



## A message from the CEO

### COVID-19 Update 3/07

While the past few months have undoubtedly been tough for business, it is pleasing to see reports indicating that the automotive industry experienced growth in demand during June and the lead up to the end of the financial year.

With restrictions now at their lowest level to date, it is great to see more businesses re-opening and South Australians getting back to work, but we must not get complacent. It is important that we continue to maintain social distancing and good hygiene practices.

#### COVID-19 Flexible Work Arrangements extended

Upon application by the Motor Trade Organisations, and after negotiation with the union representatives, the COVID-19 flexible work arrangements schedule in the Vehicle Award has been extended to 31 July 2020, but only for those employers already utilising the arrangements under this schedule.

Additionally, after application by (primarily) union parties, the general COVID-19 flexible work arrangements schedule placed in approximately 100 awards including the Vehicle Award has been extended until the end of September, continuing the current unpaid pandemic leave and annual leave at half pay arrangements in that schedule.

#### A win for industry - Motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme

The State Government has this week released [draft legislation](#) outlining a proposed Motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme, following recommendations from the Centre for Automotive Safety Research (CASR) in 2018 in response to increased motorcycle rider fatalities.

After consultation with MTA members and lobbying of the State Government spanning more than two years, we are pleased to see that the proposed scheme mirrors the views of Motorcycle Industry Association SA members.

Additional information regarding the operation of the proposed scheme can be accessed by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions please contact your Industry Engagement Specialist, Nathan Groves, by [clicking here](#).

#### DPTI inspection feedback required

As of 1 July 2020, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has brought heavy

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vehicles inspections back in house, following the decision not to proceed with Stage 2 of the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme at this time.

Over the next two months the MTA will be closely monitoring service levels and DPTI's capacity to meet industry expectations. We would like to hear about members' experiences – in particular:

1. Wait times for appointments
2. Issues with pick up times
3. Any other issues

The collection of this information will allow the MTA to provide DPTI with robust feedback on the changes. We will be running a quick weekly video conference every Friday over the next two months for members to provide feedback on their experience with DPTI.

The first Microsoft Teams meeting will be held next Friday 10 July at 2pm, and should be no more than 20 minutes. [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

### **Apprentice opportunities**

The MTA Group Training Organisation currently has a number of 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Apprentices available in the following locations:

- **Light Vehicle Mechanical** - Elizabeth North, Angaston, Seaview Downs. Greenwith, Port Pirie, Morphett Vale, Fairview Park and Para Hills
- **Body Repair** - Modbury Heights, Milang and Norwood
- **Auto Refinishing** - Mitchell Park and Andrews Farm
- **Heavy Vehicle Mechanical** - Lightsview
- **Auto Electrical** - Paradise

If you are looking to take on a supported apprentice to help meet demand, the MTA can help you achieve this. Hosting a MTA apprentice provides flexibility, with a dedicated MTA Field Officer to support both the apprentice and host employer, meaning you can get on with running your business.

[Click here](#) to contact General Manager Apprentice Employment Services, Jason Polgreen, to ask about how we can help provide an apprentice for your business.

### **SA Waste Strategy 2020-25**

The State Government has recently released its Draft Waste Strategy for feedback, proposing targets, objectives and actions to achieve positive environmental outcomes while building the local industry and creating business opportunities.

Recycling in the automotive industry is a big issue for many businesses, including automotive dismantlers who have been working with the MTA to draft an End of Life Vehicles policy. The MTA continues to advocate to government to give members a stronger voice on recycling issues and so welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Waste Strategy.

You can read the Draft Waste Strategy [here](#) and the Draft Waste Strategy Summary [here](#).

This represents a valuable opportunity to make the government aware of recycling issues the automotive industry is facing, as well as opportunities arising from best practice activities already being undertaken

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and compliance surrounding automotive plastics, tyres and solvents.

[Click here](#) to contact Industry and Government Engagement Manager, Kaes Cillessen, if you would like to provide feedback.

### **Service SA centres to remain open**

This week the State Government backed down on its plan to close Service SA centres in Mitcham, Prospect and Modbury, almost two years after the cut was announced in the 2018 Budget.

Good news for customers in these areas who utilise the centres to apply for driver's licences, renew vehicle registrations and pay bills.

Have a good weekend

Regards  
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