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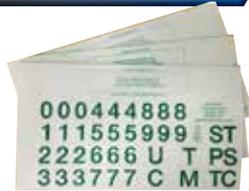


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NATIONAL *Conference*



David Samuel
VTA CEO

The VTA was proud to host the 2015 Australian Tax Industry Association (ATIA) Conference in Melbourne.

It was fantastic to see many familiar faces with over 300 taxi industry participants and supporters attending from across Australia. There is an overview of the event later in this edition but I would like to share with you some reflections on a few of the highlights.

Former Premier Jeff Kennett AC kindly agreed to be our Keynote speaker on the first day. Jeff continues to be a strong advocate for the taxi industry and has a great rapport with the people who make up our industry.

As usual, his insights were timely and motivating. He acknowledged the difficulties the industry has faced in the past months and years and sympathised with those for whom it has had a serious impact on their finances and families.



Keynote speaker: **Jeff Kennett AC**

He then went on to identify the new opportunities which exist for taxis as people's lifestyles change and reiterated that our customers are our greatest asset and must remain our primary focus in all that we do. Despite the fact we operate in challenge times, he urged everyone to strive to find ways to grow.

Reforms have brought about changes to regulation which are here to stay for now, and we need to continue to operate within them, while also recognising the need to refine them and ensure they are applied equally to all providers of commercial passenger vehicle services.

Mike Fogarty, President of the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association (TLPA) of the USA, travelled from Boston to join us and offered some candid thoughts on how the industry in America is responding to the impact of illegal ride sharing and other emerging services.

He and his colleagues have worked hard to use this as an opportunity to unify the industry, motivate the development of better and more cus-

tomers focused technology and bring on expert assistance to put a public face to taxi services.

We hope to build on the connection with Mike and the ATIA membership of the TLPA to keep informed of changes in regulation in the USA and approaches of state regulators to the challenges that confront them.

We also welcomed Rhod Ellis Jones, business and communication strategist at Ellis Jones, to speak to the audience about how to connect with customers. He posed important questions about who we are as an industry.

He pointed out the many segments of the vast market we service as an industry everyday and how important it has become in our modern world to ensure we reinforce the role of taxis in the lives of our customers through proactive communications which are carefully targeted to speak to the identity of these segments. ❖

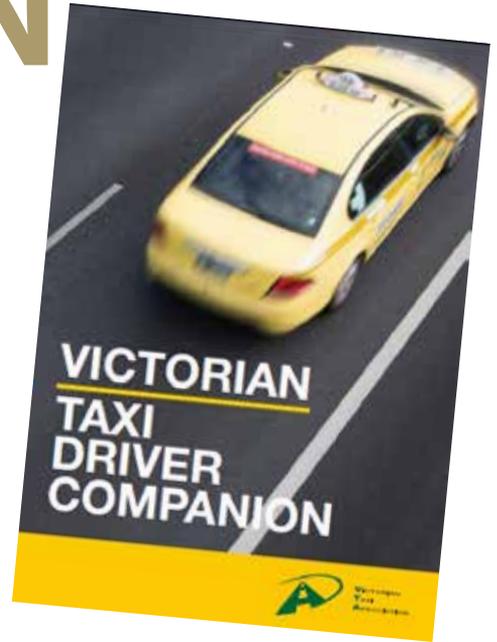
VTA Driver COMPANION

The VTA has updated its Driver Companion which is a resource for new drivers.

The Driver Companion offers a snapshot of the structure of the taxi industry in Victoria and an overview of rules and regulations that apply to taxi drivers.

This publication is intended as a reference to help drivers fulfil their role and duties as a taxi driver and to build their understanding of the industry and regulatory obligations.

The VTA will distribute the companion through the Networks or you can collect one from the VTA office, Suite 2, 85 Salmon Street, Port Melbourne. ❖



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SAFETY STRATEGY

A new program is being designed to specifically address the rising problem of “car-dooring” in Inner Melbourne.

The Victorian Taxi Association is collaborating with the Road Safety Action Group Inner Melbourne (RSAGIM), comprising the Cities of Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip and Stonnington, community members and other organisations working to make Inner Melbourne safer for vulnerable road users.

Car-dooring is the term used to describe the situation when the driver or passenger of a car opens a door into the path of a cyclist.

This is an offence under the Victorian road rules and carries a fine of \$369.00. It is the most common type of crash involving a cyclist where the cyclist is admitted to hospital.

The impacts of car-dooring are very serious, and can result in serious injury or death, as was the case last March when Alberto Paulon, 25, was killed on Sydney Road in Brunswick.





The law is unequivocal that car-dooring is the legal responsibility of drivers and passengers of motor vehicles.

In short, drivers and passengers must ensure that they do not open a car door into the path of a cyclist.

Between 2006 and 2010, 13% of the 424 police reported car-dooring incidents in Inner Melbourne have involved a taxi, most of which were the result of passengers not ensuring they had properly checked for cyclists before exiting the vehicle.

Research has shown that very targeted programs are most effective in changing people's behaviour.

Therefore this program will focus mainly on the behaviour of taxi passengers.

However, it will also look at the role of taxi drivers to understand if there are opportunities for drivers to help reduce car-dooring.

Over the next two months the team designing the program will be engaging with taxi drivers to understand the experience of driving a taxi in Inner Melbourne.

This will include the challenges faced by drivers when trying to influence where and how passengers exit their vehicles.

When the program has been designed, it will be tested with a small group of taxi drivers who regularly work in inner Melbourne.

For more information on this program please contact Georgia Halliday at the Victorian Taxi Association on 9676 2635 or ghalliday@victaxi.com.au ❖

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The lunch provided an opportunity for drivers to discuss and be updated on important issues facing the industry by the VTA staff. Some of the hot topics included ride share apps and the Knowledge test.

