



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to ITE ANZ's third newsletter for 2009.

As we approach the end of the year, there are a few important events that remain on the ITE ANZ calendar.

On 13th October, we will be hosting the 'Speed Limits – How do we move forward?' seminar at the Richmond Town Hall, which will include a panel of prominent members from the Road Safety industry.

Then on 17th November, we join for our most popular social event of the year, the Annual Presidents Dinner, which will be held at the Kew Golf Club.

Further details of both these events can be found below.

However, it is at this time of year that the Executive Board begins planning for next year's seminar series. So I would like to extend this opportunity to you to provide us with feedback on the topics you would like to see covered, and if you have any particular speakers in mind, don't hesitate to mention their names as well.

Additionally, if you have any suggestions for other types of events that you would like to see ITE ANZ involved with, feel free to forward your ideas as well.

Please provide your feedback via email to the ITE ANZ Secretary at the following email address: secretary@iteanz.org.au. All input is greatly appreciated.

On a final note, if you are willing to volunteer your services to assist ITE ANZ to deliver any of the seminars in 2010, your offers of assistance will be welcomed.

Also watch for the notice of our popular Annual Breakfast Meeting in February 2010, held jointly with Engineers Australia Transport Branch. Details are still being finalised.

I look forward to receiving your feedback and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Daniel Przychodzki

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMED SEMINARS

The Engineers Australia Victorian Transport Branch and the ITE ANZ will be hosting a free seminar.

Topic: Speed Limits – How do we move forward?

Date: Tuesday, 13th October 2009

Time: 4:30 – 6:00pm

Venue: Richmond Town Hall, City of Yarra
333 Bridge Road, Richmond

Speakers:

- Ian Johnston – MUARC
- James Holgate – VicRoads
- Kevin Casey – Victoria Police
- Bruce Douglas – Mornington Peninsula Shire
- Peter Daly – RACV
- Andrew O'Brien – O'Brien Traffic
- Eric Howard – independent professional

Please confirm your attendance by email to nszwed@bigpond.net.au by close of business Friday 9th October.

Visit our webpage (www.ite.org.au) to download the flyer.

2009 PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The Annual President's Dinner has been organised for Tuesday, 17th November, from 6:30pm. As our traditional venue of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is unavailable due to renovations, it will instead be held at **Kew Golf Club, Belford Road, East Kew** (Melways Reference 45 G1).

Speaker: Hector McKenzie – Director Public Transport Division, Department of Transport, Victoria.

Topic: Latest Developments in Public Transport

Ticket Prices: Members \$75
Non-Members \$85
Tables of 10 \$750

Please confirm your attendance, payment and dietary requirements via email to Emma Donnelly at emma@obrientraffic.com by close of business Friday 13th November.

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AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND NEWS

The Australian & New Zealand Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers received a Newsletter Award for circulation between 250 and 500 for its publication ITE ANZ Newsletter at the ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, held August 9-12, in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

For a complete listing of all of ITE's 2009 award winners, visit the ITE Web Site at:

www.ite.org/annualmeeting



ITE President Kenneth H. Voigt presenting the 2009 Newsletter Award to Andrew O'Brien (ITEANZ Executive Board Member representing the Australia & New Zealand Section). Copyright © 2009 Sunrise Images Photography/ITE.

Other highlights from the ITE 2009 Annual Meeting that may be of interest to District 8 members:

- International Involvement – District 8 members may have noticed a considerable expansion of ITE's international awareness and involvement with commentary from across the globe now routinely included in the monthly E-Newsletter and in the range of sessions and papers being included at all conferences.

Look out for a forthcoming survey of District 8 membership, asking about your interest and experience, and your willingness to join in and contribute to ITE's ongoing involvement and programs.

- Webinars – The ITE Webinars continue to be a considerable success, and have widened considerably to attract some 30,000 participants in the past year. The recent series included an especially popular group covering the areas of pedestrian planning, road safety audits, and geometric design developed and delivered from within Australia and New Zealand.

These are the first from outside the USA and Canada, and attracted audiences and participants from across the globe.

- Call for Papers – All District 8 members are encouraged to respond to the current call for abstracts for both the Technical Conference being held in Savannah, Georgia, USA, in March and for the Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, next August. See the ITE website at www.ite.org of the E-Newsletters for details.

VALE NEIL STANLEY GUERIN

A Pioneer of Traffic Engineering in Australia

Neil Stanley Guerin was born at Camberwell on 15 October 1924. In 1944 he graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Melbourne University, and in 1945 he was a pilot officer in the RAAF. On 13 April 1947 he married Joy Beith Reid.

Neil became deputy engineer in chief with the Country Roads Board (now VicRoads) and wrote many technical papers on freeway planning and traffic. He was a generous mentor for many engineers who developed their skills under his leadership. From 1970–89 he was the chairman of the Municipal Engineers Board, was on the council of the Carnsworth Nursing Home from 1993, and from 1986–87 was the president of the Rotary Club of Kew. He was also a member of the Kew Golf Club.

