



## A message from the CEO

### CEO Update 11/12

#### QR Codes for Retail required from Monday 14 December

As COVID-19 restrictions ease in South Australia, [the Government is requiring more businesses to have an approved contact tracing system in place](#), including general retail stores from Monday 14 December.

Accordingly, if your business has a shop front, or your business activities require the customer to be physically present on site, you are now required to complete an [online COVID-Safe Plan](#) (under the category of “General retail”) for each of your business sites.

Completing a Plan will create a QR code which will be emailed to you for printing and display from Monday. Members who have already completed a COVID-Safe plan and are already displaying a QR code do not need to take any further action.

More information about the Government’s COVID-Safe Check-In requirements is available [here](#).

#### Right to Repair Inquiry

The Australian Government Productivity Commission has this week issued a [Right to Repair Issues paper](#), seeking information and feedback on consumers’ ability to repair faulty goods and to access repair services at a competitive price.

The MTA will be holding information sessions for members and divisions whose business activities are covered by the inquiry, and we will be seeking feedback and input into the MTA’s response to the Government.

Keep an eye on your email inbox for information session invitations coming soon.

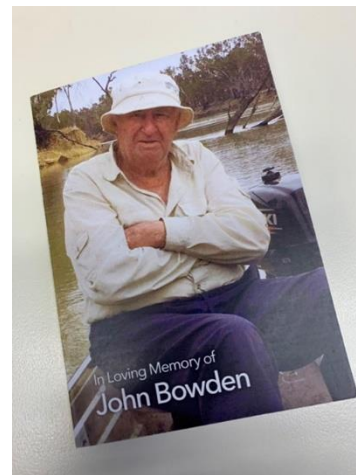
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## Vale John Bowden

It was with great sadness this week that we learnt of the passing of John Bowden from Millicent Tyre Centre, on 29 October.

John's son, Grant, continues to run Millicent Tyre Centre, which has been a member of the MTA for 35 years.

John was an active member of the MTA, and will be remembered for his kindness and passion for the automotive industry.



I send my condolences to John's family.

## Industrial Relations Bill

The long anticipated Industrial Relations reform legislation, which includes a statutory definition of casual employment, was introduced into the Federal Parliament on Wednesday this week.

The MTA's WR team are currently combing through the legislation and will provide an update on the expected impact for the motor trade industry in December's WR Monthly.

## Meeting with Consumer and Business Services

On Wednesday, the MTA met with the Commissioner for Consumer and Business Services (CBS). Top of the agenda were the topics of the Fuel Pricing Trial, and implementing the recommendations of the Economic and Finance Committee's inquiry into the Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry.

The MTA also raised with CBS the issue of enforcement activity in relation to unregulated and unlicensed operators in the automotive industry, as well as the next steps for the review of the Second-hand Vehicle Dealers Act in 2021.

## New Car Sales

While the brakes were slammed on new-car sales earlier in the year when factory shutdowns, state lockdowns and border closures started to grind deliveries to a halt, it is pleasing to see a return to a more 'business-as-usual' position for most of our members.

Latest reports show that new car sales figures for November were up 12.4% nationally compared to last year, while South Australia recorded a 7.5% increase in sales compared to November last year. These figures end the longest market slump since the Global Financial Crisis a decade ago.

## Member feedback on Electric Vehicle (EV) tax

In [last week's CEO Report](#) member feedback was sought on the Government's announcement of a future road user charge for electric vehicles together with a variable charge based on distance travelled. Thank you to members who took the time to provide feedback.

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We heard from members who feel that EVs should contribute through road user charges, but also from members who do not want to see disincentives for the purchase of EVs. It's not too late to provide your views – [click here](#) to let us know your thoughts.

Regards  
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