



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter for 2010 and my last column as President. I trust that you had a safe and relaxing time over the festive season.

And what a 2009 it was, with many events hosted by ITEANZ being well-attended with much positive feedback from attendees, in particular the annual President's Dinner with Hector McKenzie of the DoT providing a most interesting keynote speech on the Victorian Transport Plan.

In continuing with last year's momentum, the first major event of 2010 is the Annual ITEANZ / Engineers Australia (Vic) Transport Branch Breakfast Meeting followed by the Annual ITEANZ General Meeting, both of which will occur on Wednesday 17th February at the Hotel Windsor.

As this year's guest speaker will be the Honourable Justin Madden, Minister for Planning, it will ensure much debate on Melbourne's urban development growth and how traffic practitioners can meet future travel challenges. I invite you to come along to and participate in this great networking opportunity.

You may also notice that a fair proportion of this edition is dedicated to identifying how you could assist the section by nominating as a General Board Member or for one of the Executive positions at the AGM.

Having been involved with the section for nearly a decade now, and holding various positions on the board, including President for the past three years, I can honestly say that being involved has provided me with significant benefits both professionally and personally.

So, if you are interested in potentially extending yourself and giving something back to the profession, please consider nominating for the board. Any contribution you can make will be most welcomed.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Board members that I have had the privilege of working with over the past three years, whose efforts to deliver continued benefits for the members of the section are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the various sponsors that we have had for our events and awards over the past years including RACV, Aurecon, GHD and Hyder Consulting, whose continued and generous support is very much appreciated.

Daniel Przychodzki

ITEANZ BREAKFAST MEETING 2010

The Annual ITEANZ Breakfast Meeting, supported by Engineers Australia (Vic) Transport Branch and sponsored

by the RACV, will be held on Wednesday 17th February 2010.

Time: 7:15am, with breakfast served at 7:30am

Venue: Hotel Windsor (Grand Ballroom), 111 Spring Street, Melbourne

Speaker: The Hon. Justin Madden, MLA – Victorian Minister for Planning

The State Government's Victorian Transport Plan is the first in many years to attempt to tackle the issues of land use planning in conjunction with transport planning. We are fortunate enough to have the Minister as our guest speaker at the Breakfast to discuss the Government's various priorities for delivering both sustainable planning and transport outcomes.

To avoid disappointment, visit our website (www.ite.org.au) and download the flyer to reserve a seat (or book a table) at this prestigious annual event.

ITEANZ AGM 2010

Directly following the Annual ITEANZ Breakfast Meeting, the Annual ITEANZ General Meeting will be held at approximately 9:00am in the Hotel's Grand Ballroom to elect an executive board for 2010 and close-out activities from 2009.

Please be advised that nominations to join the executive board close at 4PM EST on Tuesday 9th February 2010 can be for specific roles or to be a general member of the board.

The formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting, Nomination Form, and Proxy Voting Form can be downloaded from our website (www.ite.org.au).

If you cannot attend in person but wish to contribute to the AGM, please contact ITEANZ Secretary Mark O'Brien (mark@obrientraffic.com).

Why join the ITEANZ Board?

There are many reasons to join the ITEANZ Executive Board:

- It is an ideal networking and bridge-building opportunity which offers the chance to work with a big cross section of the professional community, from students to CEO's. This creates both strong and enduring professional contacts, and provides a high level of visibility to prospective employers and employees.



- It provides great opportunities to develop leadership, communication and influencing skills, which are difficult for many employers to offer in day to day work. Informal mentoring and skills development by industry leaders/Board members in these and other areas is a no-cost benefit to employers.
- Many employers highly value someone who makes a selfless contribution to the profession as it distinguishes them as a potential industry leader.
- Many of the tasks undertaken by board members can be incorporated into professional development programs already being pursued by prospective members.

What does it involve?

Senior Board roles such as President, Secretary and Treasurer typically involve commitments of around 5-6 hours per month. Other ancillary roles typically involve commitments of around 2-3 hours per month. Historically, the vast majority of employers provide in-kind support for these roles by allowing some or all of this commitment to be made during work hours.

What are the roles?

Roles on the Board are structured around the Executive team and General Board members. There is no hard and fast rule as to where a prospective Board member could sit. For example, some people have the skills and knowledge to fit into an executive role immediately, others take advantage of general membership to further develop their leadership and management skills with a future executive role in mind. Others have a particular interest that best matches a specific role as a General member.

