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## 2009 TECHNICAL AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE NOW UNDERWAY

The 2009 Australian Trucking Association (ATA) and Australian Road Transport Suppliers' Association (ARSTA) Technical and Maintenance Conference is now underway at the Silverwater Resort at San Remo, the gateway to Victoria's Phillip Island.

At the conference, more than 250 mechanics, suppliers, manufacturers and industry representatives are discussing the latest developments in truck and trailer design, improvements in on-road safety and new technologies to make tomorrow's trucks better for the environment.

The ATA/ARTSA Technical and Maintenance Conference is the only annual gathering open to all professionals employed in trucking workshops, fleet managers and suppliers to the road transport industry.

Among the sessions on offer for delegates are:

- The Performance Based Standards (PBS) experience - Information on the process of PBS regulation, issues confronting assessors and certifiers of PBS vehicles, operator experiences under PBS and new National Transport Commission (NTC) initiatives;
- Innovations with transport safety equipment - An overview of the work the forestry industry is doing to improve transport efficiency, with a specific focus on PBS and the retro-fitting of hybrid drive technology;
- Tyre maintenance - Leading tyre manufacturers will demonstrate the issues that operators can expect with tyre wear and the common traps of poor maintenance;
- Transmission and hybrid truck maintenance - Suppliers will discuss general maintenance traps for the workshop employee when servicing automated manuals and fully automatic transmissions, such as those used in European, American and Japanese trucks; and
- Trailer technology developments - A panel discussion which will cover a wide range of topics including lighting, brakes, load restraint, PBS and much more.

Also presented at the TMC will be the 2009 Craig Roseneder Award for Excellence in the Workshop. The award is presented each year to recognise the professionalism of the men and women who work in the trucking industry's workshops

The 2009 Technical and Maintenance Conference continues at the Silverwater Resort until Tuesday, 17 November. For more information, visit the 2009 ATA/ARTSA TMC website at [www.ataevents.net.au](http://www.ataevents.net.au).

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*Editor's Note: High quality images of the conference are available by emailing David Bauche on [bauched@atatruck.net.au](mailto:bauched@atatruck.net.au).*

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