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VTA ELECTS GENERAL FREIGHT COMMITTEE FOR 2011/12

Members of the Victorian Transport Association (VTA) held elections today (Tuesday, 18 October 2011) for positions on its prestigious General Freight Committee (GFC).

VTA CEO, Philip Lovel AM, reflected that “the General Freight Committee (GFC) reports to the VTA Executive Council, and is the “engine-room” for the strategic management of issues dealt with by the Association which affect general freight.”

For 2011/12, the VTA General Freight Committee comprises the following senior executives in the freight logistics industry:

Border Express	Mark Luff, Director
Freestones Transport	Paul Freestone, Managing Director
Glen Cameron Group	Bruce Forsyth, General Manager
Kalari Transport	Craig Dickason, Regional Manager Victoria
L. Arthur Pty. Ltd.	Vincent Arthur, Managing Director
Linfox Logistics	Shane Falkiner, Compliance Manager, Asia Pacific
Murphy Transport Solutions	Angela Murphy, General Manager, Planning & Resources
QR National Intermodal Freight	Dennis O'Brien, Victorian State Manager Intermodal Logistics
Scott's Transport Industries	David Howell, General Manager
Secon Freight Logistics	Terry Considine, Managing Director
Toll Chemical Logistics / In2Store	Adrien Scott, National Distribution Manager
Victorian Freight Specialists	John Rowe, Director

The GFC is responsible for shaping the policy directions and initiatives pursued by the VTA on productivity issues, safety, technology uptake, people and environmental issues.

“We’ve got outstanding leaders in the freight logistics industry represented on the GFC, and their knowledge and expert advice is highly valued by us” Mr. Lovel said.

In an historic first for the VTA, Angela Murphy was elected as Chair of the General Freight Committee. Bruce Forsyth from Glen Cameron Group was elected Vice-Chairman

“Angela Murphy is testament to the fact that gender is no barrier to active industry representation at the highest level.” Mr. Lovel observed.

“The VTA General Freight Committee can trace its origins back to the days of the Master Carriers Association of Victoria prior to WWII, and beyond into the 1950’s and 1960’s under the banner of Victorian Road Transport Association (VRTA).”

“This is the first time that a woman has been elected to the position of Chair of this important, strategic VTA Committee. What a fantastic achievement, and what an accolade for Angela” Mr. Lovel said.

Mr. Lovel also paid tribute to the outgoing GFC Chairman, Peter Anderson.

“Peter chaired the Committee ably for six years, but has now moved from Border Express to become the new Chief Executive Officer of Scott’s Transport Industries.”

“We look forward to Peter continuing as a Board member on the VTA Executive Council, while we welcome Mark Luff, Director of Border Express and David Howell, General Manager of Scott’s Transport, onto the General Freight Committee for the first time.”

“Also new to the Committee is Toll Chemical Logistics / In2Store National Distribution Manager, Adrien Scott. Adrien is no stranger to the VTA, being a useful contributor to VTA meetings while with Mannway Logistics and Toll Express previously.”

“The VTA General Freight Committee has a full agenda in making sure that the voice of the VTA on behalf of its members and the industry generally is strong and well-reasoned.”

“The GFC’s strategic work program will ensure that it is an effective voice on productivity issues, technology uptake, people attraction, retention & training, as well as improved safety and environmental outcomes for the freight logistics industry.”

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