



ITEANZ NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am honoured to take over the mantle of ITEANZ President from Derrick Hitchins and look forward to another great year with several events already in the pipe line.

I would like to thank Derrick for providing leadership for several years. He has moved to Brisbane and while staying on as an ITEANZ Executive Board member, was unable to commit to providing the same level of leadership to the ITEANZ.

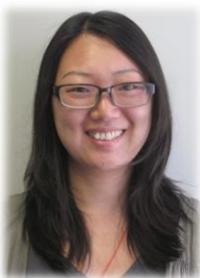
In early March I met with Lachlan Lee-Archer, Chair Engineers Australia Victoria Transport Branch and Liz McGregor AITPM Vic Branch President to explore ways of working together. I believe this was the first such meeting between the three organisations. It was a very positive meeting and we have agreed to organise a joint event in Geelong. Watch this space.

Quite often in conversation with professional colleagues, I note that the theme of politicisation of the planning process arises. Many of us are concerned about the lack of transparency in decision making around major planning decisions and specifically concerning transport infrastructure. I believe that if we are to develop more efficient and economic infrastructure into the future, then information and data has to be freely available for all to assess. If you feel the same way, then let's keep the conversation going and look for ways to change the current trend. Hopefully, our next seminar "Will Plan Melbourne Deliver Integrated Transport and Land Use?" on 15th May will contribute to this discussion. See details below.

Nick Szwed, ITEANZ President

PEOPLE

We welcome the three new members to ITEANZ Executive Board of 2014:



Shelley Cao is with the Transport Group at Monash University and is Vice President of the Monash Student Chapter of ITEANZ.



John Smelt has enjoyed nearly 40 years of professional activity in transport planning, traffic engineering and strategic land use planning and is currently semi-retired.



Aaron Hargraves is a graduate civil engineer working in the Parsons Brinckerhoff Rail Team in Sydney. Aaron joined ITEANZ after winning the 2014 ITEANZ Student Prize.



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ITE COMMUNITY

Monash University Student Chapter

Last year Richard Tay facilitated the re-establishment of the Monash University Student Chapter. We would like to welcome the following committee members and wish them success in stimulating interest in transport issues amongst the student body.

President - Mr. Ahmed Mirza Vice President - Ms. Shelley Cao Secretary - Mr. Vincent Yu
Treasurer - Mr. Jihyung Kim Member - Mr. Nathan Davies Member - Mr. Junbiao Lin

Shelley Cao reports:

The ITEANZ student chapter is a venue for learning, a catalyst for professional advancement, and an opportunity for camaraderie. Within the chapter, student members can consult with people in other tertiary institutions about undergraduate research projects, have a “safe speaking environment” for the young graduates and post-graduates projects, and consider it as part of their course work. The chapter formed in 2014, making it relatively new and in the beginning stage of development. The chapter has applied for Club & Society status within Monash University. The chapter is planning to organize a seminar in transport modelling with a welcome BBQ.

New Zealand – Don McKenzie

Continuing ITEANZ's reputation and tradition for good hospitality and enjoyable professional networking, the NZ members of ITE held an evening dinner coinciding with the IPENZ Transportation Conference in Wellington on 26 March. The conference helped celebrate IPENZ's centenary year and played host to a lecture given by Charles Alachi of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory speaking on NASA's current activities including the Mars programme. The lecture was so popular (with both conference attendees and the Wellington public) that some of the ITE members were unable to fit into the lecture venue and had to make a start on their networking earlier than planned!



As you'll hopefully see from the photo, we were also pleased to welcome two Australian ITE members for the event Andrew O'Brien (pictured at the far end of the table) and Deborah Donald (unfortunately out of shot), as well as approximately 12 other ITE members and colleagues from across the consultant and public agency sectors of the transportation engineering profession. At last count, there were 43 NZ members so attracting approximately 30% of the NZ membership to a single event was a great achievement.

Andrew presented a technical paper at the conference and ably represented ITE ANZ by chairing one of the conference sessions. Thanks Andrew; your contribution was appreciated.

The ITE dinner was a great chance to hear from colleagues that we may not have seen for a number of years and to exchange stories.

Responses from some of the Auckland-based ITE members unable to attend the Wellington dinner, was that another such event could be convened later in 2014 in Auckland. Planning and investigation for this is underway. Notice will be given to all ITEANZ members when a date and venue are confirmed. Watch this space!

Queensland - Derrick Hitchins

Having made the move up to Queensland at the end of last year, I have recently been faced with the challenging task of having to obtain my Registered Professional Engineer Queensland (RPEQ) qualification. I have used this opportunity to also obtain my Chartered Professional Engineering (CPEng) qualification, but in doing so it has raised in my mind the issue of why we as an engineering fraternity have become so fragmented in terms of what we believe is required of us to be considered a suitably qualified professional engineer. Some seek solace in the fact that they are able to practice profitably in Australia without the usual pre-qualification restrictions applicable to other professions such as lawyers, accountants and medical practitioners. Others believe that by actively participating in the activities of organisations such as the ITEANZ, they have somehow gained a higher standing in the industry as compared to their peers. I am would willingly challenge both.

