



National Bulk Tanker Association

Welcome to Tanker Talk – BTD23 Special Edition

Bulk Tanker Day 2023 sets new benchmark for Brisbane

A hugely successful 16th Bulk Tanker Day was held at the Brisbane Showgrounds last month. This event set a new benchmark for Brisbane with over 200 in attendance at a great venue, with an impressive line-up of speakers and exhibitors.

Bulk Tanker Day is an important event for the bulk tanker sector that reinforces our commitment with AFAC to make our sector a safer and more productive workplace. This year's event consolidated Bulk Tanker Day as the lead in event for the Brisbane Truck Show.

The event was opened by NBTA Chairman, **Justin Keast** and AFAC, A/Deputy Chief Fire Officer, **Jeff Swann**. NHVR CEO **Sal Petrocchio** delivered the keynote address and the event had excellent representation from the NHVR and state authorities.

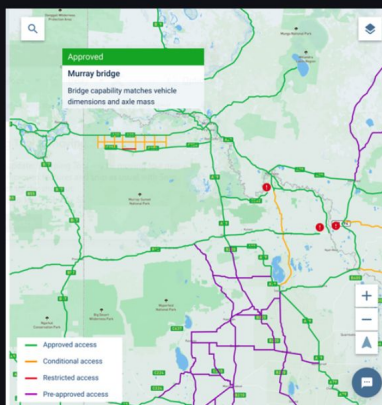




BTD23 session highlights

A total of 28 individual speakers were involved in BTD23 as either presenters, panel members or session chairs. We respect and value the time of everyone who attends NBTA events and maintain the reputation of keeping to time. We'd like to thank our speakers and experts who covered the broad range of topics that our members need to be across. The session highlights are listed below, click on the presenter's name that interested you to access their presentation.

Session 1 – Improving access



During this session **Cameron Dunn**, **FBT Transwest** Managing Director and Deputy Chairman of the NBTA, announced that FBT Transwest is participating in the industry-led data sharing initiative between **Transport Certification Australia** (TCA) and the **National Bulk Tanker Association** (NBTA). The voluntary data sharing study aims to provide a better understanding of the movement of vehicles transporting dangerous goods and bulk liquids on the road network.

Gavin Hill TCA General Manager of Strategy and Delivery Gavin Hill said the new initiative builds upon the success of an earlier data sharing arrangement between TCA and the NBTA, which involved transport operators in the dangerous goods sector.

John Barry presented the work the NHVR team has done developing a single national map for improving access.

Session 2 – Maximising productivity



Les Bruzsa provided an update on PBS with the numbers continuing to grow with 283 new vehicle designs approved this month. Les reported that there are 783 unique tanker designs approved under PBS, with over 300 of these A-doubles.

Tom Ruessman presented the facts on wide single tyres and the recent pavement wear testing that compared duals and wide single tyres conducted in partnership with the Australian Road Research Board, Truck Industry Council and NHVR.

Billy Addison from **Haulmax Wingman** shared his knowledge on costs, stock availability and support networks.

Session 3 – Improving Safety



Wayne Dale, NHVR shared valuable insights into the safety compliance of our sector. Understanding how well we are performing as a sector is essential to improving safety, and the NBTA thanks the NHVR for sharing this information. The data showed that 8,095 of the 8,318 tanker trailers had compliance checks since 2018 with an average non-compliance rate of 3.5%.

Lee Stringer, **Safe Load Program** announced the new Return to Service method for tankers loading for the first time after maintenance, repairs, servicing, cleaning or inspection.

Greg Pert, Managing Director, **Tranzliquid** (NZ) held the record for most questions from the audience as he shared what it takes to run a successful tanker fleet in NZ including implementing their own fatigue management.

The learnings from recent DG incidents were shared by **Dave Ingham**, EPA NSW, including prohibited routes, tanker unloading safety and exclusion zones.

Session 4 – Mental wellbeing



A wonderful session chaired by **Jerome Carslake**, NRSPP, in which **David Westgate** shared his experiences with mental health, depression and bi-polar and how to overcome communication barriers. **Naomi Frauenfelder** shared the latest mental health initiatives for the workplace offered by [Healthy Heads in Trucks and Sheds](#), and **Natalie Flatt** informed our members of the services available via [Connect Pysch](#) and Superfriend and how the transport industry has made use of them more so than any other industry.

Session 5 – Regulations



Anthony Germanchev, NBTA re-launched the DG101 online program free for members and non-members for 2023 using the access code **HVSI2023**. **Debra Kirk**, NTC provided an update on the AGD code and consultation dates, and caused debate raising the topic of regulating diesel as UN1202 Class 3. **Matt Arkell** updated our members on the latest TERP Guidance soon to be released by EPA NSW and how the future of DG transport will look in Australia.

Session 6 – Leveraging Technology



Adam Ritzinger, HVIA explained how technology can be leveraged to meet the Chain of Responsibilities and legal obligations to minimise the risk of transport activities. **Glenn Hambleton**, AirBrakeSystems showed that data available from TEBS units from the RIVET fleet who shared their data with the BT23 audience and **Adam Gibson**, NTI entertained and highlighted the importance of people and culture for the success of introducing new technology into any fleet.

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Presentation videos will be available soon.

Bulk Tanker Day 2023

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We appreciate the support of our major sponsor NTI, our morning tea and lunch sponsors MTData and SAF Holland and our exhibitors, partners and banner sponsors who created an atmosphere that had the room buzzing with conversation and the opportunity for our members to connect.

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technology for clients and ourselves to efficiently manage communication, support and action for critical emergency or high-risk situations. Incidents can happen anywhere at anytime, therefore we have a flexible and robust model to support this.

Regards,

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