



Welcome to Tanker Talk December 2023

## NBTA Executive elected for 2024

The NBTA Executive Committee for 2024 was elected at our AGM held on 30 November. I am pleased to announce our Executive Members for 2024 are:

**Chairman** - Justin Keast

**Deputy Chairman** - Cameron Dunn, FBT Transwest

**Deputy Chairman** - Mark Anderson, Elgas

**Executive members**

Mitchell Lancaster, Toll

James Zarb, Viva Energy

Leigh Entwistle, Endeavour Group

Jason Stables, Jamex

Brodie Tieman, Tieman Tankers

I'd like to thank all committee members for their support in 2023 and their commitment for the year ahead. Welcome Leigh Entwistle who joins the Executive for 2024 and thank Ross Coleman, IOR for his contribution, who stepped down from his role at the end of 2023.



**Justin Keast**  
Chairman



**Cameron Dunn**  
Deputy Chairman



**Mark Anderson**  
Deputy Chairman

## Quarterly Meeting highlights and presentations



Our final quarterly meeting for the year was held at the VTA in Port Melbourne.

### Operation Cyclone

The highlights included presentations from the NHVR Compliance and Enforcement team. Derek Watt and Steven Holland shared the learnings from Operation Cyclone which focused on heavy vehicles carrying dangerous goods. Steven explained during the blitz the instruction was **"if its got a placard pull it over"**. The NBTA members supported the initiative aimed to improved the standard across the sector and welcomed the sharing of information.

## What we have found

### Bulk Tankers - Positives

- Were found to be underrepresented in vehicle standards issues when compared to the general heavy vehicle fleet
- The trend for non-compliance is going down for tankers, compared to flat lining for the rest of the heavy vehicle fleet
- The tanker fleet is predominantly newer when compared to the general heavy vehicle fleet.
  - Prime movers – 53% are less than 10 years old
  - Tanker trailers – 45% are less than 10 years old
- Technology is a key factor and positively influences road safety in the tanker fleet generally.



Les Bruzsa, NHVR Chief Engineer presented the 2023 highlights in the strategic and policy space and Ian Mond, Vic DTP provided an update on access, bridge assessments and informed members of the release of the Austroads report on a risk based approach to tunnel access.

Anthony provided a summary of the new project "Learning from Near Misses" and Ross and Natalie from SuperFriend shared mental health stats for the transport industry.

Click here for presentations from:

[Derek Watt and Steven Holland](#) C&E stats for Tanker Sector

[Ross Iles and Natalie Flatt](#) Mental health workplace statistics

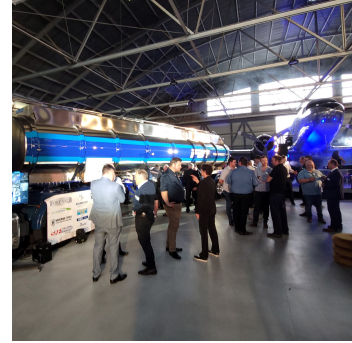
[Les Bruzsa](#) NHVR Chief Engineer's update

Ian Mond, DTP Victoria update

[Anthony Germanchev](#) Near miss project summary

## Photo Gallery from new high spec stainless steel tanker launch





Last week Holmwood Highgate unveiled their first Hockney & Co stainless tanker, built to the FBT Transwest specification. A true team effort, this build highlights the products and technologies offered by many of our members including WHG, Air Brake Systems, SAF Holland, Haulmax Tyres and Fort Vale.



## Bulk Tanker Day 2024 Expressions of interests for

**BULK TANKER DAY 2024**

**Moonee Valley - Victoria**

**Wednesday 15th May**



Bulk Tanker Day is the one day each year that the bulk tanker industry gets together to confirm its commitment to safety.

This event offers a range of exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, ranging from Platinum sponsorship through to sponsorship of key events including coffee cart, morning tea, and lunch, banner sponsors and exhibitor booths.

We have received a strong response to the first call for expressions of interest with limited spaces available please contact us to secure your spot.

For information on exhibiting and/or partnering with Bulk Tanker Day 2024 contact us at [events@nbta.com.au](mailto:events@nbta.com.au) or call Greg Rowe on [0407 825 132](tel:0407825132).

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Email us at [events@nbta.com.au](mailto:events@nbta.com.au) to secure your spot for Bulk Tanker Day 2024

## NBTA life membership presented to Rob Perkins at NBTA Christmas Dinner



The 29th NBTA Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the historic Melbourne Gaol on 30 November. Earlier that afternoon, at the Annual General Meeting, members endorsed the amendment of the Rules of Association to include a new category of membership, this allowed current Chairman Just Keast to present Rob Perkins with this Life Membership during the evening.

## Upcoming events for 2024

The NBTA Annual Golf Afternoon will be held on **Monday 19 February 2024**, at Pymble Golf Club, Sydney and will be followed by a casual dinner with the first Quarterly Meeting for 2024 held at the same venue the next day on **Tuesday 20 February 2024**

### NBTA Annual Golf Afternoon

**DATE:** Monday 19 February

**TIME:** 1:00 pm

**VENUE:** [Pymble Golf Club, Cowan Rd, St. Ives NSW 2075](#)

### NBTA Quarterly Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday 20 February

**TIME:** 8:00 am

**VENUE:** [Pymble Golf Club, Cowan Rd, St. Ives NSW 2075](#)



Regards,

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