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- 10-11 October, Biosecurity Queensland Partners' Forum, Brisbane QLD
- 11-14 October 2018, International Festival of Landscape Architecture, Gold Coast QLD
- 14-17 October 2018, PLA International Parks Congress, Melbourne VIC
- 15-17 October 2018, Parks and Leisure Congress, Melbourne VIC
- 30 October 2018, Grass Roots Field Day, Pitt Town NSW
- 12-13 November 2018, The International Urban Design Conference, Sydney NSW

Spring magazine on its way



Keep an eye on your mailboxes next week when the spring edition of the Turf Australia industry magazine is delivered.

In this edition – find out more about the levy-funded industry projects researching mites, Couch smut, industry statistics, the environmental benefit of turf and much more.

Also in the magazine is a look at the recent commercial group conferences held by Lawn Solutions Australia and TurfBreed, what the growers on the industry study tour to New Zealand discovered, and the link between Australia's most iconic river, the Murray River, and natural turf.

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Work diary extension for heavy vehicles



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More information on the requirements of the work diary and the exemption can be found [HERE](#).



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High level criticism of artificial turf



Artificial turf has been criticised in high profile circles when Rangers Soccer Club manager and former Liverpool player, Steven Gerrard, highlighted the safety differences between natural and plastic pitches for soccer games.

After an injury to his star winger, Jamie Murphy, Gerrard said: "We all know that plastic pitches are not as safe as grass" and went on to say that natural grass pitches were superior for safety.

Read the full story here: <https://turfmate.com.au/artificial-turf-has-no-place-in-elite-football/>

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NSW drought assistance available



Growers who are impacted by the extenuating drought conditions in NSW may be able to access drought assistance measures.

For information on drought assistance visit <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-assistance-fund> or phone the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593

The logo for Hort Innovation TURF FUND features the text 'Hort Innovation' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'TURF FUND' in a smaller font to its right. Below 'Hort Innovation' is the tagline 'Strategic Levy Investment'.	<p>This project has been funded by Hort Innovation using the turf research and development levy and funds from the Australian Government. For more information on the fund and strategic levy investment visit horticulture.com.au</p>
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Please contact Turf Australia if you and/or your organisation are also interested in sponsoring and supporting our great turf industry.

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Under CoR laws, if you are named as a party in the chain of responsibility and you exercise (or have the capability of exercising) control or influence over any transport task, you have a responsibility to ensure the HVNL is complied with.

The law recognises that multiple parties may be responsible for offences committed by the drivers and operators of heavy vehicles. A person may be a party in the supply chain in more than one way. For example, they may have duties as the employer, the operator and the consigner of goods.

Legal liability applies to all parties for their actions or inactions.

To find out more, visit www.nhvr.gov.au

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The positions are open to be filled by a grower from anywhere in Australia, however, for balance in representing the national industry, growers from New South Wales and Victoria are strongly encouraged to put their hand up and be involved with the planning for the industry.

The role of Turf Australia board member is an important one for our industry, but not a time consuming one, with only three or four face-to-face meetings a year, and some teleconferences to discuss issues from time-to-time.

For more information on the role of a Turf Australia board member, contact the Turf Australia office on (02) 4588 5735 or email admin@turfaustralia.com.au

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We are thrilled to be a Gold sponsor of Turf Australia and look forward to assisting the turf production market in the growth and development of their own business.

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's issue of On the Road.

Reform to our heavy vehicle fatigue laws is long overdue. I'm therefore pleased to host a Fatigue Safety Forum in Sydney on 2-3 October as this will be an opportunity for the NHVR to better understand many of the current initiatives being used by operators and drivers to manage fatigue.

We've invited 30 key industry members to attend and will be asking them to provide the elements for a new draft fatigue framework, before we go to wider industry consultation.

The NHVR will seek input into driver fatigue and drowsiness detection, reducing regulation for fatigue safety and increased productivity through more flexible work arrangements.

Based on the wide ranging discussions we've had with all sectors of the industry to date, it's clear there's support for a comprehensive review of the fatigue laws.

This forum is the first step in that process and I look forward to the feedback.

Regards,

Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Primary producer work diary exemption to be extended

The NHVR will renew the 160km work diary exemption for primary producers transporting produce.

NHVR Productivity and Safety Executive Director Geoff Casey said the *National Primary Production Work Diary Exemption 2018* would continue the exemption for drivers of vehicles over 12 tonnes transporting primary produce within a 160km radius of their base.

"The current notice extending the 100km limit to 160km was first trialled in 2015 and is due to end on October 4," Geoff said.

"A review by the NHVR found that there was no evidence linking the exemption to any safety concerns over the past three years."

The notice will continue to apply to fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles transporting primary

produce between a primary production facility and a point-of-sale, processing or distribution (including return journey facility) within 160km of the driver's base.

The Notice will apply in all participating NHVR states and territories.

Drivers transporting produce in a fatigue-related heavy vehicle were still required to keep a record of their travel and provide that information to a record keeper.

"The extension of this notice only applies to primary produce transport," Geoff said.

"Drivers of all other fatigue-related heavy vehicles would still require a work diary when travelling more than 100km from their base."

For more information on heavy vehicle fatigue laws visit www.nhvr.gov.au/fatigue





Upcoming education session for council engineers

In an Australian first, the NHVR is holding a dedicated heavy vehicle access seminar for council engineers in late October to improve their understanding of the heavy vehicle management task. Stakeholder Engagement Specialist Tim Hansen said the event is in direct response to industry's desire for council engineers to have increased knowledge and understanding of the challenges faced by industry.

