BusSA

CONFERENCE 2025

Saturday 17 May | Adelaide Pavilion

Bus SA welcome all to our Annual Conference to be held at the conveniently located Adelaide Pavilion on Saturday May 17.

The BusSA Conference is the key opportunity for bus operators, partners, Government and regulators to join together to share issues, learnings, opportunities and actions to support and add value to your bus business and to improve the wider bus and coach industry in SA.

While the insight and learning from our expert industry leaders will be varied, this year our program will focus on updates, matters and preparation related to the upcoming regional service reviews, school bus services contract tendering process and the safety and sustainability of bus and coach operations.

Please see the full Conference Program below, further details will be released as they are confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

BusSA
Bus & Coach Association SA

Conference Program

Friday May 16

6.00pm - 8.00pm: **Welcome Networking Event**
The Verandah Bar, Strathmore Hotel. North Terrace.

Saturday May 17

BusSA Conference: The Adelaide Pavilion. Corner South Terrace & Peacock Road

am	9.15	Registration, Welcome Morning Tea and Partner Display	
	9.55	Opening Address	Stephen Lucas, BusSA Chair
	10.00	Government Address	The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP Minister for Energy, Mining, Transport and Infrastructure
	10.15	Shadow Ministerial Address	The Hon Ben Hood MP Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
	10.30	Public Transport SA update	Quinton Swann Director, Commercial Governance and Projects, Public Transport South Australia Division
	11.00	School Bus Services update. - Safety and policy initiatives - Upcoming contract tendering: Aims and process - Other current matters to be confirmed	Nathan Hawkes, Chief Procurement Officer, Department for Education, and Christian Barnes, Assistant Director Transport Services, Department for Education.
	11.45	Bus Safety update with the NHVR - Safety Management System development - Compliance operations -National Road Worthiness Survey	Jarrad Murphy, NHVR Stephen Bryers, NHVR Operations Manager SA/TAS

12.15pm: **Networking Lunch** and **Partner Display**

pm	1.15	New Technology and Safety Panel Hear the latest developments related to: - Seatbelts - Automatic Emergency Braking - Blind spot monitoring - Driver fatigue and monitoring - Geofencing (safety zones)	Dean Moule, BIC. Jamie Atkinson, Scania Chris Heraud, Yutong/VDI Sam Compasso, Volvo/CMV
	2.00	IR update	Kirsten Jongsma, APTIA.
	2.30	BusSA and Government update	Craig Spurr, BusSA.
	2.45	Afternoon Tea and Partner display	
	3.00	School bus service contracts preparation 1. General: a. Process overview b. Approach to pricing 2. Cost considerations - run through major considerations for each cost category, including WACC and specific issues to consider. 3. Indexation 4. Service change rates 5. What operators can do now to prepare Industry panel and open Q & A	David Fennell, Pitcher Partners Panel: Jared Kent, Jason Hanley, Paul Warren
	4.15	Panel discussion: National Industry policy issues and opportunities	Stephen Lucas, BusSA BIC Council Representative Varenya Mohan-Ram, BIC Executive Director Steven Heanes, Supplier BIC Council Representative

4.45pm: **Sessions close.** Networking Drinks and Canapes, plus Partner Display
6.30pm: **Conference concludes.**

Bus SA Awards

BusSA introduce the BusSA Awards to recognize and celebrate the excellence, passion and dedication of the bus and coach industry workforce in South Australia.

There are two key Awards along with the relevant selection criteria listed below**.** Award winners will be presented at the BusSA Conference on Saturday May 17 and will receive a $500 Visa gift card and go forward as SA's National Award nominee.

Please provide your nominations for any of or both Awards along with a detailed narrative addressing the selection criteria. Nomination returns are required by Friday 2nd of May 2025 in readiness for the Management Committee's review and voting. Please note that any nominations received after this date will not be accepted. Returns may be forwarded E: admin@bussa.asn.au
*Please note only current BusSA Members (Operator, Honorary Life & Supply Partner) are eligible to submit Award Nominations.

