



A message from the CEO

CEO Update 4/12

QR Code Contact Tracing

If you have been to a restaurant or ordered takeaway this week, you are probably finding yourself getting used to the world of QR codes and the [COVID Safe Check-In](#).

For most MTA members, you are not required to have a COVID-Safe plan, and therefore are not required to collect customer information for contract tracing purposes via a QR code. However, if your business sells food or beverages for onsite consumption (whether in an indoor or outdoor area), you provide recreational transport, or plan to hold an indoor public meeting, you will be required to have a COVID-Safe plan and display a QR code.

We have heard from some members that even though they are not required to contact trace, they would still like to take advantage of the QR code system. If this is something you would like to consider, you can create a new [voluntary COVID-Safe plan](#) to receive a QR code for your business.

Face masks are currently only mandatory in healthcare, aged care and disability support settings, but SA Health are encouraging South Australians to wear a mask in circumstances where social distancing is not possible, for example on public transport or in busy shopping centres.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Tax

Following the State Budget in early November, I alerted you to Government's announcement of a future road user charge for electric vehicles together with a variable charge based on distance travelled.

NSW and Victoria have followed SA's lead, and there is increasing discussion about an EV tax as a potential 'revenue opportunity' for the motor trade industry, with a proposal for industry to partner with VicRoads to record odometer readings for road user charge purposes.

It appears inevitable that road user charge reform is coming with the increasing uptake in EVs, and with SA committing to introducing legislation for this purpose in 2021, we are keen to hear your thoughts about whether you believe road user charges for electric vehicles and the opportunity for our industry to work with government is a good thing or not – [click here](#) to let us know.

Remote Control (RC) Racing

Recently the Radio Racing Cars SA invited us to attend a race meeting that showcased young talent who have dedicated their time and effort to build, repair and race remote control cars. We hope this exposure culminates in skills and passion for a bright future in the automotive industry.

Thanks go out to MTA's Regional Operations Manager, Warren Meissner for his assistance.



Meeting with the Commissioner for Consumer and Business Services

A planned meeting this week with the Commissioner for Consumer and Business Services to discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the Economic and Finance Committee's inquiry into the Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry, has been delayed until Wednesday.

The Attorney-General has asked the Commissioner to lead the review of the recommendations for implementation and we have let him know that the MTA and industry are ready to support his department's work on this important issue. I will continue to keep you up to date with our progress.

Franchising Code of Conduct – Draft Principles

Hopefully our new car dealers saw the [Alert](#) on Monday encouraging you to get in touch with your local Liberal or National Party Member or Senator to influence final parliamentary debate around the franchising code of conduct. With consultation on the exposure draft for the Franchising Code of Conduct closing today, if you haven't already, I encourage you to contact your local member by the end of the day.

Meetings in the South East

MTA Chairperson, Frank Agostino, and I are heading to the Limestone Coast today for the South East Zone's Christmas get together. We will also be taking the opportunity to meet with local Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin MP to discuss key national issues affecting vehicle dealers, including the franchising code of conduct, the Senate inquiry into the relationship between car manufacturers and dealers, and new legislation around unfair contract terms.

Regards
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