



President's Report

To the ITEANZ AGM on 27 February 2018

Last year was another great year for ITEANZ.

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If you'd like to know a little more about these people who are working for you go to:
<http://www.ite.org.au/about-us/iteanz-executive-board/>.

I'd like to particularly thank three people:

- David Nash for the work he does as Secretary and managing our website,
- John Smelt for his management of our finances, and
- Don McKenzie for his work as District 8 Director and for the first part of the year, NZ representative. Don has done an outstanding job in encouraging our brethren in Nth American to think more globally. He has also facilitated a series of online meetings between people from all over the world, the aim of which is to set up a Global District 8 Board.

Everyone else contributes a little and together we do a lot. So don't worry that you can't attend all meetings, just keep giving whatever you can. A special mention of Laura and her student colleagues for doing such a magnificent job with Traffic Engineers at Monash.

The Program

The 2017 program was again comprehensive and attracted high attendances.

- 27 Feb - Professionals working together building the Safe System for transport – Emeritus Prof Mary Sheehan
- 28 Feb - Annual Breakfast Meeting & AGM – guest speaker: the Honourable Richard Wynne MP, the Victorian Minister for Planning
- 17 March – Career as a Transport Engineer – Sam Linke, Trent Ekanayake, Jessie Ellis & Karl Smith
- 15 May – Federal Government’s Role in Transport – Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
- 31 May - on Liveability, Health, and Harm Minimisation - Prof Billie Giles-Corti, Dr Bruce Corben, Jane Waldock and Andrew Wall
- 28 June – Saving Lives in Victoria – S/Sgt Michael Batten, Daniel Mustata, David Williamson
- 22 Aug - Careers as a Transport Engineer and ITE Pathways – Trent Ekanayake, Kate Pratt, Chris Lai, Nick Szwed & Laura Aston
- 12 Sept – Future Travel – Associate Prof Hussein Dia, John Cleeland & Justin Passaportis
- 6 Oct – Career as a Transport Engineer – Trent Ekanayake, Joshua Dunstone, Kaniz Fatima & Laura Aston
- 15 Nov - President’s Dinner – guest speaker: Duncan Elliott, CEO NELA
- 28 Nov – ITS, Wayfinding & Learnings from Toronto – Sam Linke, David Nash & Manuel Lawrence

Student Involvement

This year we had three “Career as a Transport Engineer” events at Monash and RMIT Unis.

Laura Aston has been very active at Monash and facilitated the creation of a Student Chapter which they call the “Transport Engineers at Monash”.

- President – Cassie Min
- Secretary – Riddhi Ranjan
- Treasurer – Luke Hall
- Communications – Charlie Fowler
- ITE Liaison - Jeyashivraj Parthiban
- AITPM liaison – Tyler O’Hare
- General Representatives – Shrey Mehta & Richard Pulimoottil
- ACES Pres – Susmita Kabir

Activities so far include a BBQ, a stall at orientation week and beginning a Mentoring Program.

Austraffic Worldwide Learning Opportunities

John Reid, Managing Director Austraffic, approached me in February with a proposal to do something for the personal and professional development of the young people in our profession. With his generous sponsorship we have set up the Austraffic Worldwide Learning Opportunities (AWLO) program which provides financial support for young members to attend worldwide conferences or meetings or similar events.

This year we assisted three young transport professionals to attend conferences overseas: Sam Linke to the Annual ITE Meeting in Toronto, Manuel Lawrence to the ITS Asia Pacific Forum in Hong Kong & Joel Docker to the ATRF Conference in Auckland.

If anyone is interested in this program, go to our website and find out how to apply.

We also used the AWLO funds to allow the Monash Student Chapter members to attend the President's Dinner in November for free. This is the first time that a group of University students attended a formal professional transport function of this kind and I believe they gained a lot from it.

The AWLO fund will also now provide \$1,000 in prize money to the winner of the Emerging Transport Professional Award and \$200 to each winner of the University Level Student Award.

John is also encouraging young people through his AITPM involvement. In August he invited a number of young people to attend the AITPM conference at his cost. He then decided to invite some recently retired people because they have considerable experience which they should be able to share with the younger ones. I helped John find a few recently retired people and told them the condition of free entry was that they had to mix with the younger people as much as possible. I believe this worked out wonderfully and everyone benefited in one way or another.

I cannot thank John Reid enough for enabling us to provide students and young transport professionals with such wonderful opportunities to enhance their personal and professional development.

Global Board

In mid-2017, the ITE International Board of Direction endorsed the proposal from ITE Global District 8 Director, Don McKenzie, to form a working group whose aim would be to develop the framework for the formation of a Global District 8 Board.

The role of such a Board would be to provide support to the Global District 8 Director and to facilitate greater communication and interaction between Global District 8 members.

Global District 8 Director, Don McKenzie, convened the first meeting of the *Global District Board Formation Working Group* on 13 July 2017 and the second meeting on 13 October 2017. Due to the many countries and time zones involved, these meetings were held online.

Any members of Global District 8 who wish to discuss this proposal or provide input are welcome to make contact with one of the members of the working group. A list of members can be seen on our website.

Advocacy

I have used my President's Column in our quarterly newsletter to raise contemporary issues and promote discussion. Victoria Walks made contact after an article about pedestrian versus motorist priority. Someone from TAC made contact after an article about driverless cars. A mayor of a Northern suburbs Council and a number of members of bicycle users groups made contact after an article about the parlous state of the Main Yarra Trail. We have been invited to join a coalition of such groups to try to convince the government to upgrade the Main Yarra Trail.

If there are any areas where you would like the ITEANZ to speak out, please let us know.

Working with TAs & AITPM

We didn't organise a regional forum as in the past three years but have already started discussion on the possibility of an event in Geelong next year.

We continue to build on our relationship with AITPM & TAs by attending a number of each other's events.

Monash Uni Publication

The "Traffic Engineering and Management" text was completed and published in November thus my role on the Advisory Committee came to an end.

Awards

The recipients of Awards for 2017 were:

- Contribution to ITE - not awarded
- Contribution to the Transportation Profession – Dr Ray Brindle
- Emerging Transport Professional – Manuel Lawrence
- Sustainable Transport – Optus Sustainable Transport Strategy
- GHD Student Paper – Eric Ye
- SIDRA Postgraduate – Long Truong

Thanks go to the selection panels for their good work.

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Communications

Aaron has continued to produce an excellent Newsletter.

Strategic Planning

Ken continued to develop our strategic plan and our Policies and Procedures manual.

Looking Ahead

For the year ahead a few of the themes that I would like us to focus on are:

- Young transport professionals
- Support the Student Chapter
- A joint event with TAs and AITPM in Geelong
- Continue to strengthen links with ITE in North America
- Watch for opportunities to strengthen links with Asia
- Continue to look for ways to promote gender diversity
- Continue to speak out on issues important to our profession.

Nick Szwed

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