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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I 'pen' this column for the last time, I reflect on the activities and the achievements of the ITEANZ over the past four years. I step down from the role of President at the AGM next Wednesday 21 February, proud of what the Executive Board has managed to achieve over that time.

The ITEANZ has continued the traditional Annual Breakfast Meeting with Engineers Australia and has again secured the Minister to present. Last year Minister Batchelor and this year Minister Kosky have been kind enough to speak at the breakfast. We look forward to a strong attendance to support the event.

After a lapse for a short period the ITEANZ Newsletter and the ITEANZ Website ([www.iteanz.org.au](http://www.iteanz.org.au)) are both back up and running. Thanks to Mark, Danny and Andrew for their efforts on these important avenues of communication to our members.

The 2006 ITEANZ Presidents Dinner in December at Kooyong was a tremendous success. A great turnout to hear John Cunningham discuss the successes of the Tullamarine/Calder Interchange alliance project. It was a fantastic venue and a wonderful night.

The Executive Board has introduced a number of awards in recent years and we are proud to have been able to recognise the achievements of some great contributors to our profession in that time. The Contribution to the Transportation Profession has been

awarded to Arthur Sims, Derek Scrafton and Ken Ogden, very worthy recipients I am sure you will agree.

The Contribution to ITEANZ has been awarded to Joe Perone, Andrew O'Brien and Larry Dondanville.

We have also recognised the contributions of our Past Presidents and are introducing a Student Prize Award this year. Stay tuned for further details.

Going back a little way the 2005 ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit was held in Melbourne and was a tremendous success with delegates from all around the world enjoying the delights of our city and quality technical content at the conference sessions.

As I sign off I wish the ITEANZ all the best for the coming years. I thank the Executive Board members for their valuable and enthusiastic support. They are a young and vibrant group and make an enormous contribution to the transport profession and ITEANZ.

However, the Board could do with some more "senior" involvement, so I encourage you all to consider joining the Board and assist to make ITEANZ relevant to the needs of the local profession. It is your avenue to the world of transport beyond Australia and New Zealand.

So be at the AGM to join and make your contribution to the future success of the organisation in this region..

Thank you for the privilege and the opportunity to represent you as President over the past 4 years.

---- Peter Hunkin

### ITEANZ & EA BREAKFAST MEETING & AGM 2007

The ITEANZ and the Victorian Transport Branch of Engineers Australia will be jointly hosting a breakfast meeting in the coming weeks.

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 February, 2007

**Venue:** Naval & Military Club, 27 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

**Guest Speaker:** The Hon. Lynne Kosky MLA – Victorian State Minister for Public Transport

To download a flyer, please visit the following link:

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The Breakfast Meeting will be immediately followed by the ITEANZ Annual General Meeting (on Wednesday 21st February at 9am) at the Naval & Military Club.

Please download the [AGM Agenda](#), as well as the [Board Nomination Form](#) if you wish to nominate for a position on the ITEANZ Executive Board.

All ITEANZ members are most welcome to attend the AGM and vote for their leadership team.



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### ITEANZ PRESIDENT'S DINNER 2006

The ITEANZ President's Dinner took place on Tuesday 5 December, 2006 at the Kooyong Tennis Club in Melbourne.

The keynote speaker for the evening was John Cunningham, who is a key member of alliance team overseeing the upgrade of the Tullamarine Freeway/Calder Freeway interchange, which is currently under construction in Melbourne, and is the Manager for the upcoming \$1 billion M1 Upgrade Project. A very interesting presentation included:

- Time-lapse photography of the completion of an entire leg of the Tullamarine/Calder interchange in the course of a single weekend; and
- Details of the concepts underpinning how and why the capacity of the M1 Freeway-Tollway system would be increased.

Another highlight for the evening was the presentation of the ITEANZ award for Contribution to the Profession to Dr. Ken Ogden, the retiring General Manager of Public Policy for the RACV. Ken's contribution to the profession has been significant while with the RACV and in his previous role as a founding member of the transport division of the Department of Civil Engineering at Monash University and lecturer at that institution from 1969 to 1996.



Dr. Ken Ogden is presented with his award for Contribution to the Profession.

### ITE INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### *Membership initiatives*

ITE continues to grow steadily, with nearly 17,000 members at the end of 2006. Over the last 20 years or so, the growth in membership has been achieved by providing value to members who have made ITE their organization of choice without a significant marketing effort. ITE recognizes that the needs of transportation professionals are constantly changing. To recruit prospective members and retain current members, we need to ensure that we are providing services and programs that meet their needs. The International Board of Direction (IBOD) has approved the following actions to address membership issues:

- Create a Membership Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Task Force. This met at ITE Headquarters December 4–5, 2006. A lot of ideas were generated regarding the growth of our membership. The ideas being considered include:
  - making the application process to join ITE simpler;
  - reducing application and reinstatement fees;
  - improving the membership recruitment package; and
  - outreach to public sector leadership.
- Survey various sectors of the membership to help determine what attracts people to join, some of the barriers to membership and some of the reasons people would drop their membership.
- Determine strategies for engaging leadership at all levels of ITE to expand membership recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts.
- Define specific recruitment target audiences and determine programs directed toward these potential members.