The VTA regularly hosts driver events throughout the year as a way to give something back to drivers who

provide a wonderful service to the public, day in and day out.

The VTA also distributed 'Guide Dogs Welcome' and 'Check for Bikes' stickers to encourage drivers to show support for guide dogs in our cabs and to help reduce car-dooring incidents on our streets. ❖

Regional and Country **TAXI SURVEY**



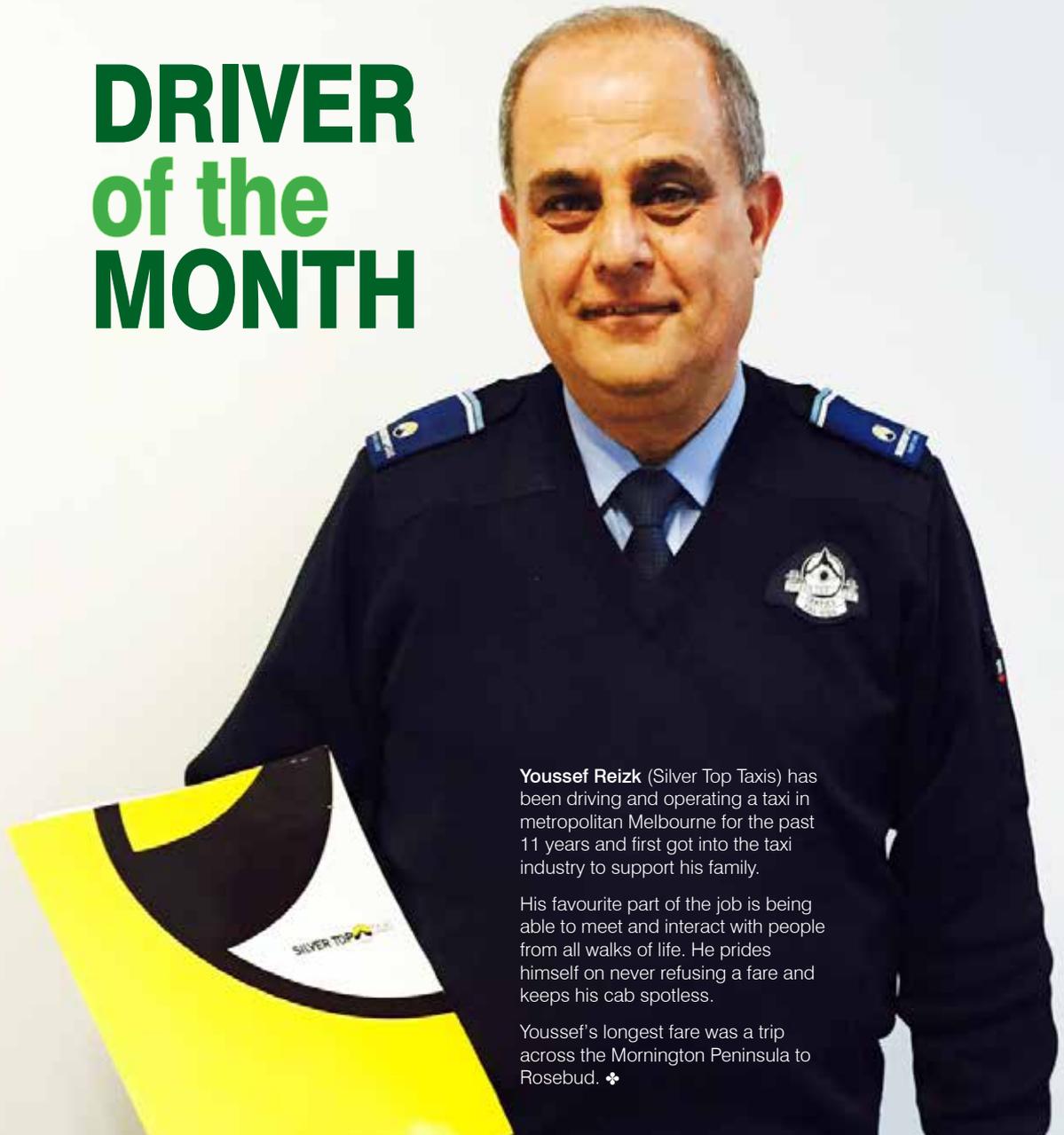
The Essential Services Commission (ESC) is responsible for monitoring taxi fares in the regional and country taxi zones. A key part of their role is to report annually on changes in fares and operator costs.

The ESC has developed an operator survey to help them better understand the costs of operating a taxi service in the regional and country taxi zones.

The survey is only 3 pages and doesn't take long to complete and all responses are strictly confidential and anonymous.

The survey can be viewed and printed at <http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/Taxis/Regional-and-Country-taxi-monitoring/Survey-of-taxi-operators> and are to be submitted by Monday 22 June 2015. ❖

DRIVER of the MONTH



Youssef Reizk (Silver Top Taxis) has been driving and operating a taxi in metropolitan Melbourne for the past 11 years and first got into the taxi industry to support his family.

His favourite part of the job is being able to meet and interact with people from all walks of life. He prides himself on never refusing a fare and keeps his cab spotless.

Youssef's longest fare was a trip across the Mornington Peninsula to Rosebud. ❖

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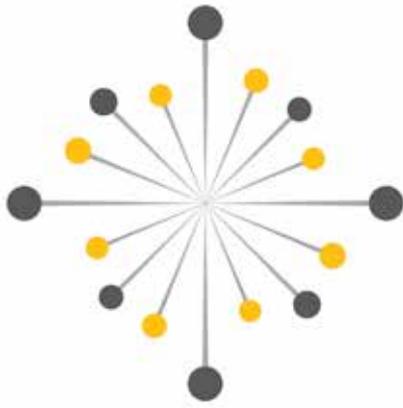
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The 2015 ATIA Conference, held in Melbourne in late April, was a great event bringing together more than 300 people from across the taxi industry.

