Australian DRIVER TRAINERS Association

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A NOTE FROM YOUR GM

WELCOME!

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Welcome to the July edition of DriveSmart and the beginning of the new financial year.

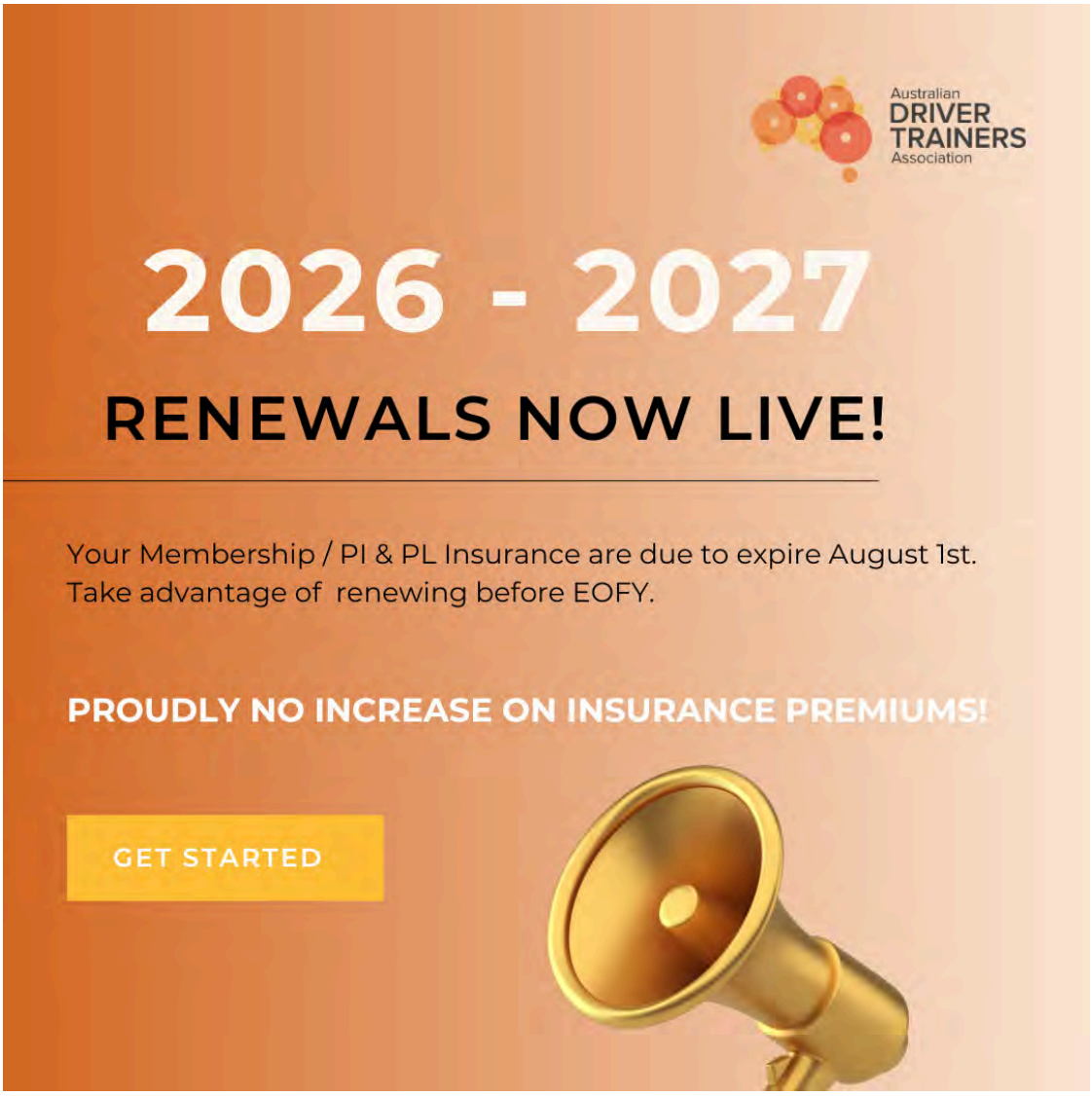
Thank you to all those members who have already renewed membership with ADTA. We greatly value your ongoing commitment, and we look forward to a busy program ahead for member services.

We are currently finalising details for the speaking programs for our 2 major Conferences in October:

- **Thursday 15 October 2026** – the Big Day Out Heavy Vehicle Event, Rydges Parramatta Hotel, Rosehill, NSW

- **Friday 16 October 2026** – ADTA Annual Conference, Manly Pacific Hotel, Manly , NSW

Details of both events and registration links will be sent to all members shortly. We look forward to welcoming you to one or both events in October!



Annual renewals

The ADTA member year ends on 31 July 2026. For those members with PI and PL insurance policies with IAA/CGU, offered exclusively to ADTA members, those policies also expire 1 August 2026.

If you're ready to renew, you can access your membership renewal through your online membership portal below:

🔗 Renew Here

You may be required to reset your password before logging in. If so, please allow up to 10 minutes for the reset email to arrive, and be sure to check your spam or junk folder if you do not see it in your inbox.

