

MEDIA RELEASE

Spotlight on heavy vehicle safety in the South-West

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Every vehicle, every day – roadworthy, and every driver, every day – trained for the job is a business fundamental of Allan Price, Director of Busselton Freight Services and Vice-Chair of Transafe WA. It's also a fundamental Transafe WA wants to encourage every WA road transport business to uphold, and all road users to expect.

While Allan believes the majority of road transport businesses strive to operate safely, he knows how difficult it can be for small businesses especially to keep up-to-date with legislation, technological advances and available resources.

"New compliance and enforcement legislation is one example," he says.

To assist, Transafe WA will deliver their 6th Road Transport Industry Safety Forum in Bunbury on Monday 27 July – a free industry specific event.

"The aim of Transafe WA is to provide forums where industry can come together to share best practice initiatives, analyse incidents, access resources, look at industry needs and risks, and learn," says Allan.

The 6th Transafe WA Road Transport Industry Safety Forum in Bunbury will feature a range of expert speakers discussing factors affecting safe operations.

Regular truck rollovers are of concern, with recent Main Roads research establishing the key factor associated with heavy vehicle rollovers is the vehicle combination's load height centre of gravity. This will be clearly explained by subject matter expert Mike Robertson at the forum.

Also a partner in the National Transport Commission's review of *The Load Restraint Guide*, Mike will deliver a second session on load restraint for safety and compliance.

Paul Bond, Manager of Heavy Vehicle Transport Compliance for Main Roads will give an update on the new Compliance and Enforcement Legislation which will have been in effect in WA for three months at the end of July.

Other speakers in the full-day program include District Traffic Coordinator, David Hurdle; a representative from The South West Industry Road Safety Alliance, Fatigue Management expert Dr Nick Mabbott and Gary Wolstencroft a senior risk engineer

with Zurich Financial Services who will look at workers compensation and cost containment for business.

Jillian Dielesen, representing the newly formed Heavy Vehicle Industry Safety and Training Alliance, will give a short brief on the Alliance's initiatives, and driver training advocate and local business owner Mark Mazza, CEO of South-West Express has some footage to share.

All speakers will be available to answer questions and will take part in the final open discussion session of the day.

"Typically our forums attract a broad range of participants from owner/drivers, OH&S representative, sub-contractors, fuel and dangerous goods transporters, to mining, agricultural and food distribution company representatives, regulators and other industry service providers, says Transafe WA's Chair Steve Post.

"Feedback from previous forums has repeatedly highlighted the benefits to business from the information and resources provided and the networking opportunity."

Anyone with a connection to the road transport industry in the South-West is welcome to attend, but bookings are essential as the forums fill up fast.

6th Transafe WA Road Transport Industry Safety Forum – Bunbury/South-West

9.00am – 3.30pm, Monday 27 July 2015

The Quality Hotel Lord Forrest, 20 Symmons Street, Bunbury

For full information and registration go to: www.transafewa.com.au

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