

LRTAQ Newsletter Jan/Feb 2019

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Welcome to the first newsletter for 2019.

In the space of a week, the face of north and north-western Queensland went from crushing drought conditions to deluges of water everywhere sending communities and their livelihoods to their knees and down the gurgler.

The repercussions of this particular weather event will reach far and wide as well as taking months and years for livestock producers to recover from.

Not only is it farming operations affected by this, it is also the business community of these small, regional towns.

Sadly, there are still significant areas of the state facing ongoing drought conditions with low chances of rain arriving sooner than later.

During the coming months, rural transport businesses in the north and west will be put under pressure and those in drought ridden areas will be under the pump providing transport for livestock, hay, water...

Dorothea Mackellar's words ring loud and long when considering the summer of 2018-2019.

- The revised Queensland Livestock Loading Scheme came into effect on Sunday 10 February and for most the changes are minimal if any. Please click on this link for the [Operators Guide to Livestock Loading](#), and the [Heavy Vehicle National Law Queensland Class 3 Livestock Loading Exemption Notice 2019 \(No.1\)](#) I would recommend that you carry print and carry a copy of each document in all your vehicles.
- LRTAQ business for 2019 has begun very steadily with the **Livestock IOG (Industry Operators Group) meeting at the NHVR's offices at Newstead, Brisbane on the 8th of February**. Business discussions of the day included **personal use of a Heavy Vehicle and possible extension to BFM, EWD's (Electronic Work Diaries), fatigue safety,**

HVNL (Heavy Vehicle National Law) Review, the importance of the NHVR being involved with review meetings in regards to the IRF(Industry Reference Forum)...

- Following this, the **Livestock IOG met with the Agriculture IOG for a joint meeting session**. Topics covered included **national registration, the sharing of data by the NHVR to transport and agriculture industry associations, CoR and saleyards, Livestock Loading Schemes, effluent and load restraint..**
- Last weekend **(22-23 Feb)**, Fiona (on my behalf) attended the **LBRCA's Conference in Griffith, NSW** with Mark Collins representing Fraser's Livestock Transport. This 2 day Conference had a jam packed programme with sessions on current and future developments for the NSW road network, access, telematics, HV compliance and enforcement, safety and compliance at livestock & bulk sites, rural crime & stock theft...as well as plenty of discussion.
- Congratulations go to Paul Pulver on being appointed as the new LBRCA's President.
- AND speaking of conferences, I look forward to seeing **LRTAQ members at our Convention in Rockhampton from the 8th-10th March - that's next weekend.**

We look forward to seeing you there to **hear key industry speakers, take part in forum activities, meet with our supportive sponsors, have a great social time concluding with the infamous Bull Carters Ball.**

Be there to buy your raffle ticket to win \$8000.00 with only 200 tickets being sold - that's great odds (better than Lotto)!!

Contact Christina (LRTAQ Secretariat) to register and assist you with any other details you require.

[**Registration Form**](#)

Cheers,
Ian Wild