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New Committee Elected to Oversee ARTIO NSW to 2023

The Australian Electoral Commission has confirmed the election of a new Committee to oversee the management and operations of the ARTIO NSW for the next four years.

The AEC has confirmed the following as members of the ARTIO NSW Committee following a three stage election process consistent with the Rules governing the management and operation of ARTIO NSW:

- Laurie D'Apice, Linfox Logistics, President.
- Linda Lewis, Micway Transport, Vice-President.
- Cameron Murphy, Murphy Transport Solutions, Vice-President.
- John West, John West Logistics, Committee Member.
- Norm McCormack, Automotive Holdings Group, Committee Member.
- Hugh McMaster, Secretary/Treasurer.

On behalf of ARTIO NSW Members, the Secretariat takes this opportunity to welcome Linda Lewis and Norm McCormack to the Committee thank Gaylyne Neill and Mark Wintle, who served on the Committee in the outgoing four year term for their respective contributions to ARTIO NSW's growth and development.

Significant Fall in 2018 NSW Heavy Truck Road Toll

*Adapted from media release, The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Melinda Pavey, 2 January 2019*

Preliminary figures released by the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey suggest that the number of fatalities involving heavy vehicles on NSW roads in 2018 has fallen by about one-third when compared to 2017.

Analysis of the road toll in NSW in 2018 shows there were 53 fatalities involving heavy vehicles in 2018, compared to 79 in 2017.

A total of 354 lives were lost on NSW roads in 2018, compared to 389 in 2017, the biggest reduction in five years, according to Mrs Pavey.

Mrs Pavey said that while the result is encouraging, she urged all road users not to become complacent when behind the wheel.

“It’s heartening to see that the road toll as a whole has dropped and we are committed to ongoing action but road safety is a two way street, we all need to be our best selves when driving,” she said.

Mrs Pavey was also encouraged by the reduction in serious injuries from crashes of 1,160 during 2018 to the lowest level since records were first collated in 2005.

The road toll on country roads fell from 267 in 2017 to 241 in 2018.

Mobile Phone Detection Cameras Operational at Two Sydney Locations

Adapted from media release, The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey, 7 January 2019

World-first cameras capable of identifying drivers illegally using mobile phones are now operational at two locations in Sydney for a three month pilot.

Australian company Acusensus has installed cameras on the M4 Motorway at Prospect and Anzac Pde at Moore Park, following extensive testing last year.

According to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, the cameras use artificial intelligence.

The cameras can operate on a 24/7 basis and in all weather conditions.

The pilot phase will run until early April before a possible wider rollout.

No fines will be issued during the pilot phase.

Mrs Pavey said a decision about the long-term deployment of the cameras will be made following the conclusion of the pilot.

“I strongly believe this technology will change driver behaviour. With the start of a new year, I’m urging those who illegally use their phone to start with a new habit. Put your phone away or secure it in a cradle,” Mrs Pavey said.

National Heavy Vehicle Concrete Agitator Work and Rest Hours Exemption Notice

The NHVR has issued the *National Heavy Vehicle Concrete Agitator Work and Rest Hours Exemption Notice 2019 (No 1)* which provides alternative short rest break requirements for drivers of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles carrying pre-mixed concrete by removing short rest break requirements for drivers who have short work breaks instead. This Notice took effect on 1 January 2019.

The NHVR advises that this notice replaces the *National Heavy Vehicle Concrete Agitator Work and Rest Hours Exemption Notice 2017 (No 1)*.

A copy of this Notice is available from www.nhvr.gov.au/files/c2018g01019-national-fatigue-concrete-agitator-work-rest-hours-exemption-2019-no1.pdf.

Austrroads Acquires Transport Certification Australia

Adapted from media release, Transport Certification Australia, 2 January 2019

Transport Certification Australia Ltd has been acquired by Austrroads Ltd.

According to Neil Scales, Chair of Austrroads and Director of TCA, this will enable a better use of resources and expertise from both businesses into the future

The decision for TCA to be owned by Austrroads was made by Commonwealth, State and Territory transport and roads ministers comprising the Transport and Infrastructure Council following a review of national transport bodies in 2018.

TCA Chief Executive Officer, Chris Konidistiotis, said the Council's decision for TCA to be owned by Austrroads does not change TCA's role and function, or its accountability to manage an open technology market on behalf of road transport agencies and regulators, to support a growing number of applications for light and heavy vehicles with different levels of assurance.

Mr Konidistiotis said TCA will continue as a separate corporate entity and report through its newly established Board.

Austrroads is the peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies which, collectively, are responsible for the management of over 900,000 km of roads. Austrroads' purpose is to support member organisations to deliver an improved Australasian road transport network that meets the future needs of the community, industry and economy.

Australian Cyber Security Centre Urges Businesses to Adopt Better Cyber Defences

Adapted from article, "Sydney Morning Herald," 22-23 December 2018

The head of the Federal Government's Australian Cyber Security Centre, Alastair MacGibbon, has urged Australian businesses to become more cyber security aware following revelations that a 'state actor' associated with the Chinese Government has been stealing commercial secrets on a large scale in a number of countries.

