



National Bulk Tanker Association

Welcome to Tanker Talk August 2023 - Winter Wrap up

## NBTA hosts content rich meeting



The highlights from the NBTA Q3 meeting are included below. With winter now behind us and heading into spring the NBTA Executive Committee continues to kick goals in the areas of regulation, access and safety.

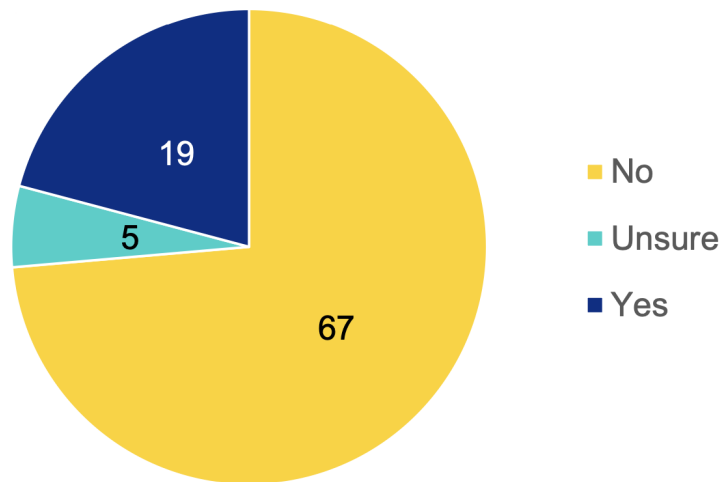
The highlights included:

- **WorkSafe Victoria** and the NBTA working together better, with NBTA members invited to comment on new initiatives such as road side checklists and the Road Tanker Manufacturers and Suppliers forum.
- **Debra Kirk** shared the results of the survey on "Should DG be regulated?" and debated the pros and cons.
- **Austroads, TfNSW** and **AFAC** announced the latest on a risk-based approach for placarded loads traveling through tunnels.
- **Ian Mond** from the **Victorian Department of Transport and Planning** and **TCA** gave us the first look at truck movement data from the Bulk Tanker data sharing study.
- **3,144 enrollments** in DG101 online education and awareness program.
- **Adam Gibson, NTI** gave our members a sneak preview of the amazing video content and training materials developed by the NTI focused on safety for milk tankers.

Further details provided below.

# Should diesel be regulated as a DG?

**Debra Kirk, NTC** presented the survey results to NBTA members at our Q3 meeting. Debra then participated in the debate that followed in which the pros and cons and implications of regulating diesel were discussed.



*"The majority of those who responded to the survey do not believe diesel should be regulated. However, on reading the comments on why, it was evident that there is need for greater awareness of the dangers that diesel presents. Further work will be undertaken to better understand and respond to the survey comments."*

## Austrroads risk-based approach for placarded loads in tunnels



Game changing developments are underway with Austrroads working on a risk-based approach to permitting placarded loads in Tunnels. If done well, this can deliver huge efficiency gains for those carrying placarded loads and improve safety for all road users.

Austrroads, Program Manager for Transport Infrastructure Ross Guppy, Nigel Casey (TfNSW) the project manager, Michel Becroft, QFES and Conrad Stacey subject matter expert and consultant from Stacey-Agnew shared the latest on

this project and discussed permitting placarded loads in tunnels as a preferred alternative to higher risk surface roads.

## A sneak preview of the NTI's Spilt Milk



### Dairy Tanker Dynamics part 1 : Why trucks roll

Part of NTI's Dairy Tanker  
Safety Resource Pack



NTI's **Adam Gibson** joined us from a remote location in Tasmania to give our members a sneak preview of the amazing training material and video content he has produced for the dairy industry. The ultimate goal of "Spilt Milk" is to foster a culture of safety, improve awareness, and implement best practices to ensure the safe transportation of dairy tankers.

For more information about NTI and its initiatives, please visit <https://www.nti.com.au/better-...>

## Nominations Open to join the NBTA Executive Committee

### AGM – 30 Nov 2023

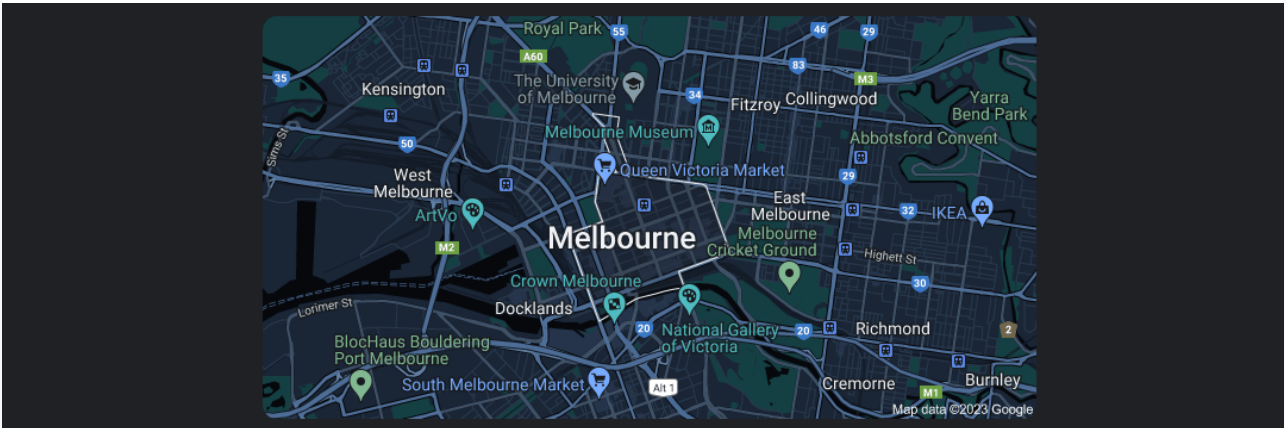
Our AGM will be held 30 November 12.30pm for a sandwich lunch and a catch up before our AGM at 1pm and the quarterly meeting to follow.

Prior to the AGM will be accepting nominations to join the Executive Committee.

- Elections of office bearers – for those interested in serving on the Executive (up to 6 positions for operators and 2 for suppliers) please submit your nomination to [anthony@nbta.com.au](mailto:anthony@nbta.com.au) before COB 24th November or talk to Anthony about these roles.

**THURSDAY 30 NOV**

# NBTA Annual Christmas Dinner



The venue remains under lock and key!

Keep an eye out for an announcement next week on where this year's NBTA Annual Christmas Dinner will be held.

The NBTA Annual Christmas will be held on a **Thursday night, 30th November**, following the NBTA AGM and quarterly meeting.

Regards,

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