Representatives from authorised taxi booking companies, fleet operators and licence owners from all over Australia and New Zealand, along with key industry suppliers, joined together in a professional and collegiate environment.

The Business Program delivered a range of relevant and interesting speakers.

Shaun Leane MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport in Victoria opened the event and Jeff Kennett was the Keynote speaker.

Mike Fogarty shared the American taxi industry experience and delegates were treated to Rhod Ellis Jones, business and communication strategist at Ellis Jones, on connecting with customers and who we are as an industry.

Presentations on the future outlook of fuel and a legal perspective of the Victorian Taxi Industry Inquiry proved insightful.

Graeme Innes, lawyer, mediator, company director and former Commissioner with Australian Hu-

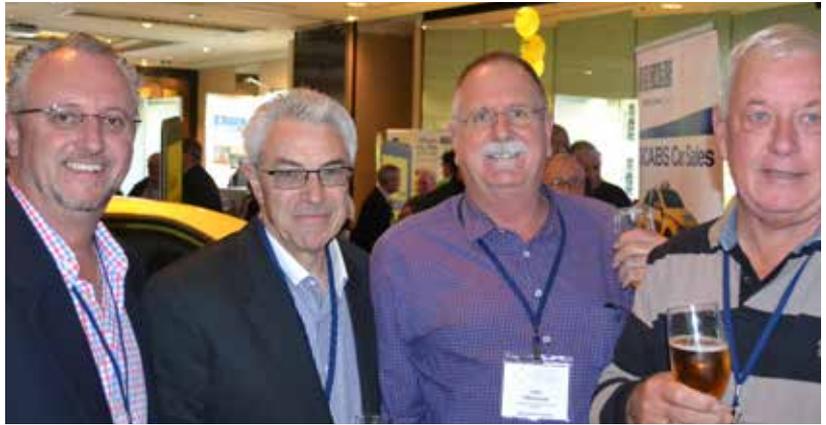


The Bollywood dancers who performed at the Gala Dinner, hosted by Cabcharge on Wednesday night

man Rights Commission, discussed how and why good regulations produce public benefit, using the taxi industry as a case study.

The Social Program was well attended - participants were shown some of the best Melbourne has to offer.

The tram car restaurant was a real delight, with many people already booking to go again!



AT THE CONFERENCE: Philip Humphreys, Peter Valentine, John Obeliunas and Bernard Te Grotenhuis



Key industry suppliers displayed at the conference

Chadstone, the fashion capital, was a real highlight and High Tea at Sofi's Lounge at the Sofitel was a decadent way to finish off the week.

Dinner at the MCG on Monday night, sponsored by Rova was enjoyed by all.

With the ground lit up, it was great to see the hallowed turf of the 'G. And those who took part in the guided tour saw some fascinating areas of the world renowned sporting ground.

To wrap up the conference, over

one hundred people enjoyed a leisurely day on Thursday touring some of the best Yarra Valley wineries. It was a picture perfect day to be out in the Yarra Valley and a great way to finish the 2015 ATIA Conference. ❖

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The friendly crustaceans of CLAWS are clearly enjoying their new home as they scurry around their crab shaped tanks with their new friends.

The Japanese Spider Crab, the largest crab species in the world has left a big impression on Melbourne visitors with their long legs and strong claws, while the smallest of the team, the fiddler crabs have also won over many hearts with their tiny bodies and out of proportion, giant claw. ❖



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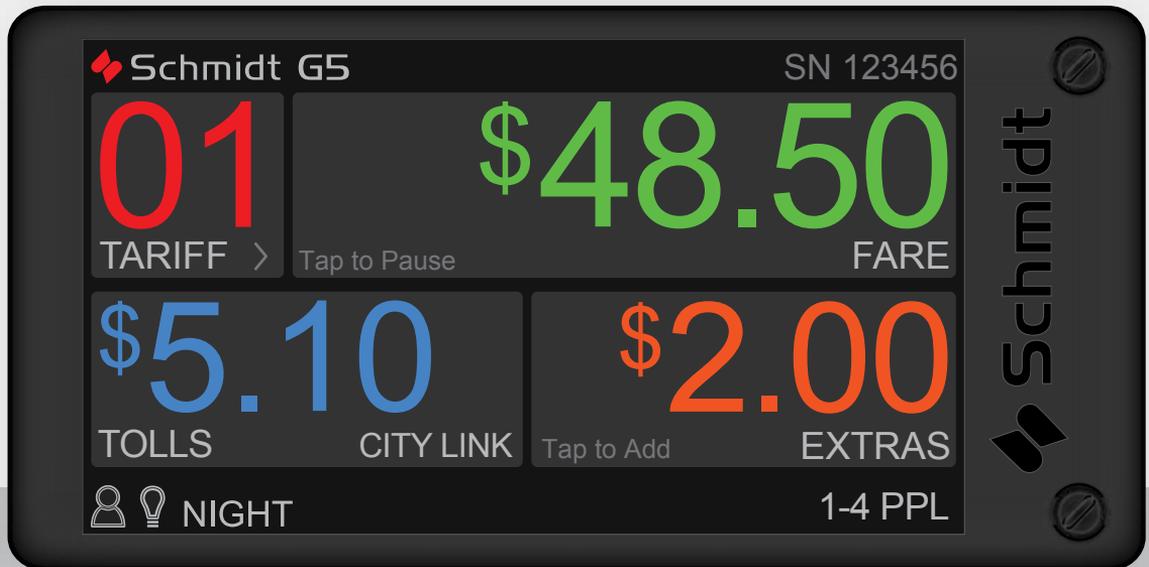
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TAXI INDUSTRY WELCOMES THE RULING



The Australian Taxi Industry Association (ATIA) welcomes the announcement from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) that drivers providing illegal imitation taxi services, like uberX, will now have to declare their earnings and pay GST.

