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## **NSW Health Launches Revised Get Healthy at Work Program**

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The Office of Preventative Health within NSW Health has launched a revised version of its Get Healthy at Work program.

Key features of the new program include:

- Mental Health is now a priority health area and within the Health Checks
- Easier access to and monitoring of your workplace health program through the new online portal – [www.gethealthyatwork.com.au](http://www.gethealthyatwork.com.au)
- Support provided along the way by the Get Healthy at Work team
- Monthly theme-based campaigns your business can get involved in

Further information is attached.

Please contact NSW Health if you are interested in finding out more about the program, and we can help you get started.

NSW Health looks forward to working with employers to improve the health of their workplace!

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## **NHVR Extends PBS Pre Advised Design Approvals to Dangerous Goods Combinations**

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The NHVR has expanded the PBS pre-advised design approvals to include PBS combinations carrying dangerous goods.

Vehicle Safety and Performance Manager, Peter Austin, said the pre-advised process was improving processing times for applicable vehicles.

"More than 90 per cent of combinations can now receive a Design Approval without submitting the application to the PBS Review Panel," Mr Austin said.

"The simplified process reduces Design Approval application processing times from four weeks to three business days."

More information and a full list of the PBS combinations eligible to access the pre-advised approval process can be found at [www.nhvr.gov.au/pbs](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/pbs).

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## **Broughton Pass: RMS Issues Reminder to Truck Drivers**

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### ***Adapted from media release, Roads and Maritime Services, 15 July, 2019***

RMS is reminding truck drivers about the importance of obeying road signs after a B Double got stuck on Broughton Pass at Wilton.

An RMS spokesperson said the truck driver ignored multiple signs about weight and size limits on Wilton Road before crashing the Victorian registered B Double.

"As a result of the crash the guard rail on the bridge was severely damaged. While the driver was trying to free the truck it became stuck with the B trailer hanging over the edge of the roadway," the spokesperson said.

RMS heavy vehicle inspectors issued the driver with infringements for disobeying No Truck signs, driving off route, a critical breach of working hours and a defect notice for the trailers damaged in the crash.

Wilton Road was closed in both directions for several hours while the truck was released.

"The driver's disregard for multiple warning signs led to significant cost, time and inconvenience to NSW Police, emergency services and the wider community with the extensive damage caused to the safety guard rails, requiring Broughton Pass to be closed for three days while repairs were carried out.

"There is no excuse for heavy vehicles to be in areas where the roads are not suitable for their size and mass.

"It is completely unacceptable that one truck driver disobeying multiple warning signs should cause significant disruption to other road users. The signs are there for a reason," the spokesperson said.

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## **Help Develop New Training Package Materials: Logistics and Warehousing and Fuel Storage**

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Australian Industry Standards has advised that Logistics and Warehousing Operations and Fuel Storage Dangerous Goods Contractor projects have commenced, and the Transport and Logistics Industry Reference Committee is forming Technical Advisory Committees for each.

AIS is looking for people with suitable industry expertise and insight to help review and develop Training Package material to:

- Combine Certificate II in Logistics and Certificate II in Warehousing Operations (including the associated Units of Competency) and develop a single industry qualification to meet the skills needs of entry-level workers
- Develop one new Skill Set and four new Units of Competency to equip workers who install and maintain retail fuel storage sites with skills to protect public safety and satisfy mandatory environmental protection requirements

Register your interest by cob, Friday, 9 August 2019.

For further details on the background and project deliverables, please visit the project pages or contact the Industry Manager Klausch Schmidt, Industry Manager, Australian Industry Standards, tel 0417 568 967, email, [klausch.schmidt@australianindustrystandards.org.au](mailto:klausch.schmidt@australianindustrystandards.org.au).

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## icare Workers Insurance Forum, Orange

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icare invites transport operators to attend its Workers Insurance Forum at the Orange Ex-Services Club, 243 Anson St, Orange on Wednesday, 7 August 2019, from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

This is an opportunity to hear from icare experts and meet with key contacts.

The purpose of this event is to:

- Provide tools on how to reduce incidents within workplaces.
- Provide information on Healthcare Practitioner engagement as well as icare Medical Office initiatives.
- Increase understanding on the impact of traumatic events on worker behavior.
- Give practical advice on resilience around customer behaviours in customer service industries.

There is no charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register at [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/icare-workers-insurance-forum-orange-tickets-62832698292](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/icare-workers-insurance-forum-orange-tickets-62832698292).

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## New Clearways

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### **Airport Dr, Qantas Dr, Joyce Dr and General Holmes Dr, Sydney Airport Precinct**

24 hour clearways will be operational next month on Airport Dr, Qantas Dr, Joyce Dr and General Holmes Dr in the Sydney Airport precinct to improve traffic flow.