Neil died suddenly at home on 12 September 2008 and a service to celebrate his life was held at the South Hawthorn Uniting Church on Wednesday 17 September 2008. His family provided the following obituary:

Neil gained a scholarship to Scotch College where he finished with excellent results at the age of 16. He was offered a free place at Melbourne University, obtaining an honours degree in civil engineering aged only 20.

Wartime authorities sent him to help construction work at the Bandiana Army base where he met Joy, his future wife. He won a scholarship to Yale University, studying traffic engineering. Upon his return to Australia, he was a pioneer of this discipline at the Country Roads Board.

He spent much of his working life as a traffic planner, making roads safer and encouraging governments to understand the simple equation of investment in better roads and the resulting savings of life. For over 50 years he was an active member of the Institution of Engineers Australia, Victoria Division. He was a thorough and highly skilled engineer. His interests focused around his family, church and music. He sang in local church choirs and a barber's shop quartet. Neil was an elder of his local church at South Hawthorn.

His brilliant mind was kept active with travel, Rotary, writing his family history, golf and mastering email to keep in contact with his grandchildren. He was a gentleman and a fine example to all who knew him.

The ITE ANZ could not agree more.



PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS

Derrick Hitchins, an Executive Board Member and past Vice President with ITE ANZ, has recently moved from his position with Hyder Consulting, Brisbane, to become a Business Development Manager with SMEC in Melbourne.

We wish Derrick well in his new role.

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.

Visit our webpage (www.ite.org.au) and navigate to the 'Join ITE' page for more information.

MAKING ROADS SAFER

Goulburn Valley Highway Upgrade

VicRoads has completed \$1.7 million of safety works on the Goulburn Valley Highway in North Eastern Victoria on a hazardous stretch between Koonoomoo and the Murray River town of Tocumwal.

The latest upgrade has involved the installation of wire rope safety barriers, guard railing, more visible signage and audio tactile edge lining, among other improvements.

The six-kilometre upgraded stretch is single lane highway and part of the main Melbourne to Brisbane transport corridor that links with the Newell Highway at Tocumwal.

The safety improvements will reduce the risks to drivers, along this very important and busy interstate route.

The section has been the site of eleven casualty crashes in recent years, three of which were fatal, five serious and three others resulting in injuries. Nine of the accidents were run-off the road type crashes the others were two head-on, resulting in a fatality. Five of the crashes involved heavy vehicles, five involved cars and one involved a motorcycle.

The road is heavily used and has a daily traffic volume of 3200, about one third of which are commercial vehicles.

The section of highway meanders through the Murray River flood plains with a majority of the curves being of low speed value. The speed limit for this length of highway has been adjusted to reflect its alignment.

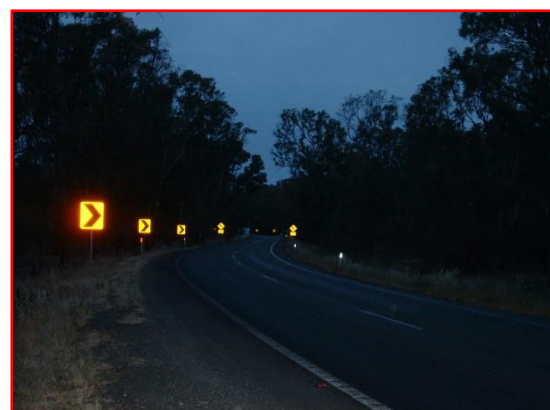
The \$1.7 million cost of the works was funded by the Safer Roads Infrastructure Program, a State Government initiative to reduce the number and severity of accidents by providing hazard protection.

Six hundred and seventy metres of wire rope safety barriers and five thousand one hundred metres of guard fence have been constructed and signage updated to incorporate the latest technology.

VicRoads widened and sealed the shoulders and access points, vastly improved the delineation by replacing all signs and guide posts, added audio tactile edge lines and raised reflective pavement markers to the section of highway.

Particular attention was paid to the design, spacing and layout of the signs, lines and raised pavement markers to ensure compliance with the *VicRoads Traffic Engineering Manual, Volume 2; Signs & Markings*.

In the photographs below, they show a section of the Goulburn Valley Highway with the fluorescent yellow curve alignment markers (CAM's) in both day and night-time conditions.





All signs were manufactured from an enhanced Class 1W, wide-angle retro-reflective sheeting, to provide maximum reflectivity over a wide range of entrance and observation angles. This is of particular advantage to drivers of commercial vehicles who sit higher above their headlights whilst at the same time, enabling drivers of all vehicles to navigate the highway more easily in all kinds of weather, day and night.

Furthermore, the warning signs and CAM's were manufactured from an enhanced Class 1W Fluorescent Yellow retro-reflective sheeting designed to maximise the visibility of these signs at times of dawn and dusk, low light and night time conditions.

The completed works include the placement of vehicle activated warning signs at each end of the particularly hazardous section of curves within the 6km section of winding road, so every driver is alerted well in advance of the hazards.

For further information contact Joe Black at VicRoads North East Region on (03) 5761 1888.

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