Young Achiever of the Year Award
He or she must demonstrate the following:

1. Nominee is undertaking a trade apprenticeship, professional development or extra-curricular activity.
2. Nominee has worked for a minimum of 1 year with the company.
3. Demonstrates the ability to follow written and verbal instructions accurately and complete training assignments. Example: Completes tasks according to given specifications. Accurately interprets technical documents. Asks clarifying questions when needed. Results and Attendance at Training Block / feedback from external assessors
4. Exhibits a positive and cooperative attitude towards their job and colleagues. Example: Willingly assists team members. Takes a proactive approach to challenges. Maintains a positive demeanor even under pressure.
5. Makes a significant contribution to the efficient operation of their workplace. Example: Initiates process improvements. Effectively manages time. Actively participates in team projects or improvements.
6. Undertakes duties safely and promotes a safe work environment.

Please provide narrative and examples to respond to each of the criteria above in maximum of 1 page in total.

Professional Driver Award
This award is available to recognise drivers in the industry who have been a credit to their profession through their safe driving, general service standards and loyalty to the company employing them. (The same criteria will apply to a person in charge of a transport company who drives their own vehicles). The person nominated for this award must be a professional bus driver currently working as a local route, school, tour/charter or long distance driver.

He or she must demonstrate the following:

1. A minimum of 5 years continuous experience as a professional bus driver.
2. A good driving record with a demonstrated focus on safety (all speeding notices, traffic infringements and previous accidents must be declared). Nominees driving history to be submitted with the nomination.
3. A high degree of pride in their personal and vehicle presentation.
4. A high degree of skill in customer service relevant to their role.
5. A professional attitude towards their job, their customers and the industry as a whole.
6. A strong interest in furthering the professional image of the industry, as demonstrated by their actions.
7. Up to a maximum of 2 nominations per organisation.

Please provide narrative and examples to respond to each of the criteria above in maximum of 1 page in total.

Important Information

Conference Venue
Adelaide Pavilion is conveniently located at the corner of South Terrace and Peacock Avenue (King William Rd).

Venue Access
Complimentary parking is available at the Adelaide Pavilion, or catch the free tram along King William St.

Friday Night Networking
The Verandah roof top bar is located upstairs at the Strathmore Hotel, 129 North Terrace. Join your industry colleagues to kick start the Conference weekend. Light food provided.

What to wear
Business casual attire.

Suggested Accommodation
You are welcome to stay at your preferred hotel, we've listed some options below that are easily accessible to the conference venue:
Terrace Hotel:
208 South Terrace.
HotelMotel Adelaide:
215 South Terrace.
Hilton Adelaide:
Victoria Square.
Quest King William South:
379 King William St.

Cancellations and refunds
Any alterations or cancellations must be notified in writing to Bus SA at admin@bussa.asn.au. Conference registration cancellations will incur a $30 administration fee. No refunds will be given to those cancelling after 10 May 2025, however, a substitute delegate will be accepted.

Further Information
Please contact Bus SA on (08) 8269 1077 or admin@bussa.asn.au.

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Bus SA Conference 2025 Registration form

Please complete and return this form to Bus SA via email at admin@bussa.asn.au by no later than Friday 9 May.

Main contact name: _____

Organisation: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

	Dietary requirements or allergies	
Delegate name: _____	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Delegate name: _____	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Delegate name: _____	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
Delegate **name:** _____	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

Dietary/allergy information: _____

Registration fee

The Full Delegate fee includes Friday night networking, attendance at the Conference sessions and the Saturday evening event close networking.

Delegate Type	Number	Members (GST inc)	Non-members (GST inc)	Total
Full Delegate		$200	$350	
Saturday only		$150	$300	
			Grand total	

☐ I will attend Friday night networking.

Payment details

Please select one of the following methods of payment – Cheque, Credit Card or EFT Deposit.

☐ Credit Card (Card Type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard)

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