The clearways start on Monday 19 August between Marsh St and Mill Pond Dr, and connect the existing clearways on Marsh St and Southern Cross Dr.

### **Old South Head Rd between Syd Einfeld Dr, Bondi Junction and Curlewis St, Bondi.**

The new clearways will be open to traffic from 6am on Monday 5 August 2019. The new and extended clearway hours will operate in both directions:

- 6am – 7pm on weekdays
  - 9am – 6pm on weekends and public holidays
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## Road Works Update

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### **Traffic Arrangements Sydney CBD, Effective 26 July**

Transport for NSW has advised that the following changes will take place to traffic arrangements in the Sydney CBD, effective, Friday, 26 July, weather permitting, due to the pending operation of the CBD and South East Light Rail:

- Westbound traffic will reopen on Bond St across George St and into Jamison St.
- Jamison St will return to one way westbound traffic only between George and York Sts.
- Southbound traffic will return to George St between Campbell St and Railway Sq.
- Left hand turn will be permitted from Campbell St into George St southbound.

### **Closure M4 Motorway, from 11pm, Monday, 29 July to 4am, Tuesday, 30 July**

RMS has advised that it has begun installing overhead gantries along the M4 Motorway and that its next gantry installation will take place from 11pm Monday 29 July until 4am Tuesday 30 July, weather permitting.

RMS advises that lane closures within the work zone will be organised as follows:

- 9pm: one lane closed eastbound and westbound.
- 10pm: two lanes closed eastbound and westbound.
- 11pm: all lanes closed eastbound and westbound.
- 4am: motorway reopens.

It says the installation requires closing the M4 Motorway in both eastbound and westbound directions between Wallgrove Road/M7, Eastern Creek and Mamre Road, St Marys.

The M4 Motorway between these roads will be closed with no entry to or exit from the M4 at Roper Road while it completes this work.

The following ramps will be closed during the installation period:

- Mamre Road eastbound on ramp.
- Mamre Road westbound off ramp.
- Roper Road eastbound on ramp.
- Roper Road westbound off ramp.
- Wallgrove Road eastbound off ramp.
- Wallgrove Road westbound on ramp.
- M4 to M7 eastbound off ramp.
- M7 to M4 from north and south (from 9pm).

Detours will be in place.

RMS says intermittent closures due to the installation of overhead gantries will continue until 30 September.

RMS has also advised that the speed limit for light vehicles on the M4 Motorway between Reservoir Rd and Mamre Rd has been reduced from 110km/h to 100km/h.

Members can register for SMS and email updates for M4 Motorway and M4 ramp closures at [www.rms.work/m4closures](http://www.rms.work/m4closures).

Further information is available on the project website including an interactive map detailing closures at: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/m4/index.html>

#### **Closure M4 Motorway Burnett St On and Off Ramps from 30 July**

RMS contractors have advised that the Burnett Street on and off ramps on the M4 Motorway will be closed on the following nights at the nominated times below:

- Tuesday 30 July to Thursday 1 August, two night ramp closure, 9pm to 5am (westbound off ramp).
- Sunday 4 to Wednesday 7 August, three night ramp closure, 9pm to 4am (eastbound on ramp); 9pm to 5am (westbound off ramp).
- Sunday 11 to Wednesday 14 August, three night ramp closure, 9pm to 4am (eastbound on ramp).
- Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 August, two night ramp closure, 9pm to 5am (westbound off ramp).

Further information is available from Seymour White, tel 1800 989 929, email [M4SM-stage2@seymourwhyte.com.au](mailto:M4SM-stage2@seymourwhyte.com.au)

#### **Road Closures, Mt Ousley Rd and Picton Rd, 11 and 25 August**

RMS advises that Mt Ousley Rd and Picton Rd will be closed between 8pm and 4am on Sunday, 11 August and Sunday, 25 August.

For more information about this and other closures check the RMS Southern Region, please visit the Southern Road Closures map on line at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/southernroadclosures](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/southernroadclosures)

#### **Closure, Dry River Bridge, Princes Hwy, Quaama, from 4 August**

RMS has advised that Dry River Bridge will close to traffic from Sunday to Tuesday nights from 7pm to 10pm and again from 2am to 5am for three consecutive weeks from Sunday, 4 August.

Outside of these closures, Dry River Bridge will operate as a single lane under stop/slow traffic control as other maintenance activities continue. Reduced speed limits will be in place at all times.

RMS suggests road users allow up to 15 minutes additional travel time outside of bridge closure times.

#### **Swan Hill Bridge**

RMS has advised the load limit on Swan Hill Bridge across the Murray River has been removed as maintenance work continues on the bridge.

The bridge is now able to carry general mass limit and B-Double vehicles up to 62.5 tonnes.

RMS also advises that the bridge will be closed until Friday, 2 August between 11pm and 6am from Monday to Thursday while further night work is carried out. A width restriction of 3.1 metres remains in place.

