



National Bulk Tanker Association

Welcome to Tanker Talk March 2023

## **DG101 – NBTA Education Program Official Launch**

The NBTA's dangerous goods education and awareness program was officially launched at our General Meeting in Sydney on 28 Feb.

The online education program developed by the NBTA in partnership with COG is titled DG101 and includes 12 modules covering all aspects of bulk DG transport. The education program is available free to members and non-members for 12 months funded by the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.

You can find more information here <https://www.nbta.com.au/dg101>

Click the button below to sign up for DG101 and apply your token for free access.

[Sign up for DG101 Education Program](#)



## General Meeting a success in Sydney

The NBTA meetings have a reputation for being engaging and informative. The NBTA General Meeting held this week in Sydney, was no exception, giving members the opportunity to engage in an open discussion with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, NSW EPA and National Transport Commission. This meeting also marked the transition from Rob Perkins to Anthony Germanchev as Executive Director of the NBTA.

EPA NSW provided an update on their recent activity and focus areas for compliance. Dave Ingham shared insights of the recent Campbelltown incident and importance of learning from near misses. Matt Arkell from EPA NSW announced the EPA's intention to "raise the floor" of industry with their new TERP guide.

You can find more information [here](#).

Consultation has closed but you can have your say via the NBTA. Email me if you'd like to contribute to this work.



## **Tankers a major part of PBS as numbers continue to grow**

Les Bruzsa from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator provided an update on PBS to members at the NBTA General Meeting. Les announced there are over 16,000 PBS combinations approved and safely operating on our roads. PBS which Les Bruzsa often describes as his baby, has now grown with over 5,000 operators participating in the regulatory scheme 7 years ahead of predicted estimates. PBS is important to the bulk tanker industry with major operators and manufacturers benefiting from the productivity and safety improvements it offers.



**We have a solution to the PBS tyre issue.**



*(Pictured above Anthony Germanchev and Les Bruza during the PBS tyre testing conducted by the Australian Road Research Board).*

The 1st of March marks the day to start using the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Generic Tyre approach and move forward with PBS and fit for purpose tyres. It's very rare that a regulator will receive a round of applause for implementing a policy, but that's exactly what happened when Les proudly announced to the NBTA that the transition period had ended, and the generic tyre approach is the only method for including tyres in PBS. A thorn in the side of industry and PBS has been removed, well done Les, Scott and the NHVR team... now onto access!

If you have any questions about how this might impact your existing or future PSB applications contact the NBTA, we have the expertise to assist.

## **NHVR 2.0 review underway**

Scott Britton, from the NHVR, hasn't had long to celebrate the implementation of the PBS Generic Tyre Approach before moving on to the next challenge. Scott thanks the NBTA for their submission on the PBS 2.0 Discussion paper and explained how the NHVR is improving the efficiency of the PBS review and approval process and assurance frameworks. Members were able to speak with Scott Britton and Les Bruza, two regulators who get it, and tackle the big issue of access.

More information can be found [here](#).



## **NTC DG legislation expert Debra Kirk leads ADG Code review**

We are very lucky to have Debra Kirk leading the ADG Code review, and very lucky to have her present in Sydney. Debra's knowledge and diligence was on full display at the NBTA General meeting as she explained the stages of the ADG Code review.

Consultation is open you can find more information [here](#).



## Delivering a world standard ADG Code



### A code that serves the best interests of all parties

We're conducting a comprehensive review of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail to deliver a code that is contemporary and aligned to international practices, but also recognises risks unique to the Australian transport environment.



## NBTA Golf Challenge 2023



NBTA members enjoyed the first event of the social calendar at Pymble, St Ives. A great day on a great course, with great people. The winners of the 2023 NBTA Golf Challenge were announced at the member's dinner. Congratulations to the winning Team JL Pierce Transport. Phil Pierce, John Pierce, Emerson Pierce and Evan Jones.

## **Bulk Tanker Day 2023**



We are set for a bumper Bulk Tanker Day. BTD23 will be held Wednesday 17th May at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

The Bulk Tanker Day 2023 is the opportunity to present your brand, products and services to the Bulk Tanker Industry.



To discuss how you'd like to be involved Bulk Tanker Day contact Greg Rowe  
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