🔗 Reset Password Here

Office Support
Due to current staffing limitations, phone support will be available on limited days and hours throughout the renewal period. If you require individual phone assistance, please email us with your preferred availability and we will do our best to contact you at a suitable time within our working hours.

If you are unable to reach us by phone straight away, we appreciate your patience. We are committed to ensuring all memberships and insurance policies are renewed on time, and that no member is disadvantaged during the renewal process.



Sponsorship Packages 2026 - 2027

We are pleased to launch or Sponsorship proposal for 2026-2027.

ADTA encourages the free exchange of goods and services for the driver training profession. Our sponsors are great contributors to the driver training industry, and we look forward to renewing our sponsors for the new financial year.

Our premiere networking opportunity for sponsors and members is our Annual Conference, which forms the centrepiece of our sponsorship proposal. We look forward to sharing more details of our 2026 -2027 sponsors in the weeks ahead.

Download Sponsorship Information Pack Here



2026 AGM

This is advance notice for all members that the 2026 AGM will be held as part of the 2026 Conference program on Friday 16 October 2026. The Conference program and registrations will be release shortly, and all members are welcome to attend the AGM.

Advance notice is also provided that there will be a call for nominations for the ADTA Board.

Earlier this year the ADTA Board developed a By Law to detail a nomination and election procedure for the Board. Under the new By Law, nominations are to be called 60 days before the AGM and nominations close 30 days before the AGM. If an election of directors is required under the Constitution that election will be conducted as part of the AGM on Friday 16 October 2026.

All financial members of ADTA will receive detailed advice and a call for Nominations in August 2026.



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Comprehensive Insurance

ADTA has maintained a long standing working relationship with Michael Maksoud, Inner West Insurance Brokers. Through his partnership with IAA, Michael has developed market leading products that are tailored specifically to driver training.

The PI and PL policies offered through IWIA, backed by CGU, provide long standing market leading cover specifically tailored for driver trainer. The long term success of the exclusive offering to ADTA members has led to another outstanding outcome for members. There is no premium increase for 2026 -2027 for PI and PL insurance.

More recently IWIA has pioneered commercial vehicle cover, backed by Zurich. Again, this cover has been specifically tailored to cover driving instructors, including motorcycles. This is another valuable offering for driver trainers, exclusive to ADTA members, and is available for review for any member needing to compare or replace existing vehicle cover.

ADTA maintains this relationship as an exclusive member benefit. There is no financial arrangement for ADTA. It is our longstanding policy that these arrangements be kept as cost effective as possible, with the broadest policy coverage, for members to access.

If you need insurances, we recommend you consider and compare these exclusive offerings for your own business.

Enquire Below:

Proposal Form
General Email Enquiries



HVNL Reform Implementation

The Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) is set to commence on August 1, 2026. This reform aims to update the law to improve safety and productivity for Australia's heavy vehicle sector. Key changes include the introduction of a mandatory Safety Management System (SMS) for accredited operators, a new audit standard, and higher penalties for non-compliance. The NHVR is actively preparing for the implementation of these changes to ensure a smooth transition for industry and regulatory partners.

For more information head to the website.



New Member Engagement Session

Practical information for new driver trainers.

📅 Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2026
🕖 Time: 7:00 pm AEST
⏱️ Duration: 1 hour
💻 Format: Interactive Zoom session
💲 Cost: Free

As a new member of the Australian Driver Trainers Association (ADTA), you're invited to attend an interactive online engagement session.

ADTA is the peak body for Driver Trainers with origins going back more than 50 years. Our members teach in Cars, on Motorbikes, in Trucks, and industrial equipment.

Our vision is to enable novice drivers to become safe drivers for life. We do this by ensuring that those learning to drive receive the best possible tuition, by improving the methods, skills, resources, and professionalism of Driver Trainers.

This practical session is geared to members who are new to driver training or returning to driver training. It will provide targeted, practical information to assist you build your business, gain information to help you get started or return to the industry, meet ADTA staff and Board members, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and network with other members.

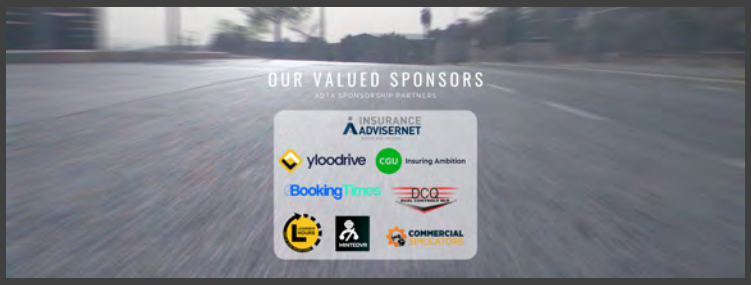
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Our Mission

Ensuring that those learning to drive receive the best possible tuition, by improving the methods, skills, resources, and professionalism of Driver Trainers.

Our Vision

A community that values and shares the responsibility of putting into practice every aspect of road safety.

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