Under current taxation law, all taxi drivers are required to have an ABN and register for and pay GST at 1/11th of their gross fare, regard-

less of how much they earn, unlike other industries where a business must earn more than \$75,000 before being required to pay GST.

Following the ATO's announcement this will also apply to drivers of ride-hailing services like uberX; a decision ATIA CEO Blair Davies says takes a positive step towards levelling the playing field for taxi and imitation taxi services.

"The ATIA wrote to the Board of Taxation a year ago highlighting the anomaly where taxi drivers have to register for GST and declare their earnings for income tax purpose but ride-hailing drivers seemingly could fly under the proverbial radar," Mr Davies said.

"The ATO's decision to make ride-hailing drivers register for GST and pay their fair share of tax, like taxi

drivers, closes a loophole that should never have existed in the first place.”

However despite these changes, serious concerns still remain over whether the ride-hailing platform provider, Uber, valued at more than AU\$50 billion and based in San Francisco, pays any tax in Australia or if all its profits are taken overseas.

“Hopefully the ATO won’t stop with the ‘little fish’ uberX drivers but will go after the big fish as well. Uber is a huge private company that has come to Australia for one purpose- to make money. It’s completely reasonable to say to Uber then, that it should ‘pay its own way’, and that means pay tax on every dollar of profit generated by rides brokered in Australia,” stated Mr Davies.

“The ATO needs to urgently close each and every one of the loopholes that allow local operations to use overseas holding companies to give them free rides paid for by Australian taxpayers.”Mr Davies also states that while uberX drivers have now been informed of their taxation responsibilities, it is important there is a mechanism in place to ensure the driver’s earnings are declared to the ATO.

”In welcoming this decision, the ATIA is mindful that the ATO will need to do better than State Governments in ensuring ride-hailing drivers comply. Law enforcement officers in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and WA have experienced frustration after frustration, unsuccessfully trying to get ride-hailing drivers to abide by the law. In fact, the uberX service continues to operate in those States despite it being completely illegal.”

While the ATIA welcomes the ATO’s decision to call a spade

a spade, that ride-hailing services imitate taxi services so closely that it is not reasonable to differentiate them for tax purposes, Mr Davies warns that there is still work to do to ensure Uber’s services adhere to all the public safety regulations followed by legitimate taxi services.

“Uber has a business model that pretends services like uberX are somehow not taxi services because the customer uses a smartphone app to do the booking. They are completely off with the fairies on this one. Australian taxi customers have been able to use smartphone apps to book taxis for years. Using an app, is simply a matter of convenience -

it doesn’t fundamentally change the nature of the service being delivered, point-to-point for-profit passenger transport,” he says.

“It also doesn’t lessen the need for vehicles to be routinely checked for roadworthiness, for drivers to be checked for disqualifying criminal history, for zero blood alcohol limits to apply to drivers, or for drivers and vehicles to be properly insured. Apart from paying tax in Australia, Uber needs to commit to respecting State regulations that protect the safety of passengers and drivers.” ❖

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Taxi zone	Licence type	No. of licences at 29/6/14	No. of licences at 19/4/15	Change in no. of licences
Metro	Conventional	3,826	4,388	562
	WAT	504	498	-6
	Total	4,330	4,886	556
Urban	Conventional	357	396	39
	WAT	75	79	4
	Total	432	475	43
Regional	Conventional	253	261	8
	WAT	75	77	2
	Total	328	338	10
Country	Conventional	126	126	0
	WAT	36	33	-3
	Total	162	159	-3
Totals	Conventional	4,562	5,171	609
	WAT	690	687	-3
	Total	5,252	5,858	606

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Infringement Notices 50
Official Warning notices 7
Regulation 19 notice 56

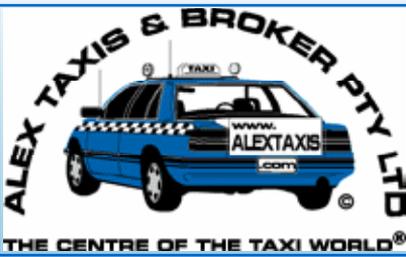
HIRE CAR LICENCES **\$40,846**

Number of Victorian Hire Vehicle Licences

Metropolitan Hire Cars 1,071
Country Hire Cars 58
Special Purpose Vehicles 949
Restricted Hire Cars 603
TOTAL **2,681**

The metro taxi licence average price of \$297,833 is based on the 6 genuine market based transactions that occurred in the metropolitan zone during March 2015.

The Taxi Services Commission's standard practice is to only count those licence transfers where a genuine market based transaction has occurred. They do this by applying a number of standard business rules. The aim of these business rules is to identify genuine market based transfers of taxi licences and to base average price calculations on these transactions only. Therefore, where it appears a non-market based licence transfer has occurred, these transactions are excluded in the calculation of licence values. An example is where a licence holder transfers the licence to a new business name but still retains ownership of the licence. ✚



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The EVA electrical taxi, built by NTU and Germany's Technische Universität München (TUM), has several features to reduce the energy needed to keep rides comfortable in the tropics.

The seats, for example, are designed to draw air and moisture away from passengers' bodies, keeping them cool and reducing the need for air-conditioning.

Overhead air-conditioning outlets target upper bodies of passengers and drivers, bringing about comfort without cooling the entire cabin and unoccupied zones. This design was based on studies showing that cooling of the upper body alone contributed to overall thermal comfort.

"Due to the hot and humid weather in the tropics, a significant amount of energy is consumed by the air conditioning system in automobiles, said Professor Lam Khin Yong, NTU's Chief of Staff and Vice President for Research.