"The Heavy Vehicle National Law is complex and anything we can do to help council engineers understand how to use the full options under the law to manage their local freight tasks is a good thing," Tim said.

"The seminar is for council engineers only as they are the decision makers of road access in their respective councils.

"The two-day event will be a combination of imparting information and a field trip to local crane and oversize overmass operators so the engineers can see first-hand the challenges of moving these types of vehicles which often have short lead times and need access approval quickly.

"We hope by bringing the different points of view together, everyone will benefit from an increased understanding of the heavy vehicle management task."

The agenda is currently being finalised and council engineers will be able to register for the event in the coming weeks.



Connecting Advanced Braking Systems in Combination

Vehicle Standards Guide 25 (VSG-25)

With an increasing number of trailers fitted with advanced braking systems making up the vehicle fleet, the NHVR has received a number of enquiries about the requirement to connect these advanced systems.

There are also questions relating to the compatibility of advanced braking systems by different manufacturers.

The VSG 25 provides advice to heavy vehicle owners and operators about when a trailer equipped with an advanced braking system must have the antilock braking system (ABS)/electronic braking system (EBS) electrical plug connected.

This document provides guidance as to when a trailer's ABS/EBS plug must be connected and also a link to a guide mapping out possible compatibility issues with technologies across different markets (Australia, Europe, North America, Japan and so on).

For more information on *Vehicle Standards Guides*, go to: www.nhvr.gov.au/vsg

Three weeks left to attend a Chain of Responsibility info session

The NHVR is continuing its Chain of Responsibility sessions around the country during September. Below are details of forums that still have available spots. To register for a session [click here](#).

Date	State	Location	Time	Venue and address
18 Sept	ACT	Canberra	1.30-2.30pm	The Roos Club Queanbeyan, 74 Stuart St, Queanbeyan
20 Sept	QLD	Cloncurry	2.30-3.30pm	Cloncurry Shire Council, 38-46 Daintree St, Cloncurry

Chart for truck mass limits for grain industry available

A truck chart to help growers, truck companies and grain handlers understand mass limits is available from the Grain Transport Safety Network (GTSN).

The chart shows the mass limits of the top 15 codes that GTSN members work with, covering more than 99 per cent of non-harvest truck movements and more than 95 per cent of harvest truck movements.

The chart is available on the GTSN website <http://gtsn.com.au/resources/truck-chart>

GTSN's Kieren Gardner said the chart is available in editable Word format so any company that deals in bulk grain can download it and customise it to their specific requirements.

"We welcome feedback or comments on the chart so please send your thoughts to enquiry@gtsn.com.au."

The screenshot shows a table with columns for truck code, mass limit, and other details. The table lists various truck codes and their corresponding mass limits, such as 15.0t, 16.0t, 17.0t, 18.0t, 19.0t, 20.0t, 21.0t, 22.0t, 23.0t, 24.0t, 25.0t, 26.0t, 27.0t, 28.0t, 29.0t, 30.0t, 31.0t, 32.0t, 33.0t, 34.0t, 35.0t, 36.0t, 37.0t, 38.0t, 39.0t, 40.0t, 41.0t, 42.0t, 43.0t, 44.0t, 45.0t, 46.0t, 47.0t, 48.0t, 49.0t, 50.0t, 51.0t, 52.0t, 53.0t, 54.0t, 55.0t, 56.0t, 57.0t, 58.0t, 59.0t, 60.0t, 61.0t, 62.0t, 63.0t, 64.0t, 65.0t, 66.0t, 67.0t, 68.0t, 69.0t, 70.0t, 71.0t, 72.0t, 73.0t, 74.0t, 75.0t, 76.0t, 77.0t, 78.0t, 79.0t, 80.0t, 81.0t, 82.0t, 83.0t, 84.0t, 85.0t, 86.0t, 87.0t, 88.0t, 89.0t, 90.0t, 91.0t, 92.0t, 93.0t, 94.0t, 95.0t, 96.0t, 97.0t, 98.0t, 99.0t, 100.0t.

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- **Complete the Annual Levy Return form online by Friday September 28, 2018.** Visit <https://events.miraql.com/HortInnovation> and use your unique member number and PIN that you have received via hard copy post and email (this is a two-step authorisation process to help enhance security, and you need both the member number and PIN to log onto the online system)

OR

- **Complete the hard copy annual levy return form, received by mail. The hard copy form must also be received by Friday September 28, 2018.**

If you have any questions about the process, your member number or PIN, please contact Link Market Service on 1800 660 083.

For more information on the Hort Innovation AGM, visit www.horticulture.com.au/annual-general-meeting-2018.

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This pilot trial demonstrated the potential use of polymer coated urea fertiliser technology in turf production.

"Reducing the number of fertiliser applications per crop compared to conventional urea based fertiliser programs has a direct benefit of reducing labour and equipment requirements," Paul said.

"Also by applying lower amounts of nitrogen per crop without comprising turf quality or production as a result of greater nitrogen efficiencies, there is a benefit from an environmental perspective."

The trial results, which can be accessed by contacting Turf Queensland, give growers information which may assist them in developing nitrogen-based fertiliser programs on their farms. However, as with all research results, growers should not take the results as personal or professional advice and seek independent advice.

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TurfBreed Managing Director, Steve Burt said he was proud to be working with a network in excess of 90 professional growers and had set a number of goals for the next two years.

Focus Creative Strategic Director Gavin Youngman said continually improving user experience on the website was important for building greater awareness of the attributes of different varieties and the process of choosing and buying turf.

The conference program also included visits to three key QLD farms; Australian Lawn Concepts, Tinamba Turf and Allenview Turf. Growers learned about management plans to develop water security and how new varieties were being embraced.

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