



AUSTRALIAN HEAVY VEHICLE REPAIRERS ASSOCIATION

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AHVRA Member Update

June 2016

Dear AHVRA Member,

As we have now entered a Federal Election, your Association have been active in lobbying for the introduction of a WOVR for Heavy Vehicles, and we will watch with interest the policies of the major political parties during the election campaign.

New Website Completed

- Sponsors/Suppliers/Repairers – please forward any promotional articles and or articles of interest for inclusion on a regular basis.
- Check regularly for updates.

Parts and Towing Mark-Ups

- Discussions have been held with major insurers to establish a fair and agreed margin, and a further meeting will be held shortly – members will be advised in due course.

Insurance Rates

Repairers are reminded that labour rates are not regulated and we question why any repairer would agree to accept any reduction. QBE were contacted for clarification of the labour rates they allow –

- Below (under) 4.5 Tonne is \$65.00 and \$33.00 Paint Materials and;
- 4.5 Tonne (inclusive) and over is \$80.00 and \$39.00 Paint Materials

We are seeking a meeting with QBE in coming weeks to better understand their position

Plastic Wrap – Good Deal!

- A bargain is to be had from Poli-film Australia 02 9729 0857 for a good wrap that is ideal for weather proofing apertures, protecting surfaces, some masking and particularly protecting spray booth walls by an easy to apply very cost effective method.
- Also the rolls can be cut to any width free of charge (yes you get to keep the off cut).

Paint Price Increase

- Please note paint materials have been increased by the major paint company's by around 2.9%.



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Shop Audits

- We are pleased to report most repairer audits are now complete and all passed with good reports. Anyone who has not completed their audit, please do so ASAP as our credibility must be upheld as we go into industry and government consultation and meetings.

Bad Workmanship

- Please! - Any repairer who comes across a previous bad repair advise Graham Judge ASAP. This information could be critical in our campaign for the government to recognise and establish accredited heavy vehicle repair shops and the WOVR.

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Meeting

- On June 1 2016 a delegation of AHVRA Committee members along with Matthew Hingerty the CEO of Barton Deakin Government Relations met with the CEO and representatives of the NHVR.
- We can report the meeting was constructive with discussion focused on implementation of the WOVR for Heavy Vehicles.

Further details will be provided in coming weeks.

Federal Budget Release 2016

The following is an extract from the "Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Measures 2016-17":

- **Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal — abolition**

The Government will abolish the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal). Funding of \$15.6 million over four years from 2016-17 that was previously allocated to the Tribunal will be redirected to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to work with the states and territories to implement practical safety measures. Further information can be found in the joint press release of 13 April 2016 issued by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Employment and the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport



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Axalta Coating Systems Australia Pty Ltd

Preparing for seasonal change

As we head into winter and temperatures start to drop, your paint room staff will need to be mindful when using PAINT products. Axalta Coating Systems recommends:

- On cold days, ensure all paint products and substrate are sufficiently warmed before use. Using a viscosity cup with all two component primers and topcoats will assist drying, curing and the final finish of a paint repair.
- Avoid excessive coats of primer/filler which can lead to shrinkage marks and loss of gloss, as the coating cures and solvents evaporate over time. If more than 80 microns of filling is needed due to coarse sanding scratches it is preferable to remove the scratches with a finer abrasive, rather than fill these scratches with extra coats of 2K filler, which adds time and material cost to a job.
- Baking or curing 2K primer/filler repairs in a baking booth or with IR lamps before sanding will help reduce the likelihood of paint shrinkage and loss of gloss.
- Review your activator/solvent selection to take into account changing climatic conditions.

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