Christmas Claims

Members who require their claim payments to be made on or before 21 December 2018 must submit their claim with all required information by no later than 5pm Wednesday 31 October 2018.

If we receive your claim after our Halloween cut-off date, we can’t guarantee your claim will be paid in 2018, so make sure you don’t miss out, and get your claim in early this year!

The second half of 2018 has been an exceptionally busy period for claims, and we expect this trend to continue into the Christmas holidays with another huge influx of applications. Lodge your claim online at www.coinvest.com.au before 31 October, and give yourself the gift of a stress-free Christmas.

West Gate Tunnel Project

The West Gate Tunnel project involves the expansion of the West Gate Freeway in Melbourne, Australia, providing a much needed second river crossing through the construction of twin tunnels under Yarraville and a bridge over the Maribyrnong River.

Currently the West Gate Bridge is used by more than 200,000 vehicles a day, which is projected to increase as the population in Victoria grows. The objective of this development is to provide a substitute connection to the West Gate Bridge whilst reducing traffic congestion and travel time for motorists.

The $6.7 billion project is being developed by the Victorian Government and Transurban, together with CPB Contractors and John Holland (CPBJH). With construction kicking off earlier this year, the four year project is one of the largest excavation tasks in the Southern Hemisphere and has created over 6,000 jobs in the region including 500 apprentices and up to 150 jobs for former auto workers. It will involve the extension of the M80 Ring Road to the Williamstown Road section of the West Gate Freeway from eight lanes to 12 lanes and will also see the construction of a 2.8km-long tunnel in the east and a 4km-long tunnel under Yarraville in the west.

Construction of the two tunnels kicked off in January 2018, measuring 27.2m at its deepest point (the same height as an eight storey building), moving nine metres per day and excavating enough rock and soil to fill the MCG.

Two state-of-the-art 4,000 tonne Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) will use the latest tunnelling technology to build the tunnels and are custom designed and built to suit ground conditions in Melbourne’s west. While the TBM bores through the earth, a mobile factory behind it installs a concrete lining – forming the walls, roof and base of the tunnel. Behind the TBM, crews of up to 20 people work to build the road surface and install electrics, ventilation and safety systems. Tunnelling operations will take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the longer tunnel expected to take 18 months to bore.

In addition to the two tunnels and the widening of the freeway, the project is also set to include:

- A new bridge over the Maribyrnong River and an elevated motorway connection to a new interchange at CityLink
- Over 14 km of new and upgraded cycling and walking paths including a new 2.5 km raised veloway
- Nearly 9ha of new open space and wetlands, and over 17,500 trees planted.

Right now, it’s not unusual for motorists to experience bumper-to-bumper traffic on the West Gate Freeway or incidents that bring traffic to a standstill.

Upon completion, the project will deliver a vital second river crossing, quicker and safer journeys and remove thousands of trucks off the West Gate Bridge.

The CoINVEST Annual Beneficiaries Meeting

>> Tuesday 13th November

The ABM is held to provide members with a summary of company operations during the previous 12 months and to discuss future strategies for the scheme. It is also an opportunity for employers and workers to present questions to Board Members and Executives.

The meeting will commence at 5pm at CoINVEST’s offices: Level 6, 478 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by 31st October with your details via email to info@coinvest.com.au

New bridge over the Maribyrnong River and Mackenzie Road ramps, night view looking south west over Shepherds Bridge and the Maribyrnong River, Footscray
Following months of hard work, we’re excited to announce that as of 1st July 2018, you can now apply for long service leave, check your entitlement, or update your details all from the palm of your hand.

The introduction of the Mobile Platform is one of our most significant to date, and we will continue to enhance your online experience with regular updates and additional functionality.

At CoINVEST, we know that you would prefer to spend more time planning how to use your long service leave and less time labouring over the lengthy application process. Our motivation with this platform is to make things as easy as possible for you, which means simplifying any lengthy application processes.

From now on you can say goodbye to telephone queues or postal forms and start dreaming about your holiday!

