



(ACTING) PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to our 3rd Quarter newsletter for 2007, and my first column as (Acting) President. As foreshadowed in our Q1 2007 Newsletter, ITEANZ's Annual General Meeting was held on 21 February 2007, where a slightly changed Executive Board was elected.

After a period of over four years as ITEANZ's President, Peter Hunkin was elected as Immediate Past President. I was re-elected in my role as Vice President, as were Simone Hewitt as Treasurer and Emma Donnelly as Secretary. Several 'ordinary' members were also elected to the Board and further information can be found on our website under the 'Local committee' link.

As you would have noticed, the position of President is vacant. Whilst it is vacant, I'll be acting in this role until such time as a suitable candidate is nominated and elected.

As Peter Hunkin mentioned in his last President's column, the Board could do with some more "senior" involvement and we 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.

One of the major developments the Board has been working on in recent months is the strengthening of our

relationships with our friends at Engineers Australia, the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management, and IPENZ Transportation Group. The Board believes that through these stronger relationships we will be able to deliver a more consistent, relevant and quality service to our members.

As a first step we have been co-hosting seminars over the past few months with the Engineers Australia Victorian Transport Branch, which has resulted in a more consistent seminar schedule and higher attendance levels. Other interstate / New Zealand activities are being discussed between the organisations to see how we can provide benefits for our members throughout Australia and New Zealand.

As a final note to my first column, I would like to thank all of you who voted in the recent elections for the ITE International President and Vice President. It is very important to the standing within ITE of the lands outside the USA and Canada to get good numbers of members voting from the Australian and New Zealand section.

Daniel Przychodzki

ITEANZ PRESIDENT'S DINNER 2007

Save the date for this big event

Due to the outstanding success of last year's President's Dinner, we have decided to do it all again!

Date: Tuesday, 27 November, 2007

Venue: Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

We will update you on who this year's guest speaker will be and how to reserve your seat in the coming weeks. The ticket cost should be approximately the same as last year.

ITE ANZ TECHNICAL SUBMISSION

East-West Link Needs Assessment Study - Melbourne, Australia

The ITE ANZ Board has prepared a brief letter submission to East-West Link Needs Assessment Study team during the public consultation phase for this investigation into the possible provision up to \$10 Billion AUD in road and public transport infrastructure. The probable centre-piece of this infrastructure would be a long tunnel connection the existing Eastern and Tullamarine Freeways together (and possibly a further extension to the west).

The ITE ANZ submission was not designed as a complete Peer Review of the study but instead focussed on adding the benefit of ITE ANZ member experience:

- In the understanding the limitations on the quality of the regional travel data used to underpin the study; and



- In explaining the need for a specific assessment of the operational issues that may arise from building a long multi-lane road tunnel with several interchanges that feed off-ramp traffic into congested inner-urban environments and the likely relocation of current open-air vehicle queuing at the end of the Eastern Freeway into an underground environment.

The complete submission is available for download (in pdf format) from our website www.iteanz.org.au.

NEW DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Following Peter Daly's retirement from the ITE International Board, Peter McCombs will carry out the duties of Director of the International District effective January 1, 2008 for a three year term. This district encompasses all members residing outside North America.



The newly appointed International District Director for ITE: Peter McCombs.

Peter McCombs has been a long term ITE member and a delegate to many ITE conferences and annual meetings. ITEANZ congratulates Peter McCombs on his appointment to the Board and welcomes his opportunity to help shape the Institute and its programs.

Peter is a Fellow of the Institute and Director of Traffic Design Group Ltd in Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

While Peter Daly's term has not yet expired, ITEANZ wishes to acknowledge the contribution he has made over five years, firstly on ITE's Coordination Council and then on ITE's International Board.

NEW ITE HONORARY MEMBERS

During this year's ITE Technical Conference and Exhibit, in San Diego, CA, USA, the ITE Board of Direction elected two new honorary members:

- Brian Bochner, P.E., PTOE; and
- Andrew O'Brien, P.E., PTOE.

Brian, a Past President of ITE, is a senior research engineer at Texas Transportation Institute in College Station, Texas, USA. Andrew is the principal and managing director at O'Brien Traffic (formerly Andrew O'Brien & Associates) in Victoria, Australia. Brian and Andrew are the 75th and 76th honorary members for ITE since 1930.



Newly elected ITE Honorary Member: Andrew O'Brien giving his induction speech in at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Utility Poles & Traffic Safety

An ITE member sent in this interesting photo from Syria. This member recently undertook a study into crashes involving utility poles in Melbourne and was disappointed to not be able to include this example, which no-one has been able to explain.



A Syrian arterial road with unusual traffic signal support placement.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTION

ITE's International Board met in Pittsburgh on 3-4 August. Some of the pertinent points were:

- The Institute's finances remain healthy. The 2007 budget (Jan-Dec) is ahead of projections, with both income and expenses favourable to predictions.
- As part of the current public relations 'Mega Issue' (issue of importance to the entire profession), the Board authorised

establishment of a taskforce to develop products and services to assist members in their work with members of the public and the media.

- The ITE Coordinating Council reported progress to the Board on a range of products relevant to ITEANZ members. See www.ite.org (councils) for information and how to participate in these councils.
- The name of the Goods Movement Council has been changed to Freight Mobility Council. The Board has recognized the increasing importance of freight transportation and the role that transportation engineers and planners can play in increasing efficiency. The ongoing focus of the council will reflect this.
- 2008 membership dues were approved, with below cpi increases and increased services creating more value to membership.

these have on public policies – especially those impacting transport.

With 59 sessions spread out over the themes of economic/landuse vitality, safety, congestion, traffic engineering/multimodal strategies and pricing/financing policy, the meeting had something for everyone.

The conference party was styled around the Great Gatsby era and with many delegates making the effort to dress accordingly, great fun.



....and these people run the Institute?

2007 ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT

The AM&E was a great success with delegates treated to a solid technical program and well-patronised exhibit.

The Key Speaker was David K Foot (a US-based Aussie), who spoke on the relationships between economics and demographics and the implications