

TPA Board Communique – September 2026

Following the Annual General Meeting, the September Board meeting focused on positioning TPA for the next phase of governance, strategy and delivery, including progressing key operational priorities and reviewing progress against the Strategic Plan.

Outlined below is a summary of key updates and areas of focus as a result of the meeting held.

Governance and Compliance

The Board confirmed the appointment of Office Bearers for the coming year, with Ben Wood reappointed as Chair and Dan Brown appointed as Deputy Chair until the conclusion of the 2027 Annual General Meeting. The Board also approved the new committee memberships for 2026/2027 as follows:

Governance and Strategy Committee: Ben Wood (Chair), Naomi Langdon, Charles Mountain, Dan Brown and Kirsty Kelly (Executive Member).

Finance Audit and Risk Committee: Dan Brown (Chair), Craig Wooldridge, Charles Mountain and Mary Haverland.

Nominations Committee: Naomi Langdon (Chair), Mary Haverland, Craig Wooldridge and Ben Wood.

Strategy, Education and Professional Development

The Board undertook a mid-point review of TPA's Strategy and Implementation Plan 2025-2028, recognising strong progress across a number of strategic priorities, including the successful implementation of the TPA brand, growth of the Local Government Network, advancement of the Transport Professionals Competency Framework, and expansion of national CPD and professional capability initiatives.

As part of this review, the Board endorsed the next stage of consultation on the Transport Professionals Competency Framework, which will engage members and key stakeholders across industry, government, local government and academia to help shape the future of professional development within the transport sector. The Board noted that this work will inform future initiatives aimed at strengthening professional capability and career pathways across the profession.

The Board also reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing member value through education, professional development and industry leadership initiatives. Continued investment in CPD, professional capability programs and mentoring opportunities was identified as an important focus to support transport professionals at all stages of their careers.

Policy and Advocacy

The Board received an update on TPA's policy and advocacy activities, including progress on the Inclusive Mobility Practice Guide. The initiative is being developed as a practical resource for transport professionals and has been informed by feedback from practitioners, subject matter experts and stakeholders from across Australia.

The Board reaffirmed that policy and advocacy remain strategic priorities and highlighted the importance of developing practical resources and professional guidance that are valuable to members and the broader transport sector.

Membership Strategy

The Board considered progress against the Membership Growth Strategy and supported further work to strengthen member value, engagement and retention.

The Board also discussed opportunities to better understand membership participation trends, strengthen the value proposition for individual and organisational members, recognise member and Fellow contributions, and support continued engagement through relevant networks, events and professional development initiatives.

Looking Ahead

The Board remains committed to keeping members informed as these priorities progress and will continue to provide updates on key governance, strategy, policy and membership initiatives as further work is undertaken.