



A message from the CEO

COVID-19 Update 9/10

Federal Budget 2020-21

This week we saw the [Federal Budget unveiled](#) and first indications are that it is very business friendly, with a combination of investment incentives and tax cuts aimed at increasing spending.

Asset incentives that will enable businesses to write off the full value of new assets in a single year will likely see an increase in sales of agricultural machinery and utility vehicles, which is good news for members operating in these sectors.

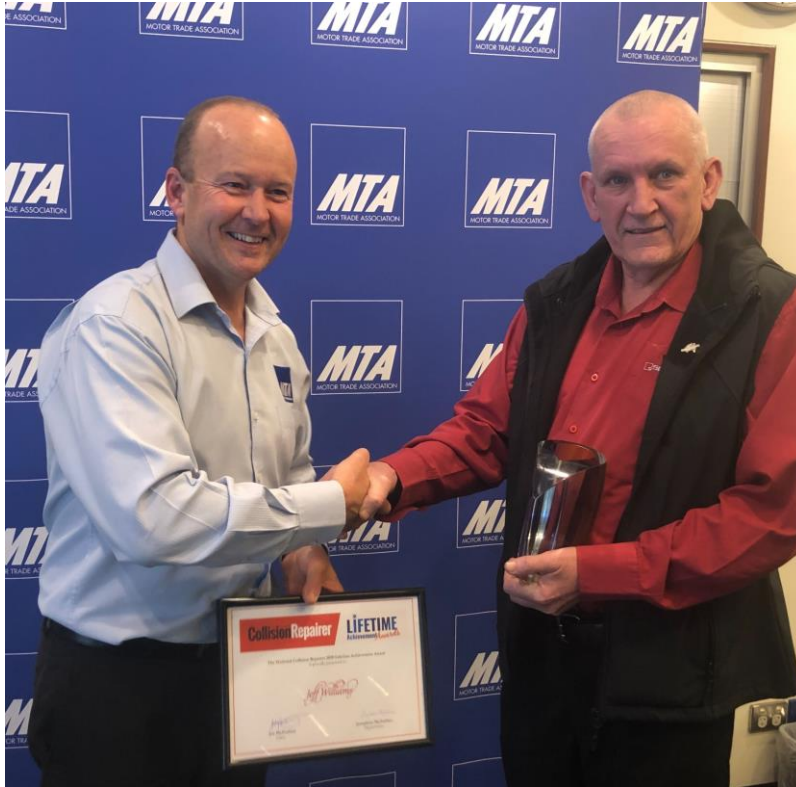
We are also pleased to see the Federal Government listen to concerns raised by MTA agricultural machinery and vehicle dealers regarding delayed delivery dates on stock due to the impact of COVID-19 on global manufacturing and shipping. We thank MTAA CEO Richard Dudley for his advocacy on this issue at a national level, which has seen the purchase date extended until 31 December 2020 and the delivery date for eligible assets extended until 30 June 2021.

The Federal Government also announced a new \$1.2 billion 'Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements' wage subsidy, which will see the Government pay a capped 50% wage subsidy, for new apprentices commencing between 5 October 2020 and 30 September 2021. Combined with the hiring credit for eligible employees announced as part of the JobMaker scheme, we are seeing the Government transitioning from support measures to help businesses hold on to their existing employees to measures that will help kick start the economy with new employment.

With the Federal Budget set, the South Australian Budget will follow in November and we will be watching closely to see how the State Government plans to reinvigorate our economy.

Collision Repairer Lifetime Achievement Awards

It was great to see that that Jeff Williams from Specific Prestige has been presented with the National Collision Repairer Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Jeff's reputation is held in high esteem as a passionate and engaged industry member who has gone above and beyond to selflessly work in the interests of the entire body repair industry. As former AMBRA Chair and SA Body Repair Division (BRD) Chair, and current BRD Deputy Chair he has been instrumental in the development of many Body Repair priorities in the last 10 years in a senior leadership position. Jeff continues to influence and make an impact, and is very deserving of the recognition he received.

Once again, congratulations Jeff! It was a 'great stitch up' as you would say.

Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo

Next week, the MTA will be at the Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo at the Adelaide Showground on Friday and Saturday the 16th and 17th October.

As part of our attendance, we will be exhibiting our virtual reality technology to young South Australians who are considering their future careers. It is an exciting time to enter the automotive industry and the Expo will be an excellent venue to showcase the diverse opportunities available.

SA-Victoria border travel bubble extended

Cross-border communities have been given some extra freedoms this week with the SA Government making the decision to increase the travel bubble between SA and Victoria from 40km to 70km.

Whilst this is another step in the right direction in returning to business as usual, the onus is still on us as businesses and individuals to continue to do the right thing and maintain appropriate social distancing and good hygiene practices.

Enjoy the weekend.

Regards
Paul Unerkov
MTA SA/NT CEO