"The innovative energy efficient air conditioning solutions deployed in EVA, like its new energy-efficient

the National Research Foundation. Taxis make up less than 3 per cent of Singapore's vehicle population



The EVA features new efficient technologies

compressor technologies, can be adopted in both current and future vehicles to reduce their carbon footprint," he added.

The electrical taxi project, conceptualised in late 2011, is supported by

but account for 15 per cent of the total distance covered by all vehicles here, according to studies done by researchers behind the EVA.

Source: Today ❖



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The Taxi Services Commission (TSC) will soon publish a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the new taximeter specifications. The availability of the RIS will be announced on our website so please make sure you check the website regularly.

The TSC will be moving to 1 Spring Street (corner Spring and Flinders Streets) in early August 2015. The Customer Service Centre will be located on the lower ground floor at the entrance off Flinders Street. There is street parking around the Treasury Gardens. The TSC will be providing regular updates in the lead up to the move.

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As a taxi driver, you are required to transport a guide dog, which is accompanying a passenger who is vision or hearing impaired. This also applies to assistance animals (link to <http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au/drivers/taxi-drivers/driver-rights-and-responsibilities/carrying-assistance-animals>)

The Taxi Services Commission regularly receives feedback from passengers that drivers are refusing to carry guide dogs and assistance animals. This type of behaviour can have a negative impact on those in the community who rely heavily on taxi travel to get around.

Under Commonwealth legislation (Disability Discrimination Act 1992, section 24) you should not discriminate against a person with a disability because they possess, or are accompanied by an animal trained to assist them to alleviate the effect of the disability.

For more on your responsibilities in regards to carrying guide dogs and assistance animals, check out the Driver Behaviour module <<http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au/drivers/taxi-drivers/driver-accreditation-training>> of the Knowledge handbook. ❖

MPTP members



When Multi Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) members travel interstate they can apply to the Taxi Services Commission for Interstate Vouchers. These Interstate Vouchers ensure that MPTP members still receive half price taxi travel wherever they are in Australia.

This is a reciprocal arrangement. When people visit Victoria with Interstate Vouchers issued in their home State or Territory they must also be accepted by Victorian taxi drivers.

Yet feedback from some interstate visitors shows that this is not always the case. Some Victorian drivers have refused to accept them.

Drivers are reminded that as part of Licence Conditions they are required to always accept Interstate Vouchers as part of the fare.

Vouchers (known as Interstate Vouchers) for subsidised taxi travel issued under a taxi user subsidy program in a State or Territory other than Victoria must be accepted as part payment of the taxi fare in accordance with the terms and conditions, including subsidy rates and trip value limits, described on the relevant interstate taxi subsidy program voucher. (2.2)

Interstate Vouchers do not cover the payment of the lifting fee to the driver/operator.

Drivers are reminded that people who travel in wheelchair accessible taxis (WATs), including passengers from interstate, never pay this fee themselves. Licence Conditions state that:

The lifting fee/s must not be charged to, or collected from the taxi passenger/hirer. (3.6.1)

When a passenger does not have a MPTP (Wheelchair/Scooter) Taxi Card (M31 card) the lifting fee is not paid.

On these occasions drivers are permitted to turn the meter on while loading/unloading passengers. This includes when carrying WAT passengers from interstate. ❖



Licensing update



Road Safety Inspection

The Road Safety Inspection (RSI) facility in Port Melbourne is now able to register brand new vehicles for taxi owners and operators, in addition to the services already provided by VicRoads.

The only vehicles that the RSI cannot register are second-hand vehicles which have had a Vehicle Identity Validation inspection or repairable write-off – these vehicles must still be processed by a VicRoads office.

Permit Holders (Taxi Operators)

Make sure you notify the Taxi Services Commission (TSC) if you change your Taxi Booking Service provider (also known as NSP or Depot). To check your current information held by the TSC visit the Public Register <<http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au/passengers/taxi-passengers/public-register>>.

Assignment expiry dates

A reminder to regularly check your assignment expiry dates. Once an assignment has expired the licence will be made non-operational or will revert back to the name of the licence holder.

If this occurs, from that point on your vehicle is not an authorised commercial passenger vehicle.

If you are caught operating a vehicle without a current assignment, you may be issued with a fine or prosecuted. ❖

