



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As the newly elected President of the ITEANZ, I thank the Executive Board for appointing me to this pinnacle professional role in order to provide the necessary leadership and direction to effectively move forward this year and beyond.

One of the key challenges I see for the ITEANZ is addressing the dwindling membership base, presently at just under 200, due mainly to a problematic membership process and stronger competition from other transport societies.

I believe in order to boost our profile we need to be seen as more relevant to the profession, and in doing so propose to:

- Review and update the ITEANZ website to improve communication with District 8 members;
- Redevelop student chapters which have gone dormant in recent years;
- Form stronger ties with professional groups such as Engineers Australia (Vic) Transport Branch, the AITPM and the IPENZ Transport Group; and
- Expand throughout Australia and New Zealand by co-sponsoring events with other parties to establish our presence in the region and build name-recognition.

The proposed changes essentially are designed to help the ITEANZ Executive Board do "more with less" in terms of the increased output for the same commitment of our few volunteer committee members and to increase our competitiveness in gaining new members as well as encouraging greater 'senior' involvement in joining the Board to make the ITEANZ more relevant to the needs of the profession.

I therefore encourage all members to email me on their thoughts of the ITEANZ, where improvement is needed and what you would like to see more of. In the next newsletter I will have a new column dedicated to member feedback, and will personally take out to lunch whoever sends in the most interesting response.

On another matter, the Annual ITEANZ Breakfast Meeting held in February was again successful and well-attended with much positive feedback from attendees. The presentation ensured much debate on Melbourne's incessant urban development growth and how traffic practitioners can meet future travel challenges, particularly from a transit city driven viewpoint.

In addition to building on this momentum, several seminars are scheduled throughout 2010, the first being in June on the myths and mysteries of Journey to Work data – a must for the sceptics.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Daniel Przychodzki on behalf of the Executive Board for doing an outstanding job as President for the past three years. For only 32 years of age, Daniel showed much maturity in the role to easily fulfil the tasks required by him in not only chairing Board meetings by more importantly acting as a figurehead to ITE Internationally and Australian and New Zealand professional bodies. Well done Daniel !

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## ITEANZ BREAKFAST MEETING 2010

The Annual ITEANZ Breakfast Meeting, supported by Engineers Australia (Vic) Transport Branch and sponsored the RACV, was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at the Hotel Windsor in Melbourne.

With the Victorian Minister for Planning and Respect Agenda, the Honourable Justin Madden MLA, as the guest speaker, the 100 or so people who attended were entertained by an informative presentation on the State Government's various priorities for delivering both sustainable land use planning and transport planning outcomes as outlined in the Victorian Transport Plan.



In addition to the guest speaker, several awards were presented:

- **Contribution to the Transport Profession** presented to Steve Golding from Queensland, a Fellow and Life Member of the ITE.
- **Student Award** presented to Ghazanfar Ahmedi of UNSW for his study into the risks from use of mobile devices on pedestrians as a consequence of general distraction reducing behavioural alertness.
- **Newsletter Award** presented to Mark O'Brien (past editor) for achieving a publication circulation of between 250-500 for the ITEANZ quarterly newsletter.



### ITEANZ AGM 2010

Directly following the Annual ITEANZ Breakfast Meeting, the Annual ITEANZ General Meeting was held in the Hotel's Grand Ballroom to elect a new executive board for 2010 and close-out activities from 2009.

It is our pleasure to announce the ITEANZ Executive Board members for the coming year:

<i>President:</i>	Howard McDonald
<i>Immediate Past President:</i>	Daniel Przychodzki
<i>Vice President:</i>	Derrick Hitchins
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Emma Donnelly
<i>Secretary:</i>	Nick Szwed
<i>Assistant Secretary:</i>	Mark O'Brien
<i>Membership Coordinator:</i>	Howard McDonald
<i>Student Chapters:</i>	Andrew Somers
<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Howard McDonald
<i>Ordinary Members:</i>	Peter Daly Andrew O'Brien Hussein Dia (Qld) Don McKenzie (NZ) Andrew Edgar (NZ)

We thank outgoing members Peter Hunkin, Chris Dack, Amy Stebbing and Keith Midson for their contributions to the Executive Board, wishing them all well in their future endeavours.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Confirmed Seminars

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 the ITEANZ will be hosting a free seminar on the latest trends and understandings in Journey to Work data. It will be held at the VicRoads theatre, 60 Denmark Street, between 4:30pm-6:00pm.

The guest speaker will be John Davison of VicRoads, who has over 30 years experience in the areas of data analysis, validation and transport modelling, and will be able to dispel any myths and mysteries about the use of such data.

#### Proposed Seminars

- Review of the National Railway Level Crossing Strategy 2010-2020 by the Australian Transport Council.

- iRAP Case Studies: The International Road Assessment Program (iRAP) is dedicated to saving lives in developing countries by promoting safer road design. This seminar will present information on recent iRAP activities.

Dates are yet to be confirmed.

### NEW ZEALAND NEWS

#### ITE Dinner at IPENZ Transportation Conference

A delightful evening was had by local ITE members and their guests from ITS NZ (Intelligent Transport Systems Society) in Christchurch on 15 March. The dinner was held as an extension to the national IPENZ Transportation Conference run over 3 days at the Christchurch Town Hall.

Afterwards, a small but notable representation of members and their partners gathered at Cafe Valentino a short walk from the conference venue for fine food, company and wine, resulting in much stimulating conversation.

The general view of members was that ITE had made some significant advances in establishing awareness of the activities of the Institute, and that a matter for ongoing focus might be the transfer of that awareness into some increased participation.



### ITE INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### ITE 2010 Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Vancouver

Nearly 1,000 transportation professionals are expected to exchange ideas on transportation issues at the forthcoming ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition to be held in Vancouver, Canada, during 8-11 August 2010. Highlights will include numerous technical and conversation sessions where participants can share their perspective as well as have an open dialogue with the audience and panellists. In addition, the exhibits will showcase the latest products and services.

For further information, visit the ITE website at [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org).



### 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
- Ray Davis, P.E., PTOE, FITE

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## MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that individual membership with ITE can cost less than AUD\$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 that is posted to you.

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 discounted (and environmentally friendly) membership may be right for you.

Visit our website ([www.ite.org.au](http://www.ite.org.au)) and navigate to the 'Join ITE' page for more information or contact our membership coordinator, Howard McDonald, on (03)8623-4130.

Membership in the ITEANZ is the best investment you can make to enhance your transportation knowledge and technical skills. As an ITEANZ member, you will be part of a dynamic group of more than 16,000 dedicated transportation professionals spanning more than 90 countries who are working toward the goal of meeting society's needs for safe and efficient surface transportation.

So join ITEANZ today !

## ITEANZ NEWSLETTER

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