Mr MacGibbon said announcements by a number of governments, including Australia, aimed at highlighting the theft of commercial secrets, represented a call to action by those governments for business and other organisations with commercially sensitive information to become more cyber aware.

"Our message to the businesses that have been affected or fear they might be is stark but simple: the threat is real. And the threat may be more serious than many people realise. It demonstrates there is no room for complacency in the boardrooms around Australia when it comes to ensuring organisations have better cyber security protections", Mr MacGibbon said.

Mr MacGibbon said the Australian Cyber Security Centre has further information on its website, www.acsc.gov.au. This includes a link to the website, www.staysmartonline.gov.au/protect-your-business, where additional information is available to protect your business and customers, provide steps and procedures for protecting your information and devices such as servers, computers and mobile devices as well as measures you can take to deal with ransomware, viruses and spam.

Road Works, The Northern Road and M4 Motorway

Roads and Maritime Services has advised the following road works will take place between Glenmore Park and South Penrith on The Northern Rd and the M4 Motorway.

- The Northern Road from Frogmore Rd to Bringelly Rd: 18 January from 10pm to 8am, 19 January from 10pm to 9am, 20 January from 10pm to 5am, 21 January from 10pm to 5am, 1 February from 10pm to 8am, 2 February from 10pm to 9am and 3 February from 10pm to 5am.
- The Northern Rd from Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park to Jamison Rd, South Penrith and the M4 Motorway near The Northern Rd from 6pm to 7am from 3 January to Thursday 7 March.

Traffic Changes, Intersection, Warringah Rd and Forest Way, French's Forest

RMS has advised that road users should prepare for a major change to how they travel through Frenchs Forest, as work continues on the upgrade roads around the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

Work is now being carried out on the underpass on Warringah Rd which includes building three new road bridges at the intersections of Forest Way, Hilmer St and Wakehurst Parkway.

To allow for the next stage of work on the new road bridge at Forest Way, the intersection will be reconfigured.

The existing merge lane for motorists turning right out of Forest Way will be removed and a red traffic light and stop line will be introduced for motorists on Warringah Rd travelling towards Chatswood.

Citybound motorists on Warringah Rd will need to stop at a red traffic light while motorists on Forest Way turn right onto Warringah Rd.

Heavy traffic and delays are expected in the area after the changes are implemented, especially in peak times.

RMS says these changes will be implemented between 7pm Saturday 12 and 8am Sunday 13 January, weather permitting.

Road Works Update

The following new road work alerts may impact your operations. Please refer to earlier editions of *The Courier* for other current road works.

Suburb/Town	Road	Date/s	Work Times
Arncliffe	Princes Hwy from Wickham St to Avenal St	14/1-20/3/19	8pm-5am Sun-Thu 9am-3pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
Landsdowne	Corner Hume Hwy, Woodville Rd and Henry Lawson Dr	14/1-28/6/19	8pm-5am Sun-Thu
Lucas Heights	Heathcote Rd, south of New Illawarra Rd	14/1-20/3/19	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Lucas Heights to Sandy Pt	Heathcote Rd	14/1-20/3/19	8pm-5am Sun-Thu

ARTIO NSW Events, February, 2019

The ARTIO NSW secretariat has begun planning its 2019 events program.

New types of events are planned for 2019 which it is hoped will attract your interest.

Meanwhile, please pencil in the following:

- 12 February, Breakfast Briefing, Managing Redundancy; Managing Driver Monitoring and Surveillance, Rooty Hill RSL Club.
- 27 February, Dinner, NSW Ports representative, Pullman Hotel, Sydney Olympic Park.

Further details of both events will be provided shortly.

Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source ¹	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	\$m	461,647	3.0
CPI (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	Per cent		1.9
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	1.5	
Estimated residential population (ABS)	21 Dec 2018	Million	25,217	1.9
Retail turnover (ABS)	Oct 2018	\$m	26,966	3.5
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	\$m	29,434	0.1
Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Sep 2018	\$m	161,858	1.7
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	Nov 2018	Number	16,171	-18.3
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Sep 2018	\$m	83,802	0.5
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	5 months ending Nov 2018	Number	1,144,489	2.1
Employed persons (ABS)	Nov 2018	Million	12.695	2.4
Unemployment rate(ABS)	Nov 2018	Percentage	5.1	-0.4
Wage price Index (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	Per cent		
All employees				2.3
Transport, postal and warehousing				2.5
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	Dec 2018	Number	87,528	-14.9
Cab Chassis/Prime Mover Sales (TIC)	10 months ending Oct 2018	Number	29,534	18.1
Vans (TIC)	9 months ending Sep 2018	Number	5,092	4.5
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	10 Jan 2019	Cents/litre incl. GST	123.8	-1.6

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¹ ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics; RBA – Reserve Bank of Australia; AIP – Australian Institute of Petroleum; FCAI – Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries; TIC – Truck Industry Council/'Prime Mover' latest issue.