Executive Team:

- **President:** Provides leadership and direction to the Board and chairs Board meetings. Represents and provides visibility to ITE at industry events. Acts as conduit and figurehead to ITE internationally and Australian and New Zealand professional bodies.
- **Vice-President:** Supports the President and undertakes President's duties in his / her absence. Provides leadership to specific ITE projects. Ideally suited for someone interested in the President's role in future years.
- **Secretary:** Chief Manager of ITEANZ. Coordinates the administration of ITEANZ and ensures statutory compliance and fulfils ITE's obligations as an incorporated association. Advises the Board on risk management and mitigation.

- **Treasurer:** Chief Financial Officer of ITEANZ. Responsible for financial transactions and provides advice and guidance on investments. Manages external auditor and preparation of Annual Financial Report.
- **Immediate Past President:** Provides support, guidance and assistance to Executive team and General Board members.

General Board Members:

- **Newsletter Editor:** Supervises the preparation of four newsletters per year.
- **Webmaster:** Keeps the ITEANZ webpage up-to-date with the latest publications, notices and photos using simple and easy-to-use web publishing software.
- **Seminar Co-ordinator:** Leads the organisation of 4-5 seminars per year for ITEANZ to contribute to our shared program with Engineers Australia, Victorian Transport Branch.
- **Assistant Seminar Co-ordinator:** Assists the seminar co-ordinator with booking speakers and venues and publicising the events.
- **Student Chapter Liaison:** Working with the student chapters at several Australian (and hopefully) New Zealand universities to organise student outreach activities such as Industry Nights and the Student Prize.
- **Prize Award Committee Chairs:** There are several committees Chaired by Board members which seek, review and select candidates for the various ITEANZ awards presented each year.
- **Regional Representatives:** The Executive team is often concentrated in one location (normally in Melbourne) so that we need representatives from New Zealand and the Australian States and Territories (outside Victoria) to enable the Board to properly represent the entire Section.

If you have any queries about the positions and roles described above, please contact newsletter@iteorg.au for more information, or feel free to call Peter Daly on 9790 2923.

ITEANZ PRESIDENT'S DINNER 2009

The Annual ITE President's Dinner of 2009 was again an outstanding success with around 110 people in attendance at the Kew Golf Club on November 17.



Attendees were entertained by an informative presentation by Hector McKenzie, Director of Public Transport, Department of Transport, on key transport initiatives developed and released in the Victorian Transport Plan.



The ITEANZ Executive Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped organise and run this prestigious event and our sponsors for the evening, the RACV and Aurecon, as well as the staff of the Kew Golf Club.

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

- **Contribution to the Transport Profession:** Awarded to Steve Golding from Queensland, a Fellow and Life Member of the ITE, and accepted by Peter Hunkin in his absence.



- **Emerging Professional:** Awarded to Greg Smith (left) by Daniel Przychodzki for making a valued contribution in the traffic/transport engineering profession.



- **Outstanding Service to the ITE:** Awarded to Bill Saggars for his contribution to the organisation over the past 30 years.

DISTRICT 8 NEWS



Registration opens for IPENZ Transportation Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, 14-17 March 2010.

[Click here](#) to register on-line.

[Click here](#) to download a word version of the registration form if you'd prefer to register manually.

[Click here](#) to visit the website.

Please note that on-line payment is available through a secure, encrypted website. All major credit cards are accepted, including MasterCard, Visa, Amex, Diners Card.

Early Bird closes end of business 29th January 2010.

[Click here](#) To find out more information on the Technical Tour.

[Click here](#) to find out more information about the social programme.

The Conference theme is “**Connectionz - people, places and products**”, where transportation is the means of connecting the varied components of our society. These connections facilitate the achievement of our social and economic goals in New Zealand, from meeting friends and family, colleagues and customers, to visiting places, and delivering and receiving products.



ITE INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS

The ITE International President and Vice President's for 2010 have been confirmed. The Institute's Nomination Committee has selected as their nominees to run for election to serve starting 2011:

International President

- Robert C. Wunderlich, P.E., FITE

International Vice President

- Troy A. Peoples, P.E., FITE
- Rock E. Miller, P.E., PTOE, FITE

For further information, visit the ITE website at www.ite.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that individual membership with ITE can cost less than AU\$100 a year? ITE offers a membership category called 'e-member', which is different from full membership only in that the monthly ITE journal is accessed via a web-link rather than as a hard copy magazine.

So if your membership has lapsed or you are looking to become a new member and join an association that offers international links and activities, this substantially discounted (and environmentally friendly) membership may be right for you.

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