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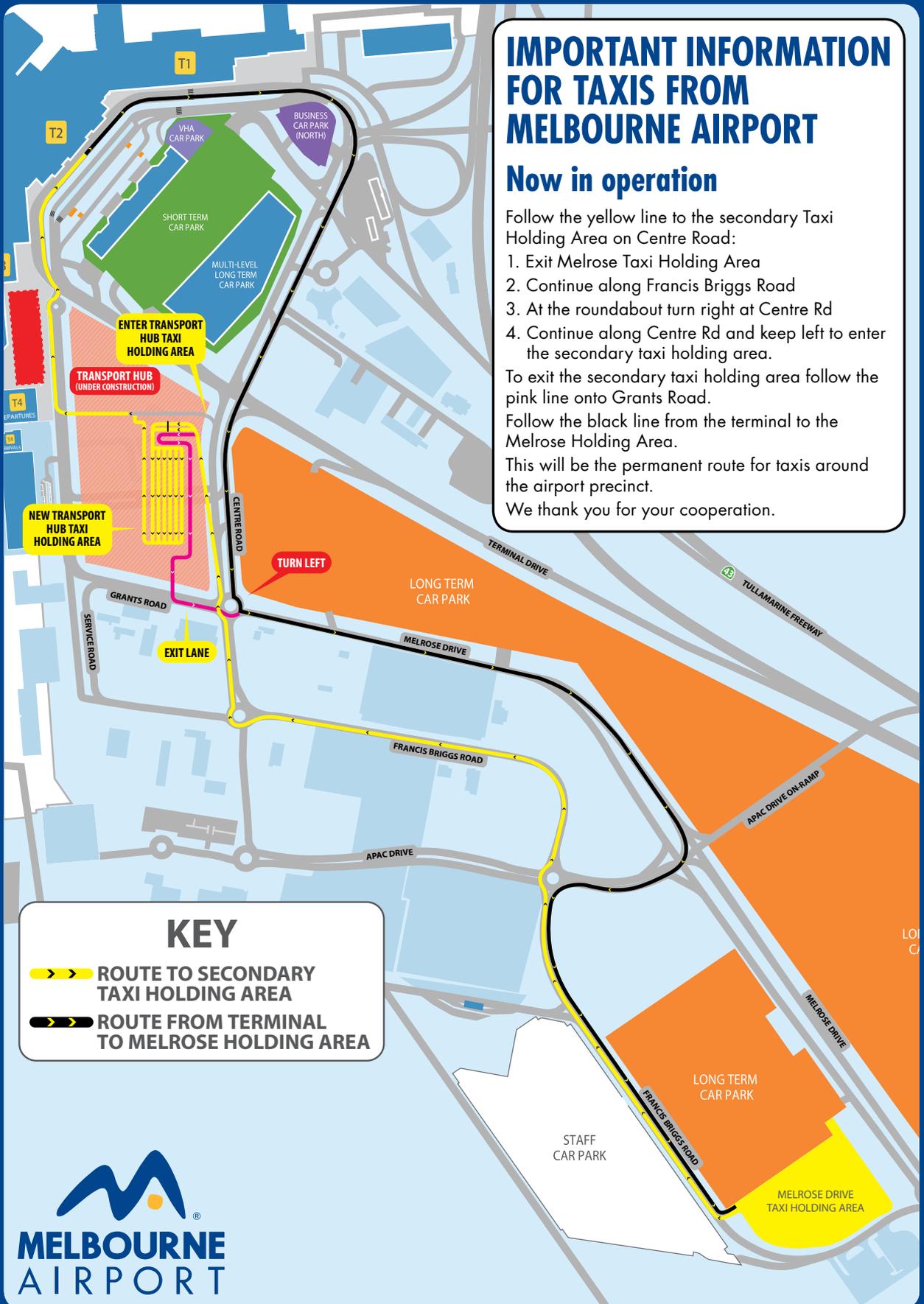
1. Exit Melrose Taxi Holding Area
2. Continue along Francis Briggs Road
3. At the roundabout turn right at Centre Rd
4. Continue along Centre Rd and keep left to enter the secondary taxi holding area.

To exit the secondary taxi holding area follow the pink line onto Grants Road.

Follow the black line from the terminal to the Melrose Holding Area.

This will be the permanent route for taxis around the airport precinct.

We thank you for your cooperation.



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-  ROUTE TO SECONDARY TAXI HOLDING AREA
-  ROUTE FROM TERMINAL TO MELROSE HOLDING AREA

world news



Canada

Vancouver cab companies joining forces with smartphone app

'If you can't beat 'em, join them,' seems to be the adage the Vancouver taxi industry is embracing when it comes the possible entry of ride-sharing companies into the local market.

Four companies – Yellow Cab, Blacktop, Vancouver Taxi and MacLure's – will begin using eCab in the next month. The app lets people see what taxis are closest to them, order specific ones, and pay ahead of time.

"For the industry to adapt, the industry knows they need to join forces. This is the first global alliance... that was born because of this digital revolution," says Gilles Gomis of eCab.

The company, based in Europe, already operates throughout France and in several other major European cities.



"Basically what's going on in Europe is the same that's going on worldwide. The taxi industry and the urban mobility industry is changing, and it's changing with unprecedented competition," he says.

There is currently a moratorium on granting any new taxi licenses in Vancouver while the city decides on a new strategy to deal with changes in the industry. While popular ride-sharing company Uber has expressed interest in expanding to Vancouver, the city and province have said they must comply with local regulations.

Ted Chernecki ❖

Increase in customers for the German taxi trade

The German government would like to confiscate the driving licences of shoplifters, tax evaders and other criminals. It's an absurd idea that could benefit the taxi trade. After all, taxis already carry passengers who are petty criminals - those that have lost their driver's licence for speeding or drunk-driving. ❖

Austria taxi licence fraud

The state attorney against corruption has brought charges in six cases against alleged fraudulent activity involving the issuing of licences to taxi drivers in Vienna. ❖

Taxis for Africa

Under the slogan 'Dust and Diesel', 20 people are driving used vehicles through the African desert. The cars will be sold in Mauritania at the end of the 'humanitarian rally'. The proceeds will go to an orphanage. Many of the cars happen to be old Mercedes models that are commonly used in Africa as taxis. ❖

Norway

Slashing electric car perks because it's costing government too much money

Drivers of electric cars currently enjoy such perks as free public parking use of public transport lanes and exemptions from taxes.

Norway plans to cut some of the incentives offered to drivers of electric cars, which now account for almost a quarter of the country's new car registrations, because they are costing the government too much money.



Around 50,000 electric cars have been registered in Norway as of April Photo: AFP

The Scandinavian nation has introduced a raft of incentives for environmentally-friendly vehicles, including toll-free driving, free public parking, use of public transport lanes and exemptions from heavy car taxes.

The generous measures have helped make electric cars highly popular - 50,000 have been registered as of April - but they have also come in for criticism because of the state's loss of income.

Bus drivers have also complained of traffic jams in bus lanes, which are intended to speed up public transportation.

Following negotiations, the right-wing government and its centre-right allies agreed to maintain the tax exemptions until 2017.

But electric car owners will be required to pay half of the yearly road license fee as of January 2018 and the full rate as of 2020.

