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In addition to the main speaker, several awards were presented on the night:

- A new Student Prize won by Damien Scutt of Queensland University of Technology (now at Caboolture City Council) for his final year paper assessing the features and assumptions of the new SIDRA modelling software;
- Young Transportation Engineer Award won by Sigrid Sanderson of Maunsell in Sydney;
- Contribution to the Transportation Profession won by Graham Currie, professor of public transport at Monash University;
- Outstanding service to the ITE to Ted Barton for his enormous contribution to ITE internationally and in Australia and New Zealand over the last 30 years;
- The President Award to Peter Hunkin for his lengthy four years service as ITE ANZ President between 2002 and 2006.



Graham Currie receiving his Contribution to the Transportation Profession Award



Ted Barton receiving his Contribution to ITE Award



Damien Scutt receiving his ITEANZ Student Prize



Peter Hunkin receiving his President Award



Sigrid Sanderson receiving her Young Professional Award

The ITEANZ Executive Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to organise and run this wonderful event. All those who attended the event appreciate their efforts.



Animated conversations at the President's Dinner



The most youthful table at the 2007 President's Dinner



A packed house at the 2007 President's Dinner

## LATEST NEWS IN ROAD SAFETY...

The following excerpts were taken from two articles published together in a Melbourne newspaper. The issues discussed will be familiar to all practitioners involved in road safety. Can you guess when the articles were written?

### Educate Motorist, Then Punish

#### *Road Safety Proposal*

*Educate the motorist – and then, if he still offends, punish him severely. This was the principle suggestion today by traffic experts for improving road safety.*

*Carelessness by road-users lay behind most accidents, the police believe.*

*Since widespread non-observance of the traffic code was evident from the high toll of the road, the only alternative appeared to be harsh action against offenders, the chairman of the City Council's traffic committee (Cr, T.Kerr) said today.*

*A heavy holiday week-end accident list and a move for stricter application of road laws by the Premier has again directed attention to the problem.*

*Most accidents on Victorian roads could be avoided by reasonable care, the Chief of the Traffic Police said today.*

*Traffic regulations would hardly be needed if all drivers used ordinary care and common sense. The "road hog" must either be educated into the need for road safety or brought to his senses by court penalties.*

*Some drivers showed want of reasonable care by speeding, others by unjustifiable risks, and others by drinking enough alcohol to reduce their ordinary caution or impair their speed of reaction.*

*Stricter control over the issue of licences to eliminate the bad or careless driver was difficult to achieve. At present there was a strict test. A driver might pass every test with credit but after one drink might lose his road sense or fail to act as quickly as he would have normally done.*

*Police could not say definitely what proportion of accidents were caused by drivers who had taken some drink. Drivers differed in the amount of alcohol required to affect them, and it was obviously impossible to totally prohibit drinking by motorists.*

*The greatest deterrent was cancellation of licences. If motorists knew they would be automatically debarred there would be fewer offenders.*



*Police road patrols were also effective, and road signs, such white lines down the centre of the road, curve and dangerous hill signs, were also valuable.*

*Endorsing proposals for a flying squad system to detect motorists, forecast yesterday by the Premier, Cr. Kerr said the psychological effect of these squads would be of immense value as a deterrent.*

*Stricter enforcement of road laws by more effective policing and heavier penalties for breeches would also prove effective.*

*If it were conscientiously observe, the Traffic Code would reduce accidents, but at present its effect was being lost because of the road hog, who cared neither for his own safety nor that of other road users.*

*Only by harsh action would the roads be made safe.*

## **Road Users' Suggestions**

*Among suggestions for improving road safety made by road users' organisations today were:*

**Speed-limit device** – *The secretary of the Chamber of Automotive Industries said the penalties for dangerous driving were useless. Victoria should follow the lead of New South Wales, and give power to courts to direct that a slow-speed washer be attached to the motor of an offender's car for a period.*

*At the end of the period the motorist would have learned to drive at a reasonable speed, or suffered such humiliation that he would refrain from repeating the offence.*

*If he came before court again on a similar charge, the device could be applied again for a longer period. This could be associated with a penalty-fee for the sealing of the device and a fee for removal.*

*A letter P should be affixed to offender's car to indicate it was a "Penalty" car.*

**Plainclothes "Spotters."** – *The Premier said "spotters" would have to be used soon to check traffic offences, particularly in the suburbs, where supervision was poor.*

**Courtesy Squad** – *The secretary of the Commercial Motor Users' Association said the introduction of a*

*courtesy police squad had had excellent results in New South Wales, and they were needed here. When an offending motorist was detected the courtesy squad should pull him up and give him a brief, courteous lecture on road safety.*

**Educating Motorists** – *The president of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria said redesigning roads to make them safer for the fast modern car was being well undertaken by the state roads agency. In the city, the question of improving the road sense of road users both pedestrians and drivers, was most important.*

*This could best be done by courtesy patrols which would do much more than any legal process. The present law was sufficiently complicated, with penalties high enough.*

## **... ANSWER**

The date of publication for these articles was ...

**14 June 1939!**