Routine tasks can sometimes be tiresome but we encourage you to log in and check your details at regular intervals, ensuring everything is in order with your service record – it’ll avoid any surprises or delays when it comes to claiming your long service leave entitlement.

One of the Mobile Platform’s features which will benefit you the most is our ‘Calculated Rate Of Pay’ (CROP) function. For selected claims, this feature displays a rate of pay which is matched with the wage reports lodged by your employer. When you accept the calculated rate your claim skips to the final stage before payment, without the need for payslips or any complex wage calculations (as CROP has already done them). This allows claims to be processed faster and more efficiently, which is vital coming up to our busy Christmas period.

But remember, claims are still processed on a First-In First-Out basis, so don't leave it to the last minute! Lodge your claim well before the Christmas Claims Cut-off date, then you can put your feet up and look forward to your well-earned break.
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THE EASTBOURNE DEVELOPMENT, ALBERT STREET, EAST MELBOURNE

WESTGATE TUNNEL PROJECT
Makita Cordless Coffee Machine

Japanese power tool manufacturer Makita is branching out into barista territory with the launch of their robust coffee machine designed to be a perfect fit for building sites.

The CM501D uses the same lithium-ion battery packs as the company’s power tools, meaning workers can swap out their cordless screwdrivers and plug them into the machine when the caffeine craving hits. The company claims that its largest 18V BL1860 battery can muster around 640ml of coffee, or around 5.3 cups.

This model weighs in at 1.5kg so it’s easy to take with you each day and works with Makita’s own coffee pods as well as standard ground coffee. It’s safe to say that you can say goodbye to those morning coffee lines.
**DAQRI Smart Glasses**

November 2017 saw the release of DAQRI’s much anticipated Smart Glasses; a product targeted at manufacturing, construction maintenance and repair and inspection industries. DAQRI describe their product as ‘industrial augmented reality’, a cutting edge technology which overlays digital animation on top of real world imagery.

The aim of these glasses is to help workers solve complex problems such as fixing a jet engine or piecing together an assembly. Coming in at a hefty US$4,995.00 the system isn’t cheap, but DAQRI guarantee that you’ll see returns in productivity and efficiency.

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**Sonetics Bluetooth Headsets**

Clear and effective communication among a work crew is essential, especially in high-noise and hazardous environments.

Sonetics headsets allow teams to communicate clearly and safely (and hands-free), eliminating the need for foam earplugs, hand signals, and two-way radio. Multiple channels mean users can talk to each other and also get messages direct from the boss, reducing errors on a worksite.

The Bluetooth function will also allow workers to pair the headset with their mobile to make calls or listen to music. Once you’ve added these to your kit there will be no need for lousy hand signals and screaming!

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**CoINVEST’s New Mobile Platform**

One of the most exciting ‘gadgets’ for workers is our very own mobile platform, which launched on 1st July 2018. Workers can now apply for long service leave, check their entitlement, or update their details with the simple swipe of their finger.

The new ‘app-style’ design makes it much easier to view and interact with our online services, enabling workers to see their entitlements and a button to make a claim straight away. There are also some new features such as digital CoINVEST member cards and the ability for Working Subcontractors to make contributions from the mobile platform.

This mobile update is all part of CoINVEST’s ongoing efforts to go digital and enhance workers’ online experience.

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**Chainblock Media’s Charging Kiosks**

Today’s power-hungry tablets, smartphones and laptops require reliable charging systems – and today’s construction workers need a secure, convenient, and safety-tested way of charging their devices on site.

Chainblock Media’s charging kiosks allow workers to charge their phones and tablets in one of the nine secure charging points within the unit and also gives them the opportunity to make use of the interactive screen which features content from relevant businesses.

Workers can browse the range of tools available for purchase from Total Tools, order their groceries from Woolworths and research cars on CarSales.com (with the help of Daniel Ricciardo). There’ll be no more tablet-tug-of-war with this in the lunchroom!