The Federal Government has passed changes to the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* which brings into effect changes to Australia's air cargo security arrangements. This includes new screening requirements for air cargo and the introduction of a Regulated Shipper Scheme.

The changes include:

- A requirement for Regulated Air Cargo Agents (RACA's) to have examination capability by April 2013, with the Federal Government to provide \$20 million to assist RACA's purchase the required screening equipment.
- The introduction of an Accredited Air Cargo Agents (AACCA) scheme in 2012 with businesses under the scheme needing to demonstrate they have adequate safety procedures in place to deal with such things as vehicle security, secure handling of cargo and training.
- The establishment of a Regulated Shipper Scheme to be introduced in September 2013 that will see cargo originating from a 'regulated shipper' being deemed 'secure' if its transportation to a Cargo Terminal Operator is undertaken by an AACCA or RACA.

For further information contact the TFLC or <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/security/cargo/index.aspx>

Membership Fees

Accounts have already been sent to members for 2011-12 subscriptions. If you have not yet paid the account, it would be appreciated if you would do so as soon as possible.

CILTA Accelerate Mentoring Program

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia (CILTA) has designed a mentoring program specifically for young professionals in transport and logistics. CILTA's Accelerate Mentoring Program draws on the wide range and depth of experience from CILTA's Chartered Fellows as mentors. This is a perfect mentee opportunity which enables young professionals in the industry to:

- Rapidly accelerate their career and job potential;
- Extend their understanding and knowledge of the transport and logistics industry;
- Improve their skills and knowledge;
- Gain greater self-confidence, greater recognition and a great deal of personal satisfaction; and
- Help build their network with the help of an experienced leader from the transport and logistics industry.

The program commences on 1 March 2012 and costs \$145 for Members or \$195 for Non-Members.

For more information, contact Hanna Lucas at CILTA on 1300 681 134 or admin@cilta.com.au.

Welcome New Member

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council would like to welcome the following new member – Shannon Bayles from Furneaux Freight Pty Ltd.

If you know of anyone in the industry that may wish to become a TFLC member please let Rob McGuire know and he will talk to them about the many benefits of becoming a member. Rob can be contacted by phone on (03) 6236 3663 or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

Transport & Logistics Workforce Development Partnership

The Tasmanian Freight Logistics Council has entered into an agreement with Skills Tasmania to develop Enterprise Workforce Development Plans for 50 enterprises in the Tasmanian freight and logistics industry. If you would like to have a Enterprise Workforce Development Plan prepared for your business as part of this partnership, please contact Rob McGuire on (03) 6236 3663 or email him on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

Can the TFLC Help You?

The TFLC is constantly reviewing what is happening in the Tasmanian freight community and trying to keep abreast of activities that improve logistics standards, quality management of supply chains, training support, packaging and transport systems. The TFLC is acutely aware that it must remain relevant to the industry and particularly to its Members. If there is something that you think we should be doing (or something that we are currently doing that you believe we should not be doing), the TFLC would like to hear from you. Similarly if there is something that we can do to help you, the TFLC would like to hear from you as well.

If you wish to speak to the TFLC about any issues, please contact the TFLC's CEO, Rob McGuire, on (03) 6236 3663 or email on freightlogistics@tcci.com.au

Thank You

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