



2026 LRTAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

26th - 28th March
The Ville, Townsville

CONFERENCE PROGRAM





YOUR INVITATION

The Livestock and Rural Transporters Association of Queensland 2026 Annual Conference will be held in Townsville from Thursday 26th March – Saturday 28th March 2026.

LRTAQ members, industry members, sponsors/partners, suppliers, service providers and government representatives are all invited to join us to receive the latest updates, discuss the future of our industry, and enjoy great social events.

ABOUT THE LRTAQ

The LRTAQ is the voice of the livestock and rural transport industry in Queensland, made up of approximately 100 member businesses from across the state. Working with governments, regulators, industry groups and the media to ensure that rural trucking is protected and promoted as a sustainable, responsible and safe contributor to the Queensland economy.

The Conference is made possible through the generous support of our valued sponsors/partners, we would like to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution.

EVENT CONTACT

Please contact the LRTAQ Secretariat Manager Lauren Hamilton to discuss any conference matters.

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THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026

9.00am –
4.00pm Haulmark Trailers Transport Forum Day 1

10.30am – The Fuel Challenge – Impacts, Opportunities
and the Road Ahead

11.00 –
4.00pm Western Truck Group Ladies Program
- Learn 2 Casino Games

4.30pm –
6.00pm 5th Wheelin Pre-Drinks

6.00pm –
9.30 pm Cannon Trailers Welcome Reception

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

9.00am –
1.30pm Haulmark Trailers Transport Forum Day 2

2.30pm –
3.30pm LRTAQ Annual General Meeting

5.30pm –
late Bull Carter's Ball

8:30pm Charity Auction followed by Music by Sneaky Beats

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

8:00am –
9:30am King Bars Farewell Breakfast

HAULMARK TRAILERS TRANSPORT FORUM - DAY 1

Facilitated by Sean Dillon MP – Member for Gregory and Assistance Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland.

| TIME | ITEM | SPEAKERS |
|---------------|---|--|
| 9.00am | Registration Desk Opens Tradeshow opens Morning Tea on Arrival | |
| 10.00am | Welcome – LRTAQ President | Jared Seiler, LRTAQ President |
| 10.05am | Address on Behalf of the Premier of Queensland, Hon David Crisafulli | Sean Dillon MP Video from the Premier |
| 10.15am | LRTAQ – what have we been up to | Jared Seiler, LRTAQ President Lauren Hamilton, LRTAQ Chief Operating Officer |
| 10.30am | The Fuel Challenge – Impacts, Opportunities and the Road Ahead | |
| 11.00am | ALRTA updates – what we are doing for the whole industry | Anthony Boyle, ALRTA Executive Director Ashley McKinnon, ALRTA General Manager Gerard Johnson, ALRTA President |
| 11.30am | Building your business Q&A Session | Loretta Hartley – Howden Scott Farquharson – Howden |
| 12.00pm | Safety Q&A Session | Department of Industrial Relations - Mark Lalor |
| 12.25pm | BP – National Sponsor | Jeremy Spalding – BP Sales Representative |
| 12.30pm | Lunch and Learn | Sponsored by Michelin Australia Presentation by Ann Ferry – Diversity in the Workplace |
| 1.30pm | Panel – The Cattle State – one year on Flooding in the north - numbers | Bomber Lancaster– ALFA, General Manager Brad Robinson – Mort and Co and ALFA Director Agforce Ethan Mooney - Teys Australia, Robbie Katter |
| 2.30pm | TMR – s10 Q&A session | TMR – Shane Lynch |
| 3.20pm | V-DAQ – National Sponsor | Mark Jay – Senior Account Executive |
| 3.30pm | NHVR – what are they doing | Paul Salvati, Chief Operating Officer |
| 4.00pm | Day 1 closing | Sean Dillon |
| 4.00pm | Afternoon Tea Served | |
| 4.30 – 6.00pm | 5 th Wheelin Tradeshow Pre-drinks | |
| 6.00 – 9.30pm | Cannon Trailers Welcome Reception | Entertainment – Sneaky Beats |

HAULMARK TRAILERS TRANSPORT FORUM - DAY 2

Facilitated by Sean Dillon MP – Member for Gregory and Assistance Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland.

| TIME | ITEM | SPEAKERS |
|------------------|--|--|
| 9.00am | Registration Desk Opens Tradeshow opens Morning Tea on Arrival | |
| 9.30am | Welcome – LRTAQ President | Jared Seiler |
| 9.35am | Representative for the Minister for Agriculture | Stephen Bennett |
| 10.00am | Minister for Transport – includes Q&A Session | Brent Mickelburg |
| Break 10 minutes | | |
| 10.45am | PANEL: How far we have come PANEL: Young Person in Transport – the future of the industry | Ian Brennan John Roger (JR) Gavin Swalling Steve Oppermann Taylor Connolly – Careers in Gear Anton Fitzgerald Rhys Johnson |
| 12.15pm | Panel: Wrap up and the Way Forward | Anthony Boyle – ALRTA Sharon Dundon – MLA Gary Mahon – QTA Jared Seiler - LRTAQ |
| 1.00pm | Lunch and Learn | Sponsored by Alemlube Glyn Castaneli – Driver Competency Course |
| 1.30pm | Conference Close | Sean Dillon |
| 2.30pm | LRTAQ AGM | |
| 5.00pm | On Deck Pre-drinks | |
| 6.00pm | Bull Carters Ball | |

BULL CARTERS BREAKDOWN

| TIME | ITEM | SPEAKERS |
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| 5.00pm | Pre-Drinks on the Deck Photographer | |
| 5.30pm | Photo Booth | Simply Magic |
| 6.00pm | Move into Seats | |
| 6.30pm | Welcome | Sean Dillon |
| 6.40pm | Life Membership | Jared Seiler |
| 6.45pm | Icon of the Road | Athol Carter |
| 7.00pm | Dinner | |
| 7.00pm | Entertainment | Simply Magic |
| 7.30pm | Young Person in transport | Renzo Barone - Cummins |
| 7.45pm | Entertainment | Simply Magic |
| 8.15pm | Dessert | |

KING BARS BREAKFAST BUFFET

| TIME | ITEM | SPEAKERS |
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| 8.00 – 9.30AM | King Bars Breakfast Buffet | |

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