The value-added tax (VAT) exemption for electric cars could be replaced by a subsidy of the same amount, which may be subjected to a ceiling that could be reduced as technology develops.

The agreement also gives local authorities the right to decide whether electric cars can park for free and use public transport lanes.

The agreement has raised doubts about the future of the incentives, especially in and around the capital Oslo, which has the highest concentration of electric cars. ❖

world news



French transportation giant bankrolling TLPA fight against Uber

Behind the international taxi industry's fight against ride-hailing upstart Uber Technologies is a French-owned transportation giant that is bankrolling a full-on public relations assault against its young rival.

Transdev, a taxi company that operates more than 10,000 vehicles in more than 100 cities worldwide, is Uber's largest single competitor, according to Bloomberg Businessweek. Transdev is co-owned by Veolia Environnement, a public utility company, and Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, a state-owned bank.

Transdev successfully took legal action that resulted in a \$107,000 fine against Uber for its Uber-Pop service in Paris. In the U.S., Transdev says it has lobbied for investigations into Uber's business practices in key markets such as Maryland, Pennsylvania and Colorado.

The company is a player in a powerful trade association that represents more than 1,000 taxi and limousine firms worldwide.

The group, the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association, or **TLPA**, has retained the strategic communications firm Melwood Global to launch its public-relations blitz against Uber.

The campaign has focused on what it alleges is Uber's illegal and unsafe business practices.

While it is critical of Uber, Transdev acknowledges that it's trying to copy the startup's technology.



In California, the company has launched its own ride-sharing app, zTrip. "Uber's technology can be easily replicated," Mark Joseph, CEO of Transdev North America, told Bloomberg. "This is an early chapter in the battle."

Uber says the taxi industry is essentially a cartel that is trying to protect its turf.

"The way that they protect their business is by trying to use laws to keep out competitors, rather than

improving the rider and driver experiences," Corey Owens, Uber's head of global public policy, told Bloomberg.

The association, however, rejects the characterization that it is a cartel for powerful and entrenched interests. "Transdev is one of 1,100 transportation companies that belong to the **TLPA**," a Melwood Global spokesperson for the group said in an email to the San Francisco Business Times. "The majority of **TLPA** companies are members with fleets of 30-50 vehicles — these are small independent businesses."

Transdev is "one company among these 1,100 businesses across the world funding a communications effort to make consumers and leaders aware of the ways in which the 'ridesharing' business model" puts "passengers, drivers and third parties (such as pedestrians) at risk," the spokesman, Dave Sutton, said in an email.

Marlize van Romburgh
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10 -12 June	3RD INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATORS, LEARNERS, PARENTS CONFERENCE The Conference brings together Health and Education professionals who work to improve the long term outcomes for children with serious illnesses and require the latest research and innovative practices in education for those children.	Pullman Melbourne on the Park - Wellington Parade, Melbourne
15 - 18 June	WOMEN IN BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Advice, Inspiration and Practical Skills for Career Advancement and Women's Leadership in Banking and Financial Services.	Melbourne Exhibition Centre - South Wharf
16-18 June	WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT An inspirational leadership development opportunity designed for emerging and aspiring leaders to gain insights through case studies and workshop sessions delivered by senior women and leading experts.	Crowne Plaza Melbourne Spencer Street Melbourne
16-18 June	WOMEN IN NOT FOR PROFIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT The essential professional development, leadership and networking event for established and aspiring female leaders in the Not-For-Profit sector.	Crowne Plaza Melbourne Spencer Street Melbourne
16 June	SCHOOL LAW CONFERENCE For principals, administrators and teachers, today you also have to take on the role of mediator, employee relations consultant, IT and social media expert.	RACV City Club - 501 Bourke Street Melbourne
17 - 19 June	18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS The goal of the conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues.	Melbourne Convention Centre - South Wharf
17 - 18 June	EDRM GOVERNMENT AUSTRALIA 2015 Roll outs, Implementation, People, Change Management, User Adoption & Systems Integration EDRM Government Australia 2015 The Next Steps Towards True Digital Business	Rydges Swanston - Melbourne
17 June	6TH ANNUAL PATENT AND TRADE MARK CONFERENCE Leading patent & trademark & intellectual property lawyers in Victoria speak on topics Trade Mark Issues in an Online World, Protecting Non-Distinctive Marks & Patent Infringement.	RACV City Club - 501 Bourke Street Melbourne
18 June	THE A - Z OF RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL LEASING This informative event will break down and simplify the key issues encountered in leasing.	RACV City Club 501 Bourke Street Melbourne



ONLINE CRIME

Online Risks

The Internet has made it easier to communicate, bank and shop. Yet despite these advantages, technology is not 100% secure.

- Other people may use your devices or they may be lost or stolen
- Your device may be infected with a virus or other malicious software (malware)
- Public computers or networks may not be secure
- You may accidentally disclose information online.

Online crimes may include:

- The illegal use of your personal details (*Identity Theft*)
- Dishonest online sellers - e.g. through sites like eBay (*Online Auction Fraud*)
- Fraudulent get-rich-quick schemes (*Scams*)
- Theft of financial details (*Credit Card Fraud, Phishing*).

Follow these simple measures to help make sure you are communicating, banking and shopping safely online:

Checklist for Protection	Tick
Keep your devices in a safe place	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install apps for locating stolen mobile devices	<input type="checkbox"/>
Record your device model and serial numbers on a property inventory form, and mark devices with 'V' followed by your driver's licence number eg. V123456	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure your internet or Wi-Fi connection is password protected and private	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware software and install and use a firewall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow automatic updates on your software	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a secondary email address for non-private purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover your webcam when not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backup all data regularly (USB, hard drive)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erase hard drives before disposing of a device	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid using public computers for online shopping and banking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delete suspicious emails, and don't click on links or download anything sent from people you don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make separate, strong passwords for different applications – use numbers and symbols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't allow the computer to save passwords	<input type="checkbox"/>

Key Crime Prevention Tips

- **Secure** your physical devices and Internet connection
- **Install** anti-virus, anti-spyware software and use a firewall
- **Think:** Exercise caution when sharing information and remember, *If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is*

Online Shopping

- Shop only on reputable websites
- Check for the closed padlock symbol  which shows it is a secure site
- Use a secure third party payment facility
- Read the terms and conditions before paying

Victorian consumer protection laws may not apply for online and international purchases.