While the bridge is closed, a detour will be in place via Nyah Bridge on Speewa Road. Motorists should allow an extra hour of travel time with B-doubles to detour via Tooleybuc Bridge.

From Monday 5 August, motorists will be able to travel across Swan Hill Bridge at night as work continues.

While this work is carried out, motorists can expect minor delays of up to five minutes between 9pm and 11pm, and delays of up to 20 minutes between 11pm and 6am.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Work on the bridge is expected to be completed by the end of August, weather permitting.

### **Construction, Southbound Overtaking Lane, Newell Highway, Brocklehurst**

RMS has advised that work to deliver a southbound overtaking lane at Medway Creek on the Newell Hwy in Brocklehurst commenced on Monday 15 July and is expected to continue for seven months.

The overtaking lane will extend for about two kms southbound along the highway, starting from Medway Road and finish 600 metres south of Broadacre Road.

Work will be carried out between **7am and 6pm** weekdays and Saturdays, weather permitting.

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures and reduced speed limits will be in place which may affect travel times. The reduced speed limits will apply 24 hours a day, and will vary from 40 km/h to 80 km/h.

### **Changed Traffic Conditions, M1 Motorway Approaching Kariong Southbound**

RMS has advised that changed traffic conditions will be in place on the M1 southbound approaching the Kariong interchange as work progresses on the upgrade.

RMS says the two existing southbound lanes will shift to the right across the central median on to temporary pavement prior to the Gosford exit to the Central Coast Highway. Traffic will be directed to travel adjacent to the northbound lanes and will be separated by barriers.

The southbound exit lane to Gosford will be moved 900 metres north. Motorists exiting to the Central Coast Highway should stay in the left lane from the top of the hill near the blue hospital signage.

Motorway directional signs will be relocated to show the revised distance to this southbound exit ramp departure point. Please slow down and follow the signs.

These changed traffic conditions are expected to be in place until late September 2019.

Speed limits will remain at 80km/h outside of night work for the safety of workers and all road users.

Heavy vehicles should continue to follow road signs and remain in the left lane.

Oversize and/or overmass (OSOM) vehicles may not be physically able to travel through sections of the M1 being upgraded without prior arranged assistance from the project team and must contact 1800 841 778, at least five days before any proposed travel. This requirement is in addition to other conditions imposed on an approved permit.

Questions can be directed to RMS's construction partner, Fulton Hogan, on the above number (24 hours) or email [M1K2Sinfo@fultonhogan.com.au](mailto:M1K2Sinfo@fultonhogan.com.au).

### **Closure, New St, Gunnedah**

RMS has advised that New St, Gunnedah will be closed to all through traffic at the intersection of the Oxley Hwy and the railway crossing from Monday 12 August 2019 for up to six months, weather permitting.

Road users will have to use a detour via South St and Marquis St to access Barber St.

Access for motorists travelling through Gunnedah on the Oxley Hwy will be maintained.

### **Other Road Works**

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	No of Shifts	Work Times
Crows Nest	Corner Falcon St and West St	25/8-27/9/19	20	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Hunters Hill	Church St bridge	To 20/9/19	30	7pm-5am Sun-Fri
Mascot	Corner Coward St and Kent Rd	28/7-16/8/19	4	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Punchbowl	Canterbury Rd between King Georges Rd and Punchbowl Rd	28/7-20/9/19	15	8pm-5am Sun-Thu
Rosebery	Botany Rd north intersection Gardeners Rd	28/7-16/8/19	4	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Wiley Park	Canterbury Rd between Denman St and Clio St	21/7-6/9/19	10	8pm-5am Sun-Fri

## Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source <sup>1</sup>	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2019	\$m	463,613	1.7
CPI (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2019	Per cent		1.3
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	1.0	
Estimated residential population (ABS)	26 July 2019	Million	25,426	1.7
Retail turnover (ABS)	May 2019	\$m	27,374	2.7
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2019	\$m	29,451	-0.4
Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2019	\$m	162,129	1.0
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	May 2019	Number	14,778	-20.9
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Mar 2019	\$m	81,819	-3.4
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	11 months to May 2019	Number	2,438,226	1.8
Employed persons (ABS)	Jun 2019	Million	12.876	2.6
Unemployment rate (ABS)	Jun 2019	Per cent	5.2	-0.2
Wage price Index (ABS)	Mar Qtr 2019	Per cent		
All employees				2.3
Transport, postal and warehousing				2.5
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	6 months to Jun 2019	Number	554,466	-8.3
Cab Chassis/Prime Mover Sales (TIC)	5 months to May 2019	Number	12,357	-6.9
Vans (TIC)	5 months to May 2019	Number	2,460	0.6
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	26 July 2019	Cents/litre incl. GST	134.4	-0.7

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<sup>1</sup> 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.