



MEDIA RELEASE

NSW Regional Trucking Forum

Promoting Safety on our Roads

The general public and media are invited to attend the 2007 NSW Regional Trucking Forum, to be held on **Saturday 1st September** at the **Dubbo RSL Club**.

The forum will provide a comprehensive update on the latest developments in the NSW heavy vehicle sector, as well as the trucking industry at large.

Attendance to the forum is free, with delegates invited to attend the 2007 Australian Road Train Association (ARTA) Annual Dinner & Auction afterward. Dinner seats are \$77.00 for a three course meal and refreshments.

Accommodation details are attached, and delegates are encouraged to contact the forum secretariat if they have any further queries.

PROGRAM

- 9:30am **NSW Regional Trucking Forum Opening**
- ARTA President, Darby Sullivan
 - ARTA Executive Director, John Morris
- 9:35am **Welcome**
- Mayor of Dubbo, Cr Allan Smith
- 9:45am **Regulatory Developments and Issues for NSW Regional Trucking Operators**
- NSW Road Transport Authority Heavy Vehicle Compliance & Freight Strategy General Manager, Philip Halton
 - RTA Freight Liaison Officer (Parkes), Stuart Peden
- 10:30am **Morning Tea**
- Sponsored by LINX Finance
- 11:00am **Policing Heavy Vehicles on Regional and Rural NSW roads**
- NSW Police Orana Highway Patrol Commander, Sgt Jason Bush
- 11:30am **New Driving Hours Legislation and What It Means For Your Business**
- National Transport Commission (NTC) Safety & Environment General Manager, Tim Eaton

- 12:00pm **NSW and the Federal Trucking Picture**
- Australian Trucking Association CEO, Stuart St Clair
- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- Sponsored by Inland Truck Centres
- 2.00pm **A NSW Political Perspective**
- NSW Independent Member for Dubbo, Dawn Fardell MP
- 2.30pm **NSW Regional Trucking Forum Panel Session**
- Bernie Belacic, NatRoad
- Andrew Higginson, Livestock & Bulk Carriers Association
- Duncan Bremner, ARTA
- 3.30pm **Afternoon Tea**
- Sponsored by ArvinMeritor
- 4.00pm **Accreditation and Owner/Driver Responsibilities**
- Accreditation specialists, Darby Sullivan & Ian Pendered
- 4.30pm **Trends in Truck Accidents**
- National Centre for Truck Accident Research Director and National Transport Insurance Industry Affairs & Customer Relations National, Owen Driscoll
- 5.00pm **Future Emission Controls Roll Out & Predictions**
- Cummins Manager, Clayton Cowling
- 5.30pm **Forum close**

All forum attendees are then invited to the 2007 ARTA Annual Dinner & Auction, commencing at 7:00pm at the Dubbo RSL Auditorium.

Bookings are essential (Contact: 0268 822 666)

For further information on the forum and the dinner, contact:

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