Online Banking

- Banks **never** ask for your banking details in emails – do not open. Report and delete
- Never provide your bank details over e-mail
- Always log off when you are finished
- Regularly monitor your account transactions
- Only download and use mobile banking apps from the official website of your financial institution rather than general app stores.

Social Media

- Limit the amount and type of personal information you put online
- Set the security and privacy settings to limit access to your account and check the settings regularly.

Additional Resources

- Stay Smart Online – Australian Government: www.staysmartonline.gov.au
- Cybersmart – Information for children and families: www.cybersmart.gov.au
- SCAMwatch – provides detailed information about current scams: www.scamwatch.gov.au
- Consumer Affairs Victoria provides information about online shopping: www.consumer.vic.gov.au
- Contact your financial institution for additional security information about online banking.



VICTORIA POLICE



Department of Justice

If you require immediate police attendance, call police on Triple Zero (000)

If you have any information regarding a crime, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

For further crime prevention information, visit the Victoria Police website at: www.police.vic.gov.au

Visit the Victorian Government Community Crime Prevention Website at: www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

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Major Events

Until 7 June		MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL - there will be an array of intimate club gigs, late-night art parties, film screenings, conversations, workshops, events for families and children and a wide range of free events.	From Melbourne's CBD to downtown Footscray
Until 21 June		A GOLDEN AGE OF CHINA: QIANLONG EMPEROR (1736-1795) - Tells the story of China's foremost art collector Qianlong Emperor, one of China's most successful rulers and fourth and longest living emperor of the Qing dynasty.	National Gallery of Victoria, International 180 St Kilda Road Melbourne
Until 12 July		SHIFTING GEAR: DESIGN, INNOVATION AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAR - From steam-powered horseless carriages and the classic Aussie ute to muscle cars, racy V8s and dazzling concept vehicles, Australia has a rich legacy of innovative car design. National Gallery of Victoria celebrates this history with an exhibition of cars.	The Ian Potter Centre NGV Australia 1 Swanston Street Melbourne
15 June		SHARED AND APP BASED TRANSPORT INNOVATION SEMINAR - How technology is changing the way we travel, the implications for policy making and the future of cities. Key note speakers include UBER, Professor Allan Fels AO, Professor Graham Currie and the Victorian Taxi Association.	Melbourne Town Hall Swanston Street Melbourne
17 June		STATE OF ORIGIN GAME II - Rugby League's showpiece event, the Holden State of Origin Series is about to re-ignite the greatest rivalry at the MCG. With everything to play for it is sure to be another thrilling chapter in Rugby League folklore.	MCG Brunton Avenue Richmond East

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Pearl River Road Docklands	Until 11 June 7.30am to 5.30pm weekdays 8am to 5pm Saturdays 10am to 5pm Sundays	Full closure of carriageway south of Docklands Drive.	Water utility works
Heffernan Lane Melbourne	Until 11 June 7am to 5pm	Full closure between Lonsdale and Little Bourke Street.	Power Utility Works
Little Collins and Swanston Streets Melbourne	Until 12 June 8pm to 4am Sunday to Thursday	Full closure of the Little Collins Street carriageway between Russell and Elizabeth streets. Partial closure on the Swanston Street carriageway (both directions) at its intersection with Little Collins Street.	Gas Utility Works
Bourke Street Melbourne	Until to 30 June	Partial closure between Russell and Exhibition Streets	Manhole installation works
Dorcas and Wells Streets Southbank	Until to 31 July 9am to 4pm weekdays 7am to 5pm weekends	Closures and traffic detours at roundabout intersection. Detours via St Kilda Road, Coventry Street, Kings Way and Bank Street.	Road resurfacing works
Punt Road South Yarra	1 June to 30 September 8pm to 6am	Full closure of carriageway, alternating between northbound and southbound, between Toorak and Commercial Roads	Water main renewal works
Punt Road South Yarra	1 June to 1 September 8.30pm to 6am	Full closure of northbound carriageway between Domain Road and Alexandra Avenue.	Water main renewal works
Swanston Street Melbourne	Pre-welding works midnight 3 June to midnight 6 June Main works midnight 6 June to 5am 9 June	Pre-welding works - Full time partial closure on the Swanston Street northbound carriageway between Flinders Street and Flinders Lane. Main works - Full time full closure of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swanston St between Princes Bridge & Flinders Lane Flinders Lane between Russell and Elizabeth Sts Swanston Street between La Trobe and Franklin Sts Swanston Street between Collins and Bourke Streets Little Collins Street between Russell and Elizabeth Sts 	Tram track renewal and maintenance works
A'Beckett Street Melbourne	13 June 7am to 9pm	Full closure between Elizabeth and Swanston streets, including full closure of the southern footpath.	Crane lift to install site tower crane
Racecourse Road Kensington	6am Sunday 28 to 5am Monday 29 June	Full closure between Smithfield Road and Stubbs Street.	Tram overhead wiring works
Monash Freeway	Until Mid June	Closure of Warrigal Road entry ramp priority access lane, outbound, speed reduced to 80 km/h	Roadworks
Speed will be reduced to 40km/h through site lead up and closures. Expect up to 30 minutes delay.	13 June	Closure of the Toorak Road entry ramp outbound	Roadworks
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