#### *New Transportation Planner Certification and Training*

ITE Past President Steven Gayle (2001) has written a feature for the February 2007 issue of ITE Journal



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about the new Professional Transportation Planner (PTP) certification offered by the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. The first testing for the PTP certification will be held in San Diego on March 24, 2007 in conjunction with the Technical Conference, and at several regional sites around the United States on that date. Please refer to the ITE Web site for more information.

### *ITE International candidates for 2008*

The nominating committee has selected Rod Kelly and Ken Voigt as candidates for 2008 International Vice President. Rod and Ken will have the opportunity to visit a limited number of district and section meetings to present their vision for ITE, meet with members and gather input and ideas. A campaign web page, brochure and statement for chapter newsletters will be available for each candidate so that members who do not have an opportunity to meet them in person can learn about their qualifications and goals.

### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

#### *Citizen Modification of Road Warning Signs.*

An ITEANZ member travelling through Cape Tribulation in far north Queensland noticed something a little strange about the road signage in the area. The main regional highway through this area passes through the Daintree National Park. This park is home

to an astounding variety of wildlife, including a large flightless bird called a cassowary. These birds have an unfortunate habit of wandering across roadways as they forage. To reduce the instances where vehicles strike these birds, which often results in severe damage to both, the main highway has numerous speed humps in areas where cassowaries are known to range.



Speed humps are spread along the main road through the Daintree National Park.

The local residents are understandably fond of their large feathered friends and have seen fit to modify the road signage placed at the speed hump locations to drive home the purpose of these speed humps to visitors to the region. Initially, the local Council responded to the "modification" of these signs by replacing them whenever they were changed.

However, within days of replacing the signs they would always end up looking like the photo shown below.

While ITEANZ does not encourage the alteration of road signs by the public – this particular form of community action does make for good T-Shirts – sold in all the local shops.



The Speed Hump/Cassowary warning signs after "Modification" by local residents

### NEW ROLES

*ITE member Daniel Przychodzki* – has left his role as a Program Engineer at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria to take up a position as a Senior Engineer in the Asset Management & Policy division of VicRoads.



## Other Interesting Traffic Photos.



We hope that this one is not real ...



Traffic signal and lighting columns in Dubai



Speed signs in dual language in Abu Dhabi

## BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

### VALE – Janet Brash.

On Saturday 3 February 2007, Janet Brash passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Courage under adversity is an understatement - Janet maintained a positive approach to life and a loyal commitment to her family, profession, VicRoads, friends and colleagues throughout her illness.

Janet joined VicRoads in August 2001 as the Manager Traffic Management Services in the Traffic and Transport Integration Department. Prior to this she held several senior roles at the RACV including the role of Chief Engineer - Traffic and Roads and had spent time at the City of Casey and at the then State Electricity Commission of Victoria. In 2005 Janet took on the role of Manager T&TI Development.

Janet had a high level of enthusiasm and drive for everything that she did. She was extremely loyal and dedicated - and this was particularly evident with her work and her external commitment to her profession through her long standing involvement with the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management. Janet was committed to ongoing learning and personal and professional development. This and the regard in which she was held by VicRoads were evidenced by her selection and participation in key VicRoads programs to develop Leaders and Regional Managers of the Future.

Janet was able to think strategically on all issues, both from a policy perspective but also on broader organisational issues. She loved a challenge and was tenacious in addressing them. She also had a strong sense of justice and fairness.

She was very caring and had a great sense of humour. Janet had an excellent rapport with all those with whom she worked and was a great friend to many in VicRoads and across the profession.



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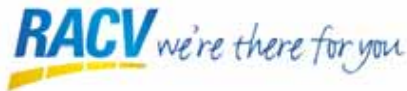
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Her contribution to AITPM was significant with roles as Victorian President and National Vice-President until her illness intervened. She was an inspiration and will be sorely missed.

ITEANZ extends its heartfelt sympathies to Janet's husband Peter, of VicRoads Metropolitan North West region, and their respective families and friends.

### JOBS LISTING



#### *Senior Transport Engineer*

#### **Fantastic Career Development Opportunity!**

Location: Noble Park, Victoria

Well regarded and internationally respected Public Policy Department.

No two days will ever be the same again when you take advantage of this unique opportunity to be a part of this dedicated and dynamic traffic and roads team, within RACV's internationally respected Public Policy department.

Reporting to the Chief Engineer Traffic and Roads, you will assume the role of Program Engineer which involves undertaking and supervising RACV advocacy

programs related to transport issues. Managing special projects related to traffic and road issues will ensure that you keep abreast of current and emerging transport issues through extensive networking within the industry.

As well as providing support to the Chief Engineer and General Manager with the preparation of media information, you will also draft reports for Parliamentary Committees and Government inquiries and prepare articles for various publications. This is an excellent opportunity to combine your technical and communication aptitude in a role which has a strong community focus.

You will be a team player with strong interpersonal skills and a flair for written and spoken communication. You must hold a Tertiary qualification in Civil Engineering with a significant Transportation Engineering component.

An attractive salary package is offered as well as substantial discounts on RACV products and services.

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