According to the Professional Engineers Act 2002 (Qld), a person who is not an RPEQ may not carry out professional engineering services in the State of Queensland. A person who does so commits an offence, and is liable to a maximum penalty of \$110,000. Furthermore, once obtained, an RPEQ must not carry out professional engineering services in an area of engineering other than an area of engineering for which the RPEQ has been obtained.

Chartered Status, by comparison, differentiates an engineer by showing they have reached the professional standard set by Engineers Australia, that is, the benchmark for a well-rounded, competent, practicing engineer.

NSW, SA, Tasmania, WA, NT, ACT

We are looking for correspondents from other jurisdictions to let everyone know what is happening. If you can help out please contact us (see contact details below).

ITE International

There are many services and events provided by ITE in the US that members can take advantage of including:

- ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibition- 10-13 August 2014 at Washington State Convention and Trade Centre, Seattle;
- Publications and Bookstore;
- Webinars (if you don't mind the 2am or 5am starts!).

See details at: <http://ite.event.com/events>

EVENTS

Annual Breakfast

The annual breakfast which is co-branded with Engineers Australia Victoria Transport Branch and sponsored by the RACV, was held on Wednesday, 12th February 2014 at the RACV Club. The guest speaker was Mr Luke Donnellan MP Shadow Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC. He spoke about his vision for road transport in Victoria.



The ITEANZ student award (sponsored by GHD) was also presented to Aaron Hargreaves for his paper "A feasibility study into the use of String Transport Systems for passenger rail in NSW".



ITEANZ Annual General Meeting

The ITE ANZ Annual General Meeting was held on the 12 February 2014. The new committee consists of President-Nick Szwed, Immediate Past President-Derrick Hitchins, Vice-President-Tim Absalom, Treasurer-Andrew Somers, Secretary-David Nash, District 8 Representative on ITE Board-Peter McCombs, Other Executive Board Members: Daniel Przychodzki, Don McKenzie (NZ), Professor Richard Tay, Andrew O'Brien, Ken Hall, Jared Tan, Samantha Harrison, Ishan Gangabada and Shelley Cao. If you want to know more about your Board, have a look on our website.

FUTURE EVENTS

Plan Melbourne - Thursday 15th May

Plan Melbourne is the Victorian Government's vision for the city to 2050. Three eminent speakers **Peter Sagar** – Project Manager DoTPI, **William McDougall** – Practice Leader Jacobs SKM, and **John Stanley** – Adjunct Professor University of Sydney, will present on this key strategy document which is currently out for public consultation. They will particularly examine how the strategy integrates transport with land use planning.

Details: 4:30 pm, Thursday 15 May, Jacobs SKM, 452 Flinders St, Melbourne. Details on registration can be found at the ITEANZ website <http://www.ite.org.au/>

Future Seminars

We are also planning the following seminars for this year:

- Road Safety – featuring Australian National Risk Assessment Model (ANRAM), ARRB – June
- Transport in Geelong – July - ITE is planning a joint regional seminar with IEAust and AITPM in late July in Geelong. It will cover current transport projects and activities in the wider Geelong area;
- Working in Asia – August
- Sustainable Transport - J Bartels, City of Port Phillip & others – September
- The Annual President's Dinner will be held on Tuesday 18 November 2014.

Other possible seminars are the National Heavy Vehicle Regulations and Road Rules for Vulnerable Road Users.

Other transportation related events in the next few months include:

- 6 May – Eng. Aust., SA- Traffic Management Centre Site Visit- Norwood;
- 13 May- Eng. Aust., WA-An overview of Airport Link;
- 14 May-Eng. Aust., Vic-Beyond Zero Emissions-High Speed Rail;
- 14 May-AITPM-SA-Britannia Roundabout Evaluation
- 15 May-Eng. Aust., Vic (Gippsland) -VicRoads-Gippsland Development;
- 15 May-AITPM-WA-Transport Modelling;
- 21 May-AITPM, Qld-Transport Modelling Seminar-Brisbane;
- 17 June-Eng. Aust.,-Sunshine Coast-Transport Plan for the North Coast Region;
- 24 June-AITPM, Vic-Land Development/Urban Planning;
- 24 June 2014- Eng. Aust.,-Vic-Road Based Transport Statistics;
- 16 July AITPM-Vic-Traffic Control Devices.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Sustainable Transport Award

You can start to prepare your submission for the second ITEANZ Sustainable Transport Award. This is an award to recognise an individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution to sustainable transport through research, strategy, program, project or advocacy which encourages, promotes or provides facilities for sustainable transport. More details at <http://www.ite.org.au/awards>

MEMBERSHIP

As a member of ITE, you join a dynamic, interactive group of more than 17,000 transportation professionals spanning more than 90 countries dedicated to solving today's transport challenges. Join ITE to increase your professional marketability and stand out from the crowd. ITE provides a wealth of resources for the transport professional

Did you know that individual membership with ITE costs only US\$220 a year? For students, membership is free in the first year and then \$30 per year. Retired Members pay \$122.50.

The general rule for ITE membership is as follows. To be eligible for admission or transfer to the grade of Member, an applicant:

1. Shall be a graduate from a transportation related program at a school of recognized standing and in the active practice of transportation or traffic work; or shall have had:
2. If not a graduate from a transportation related program at a school of recognized standing shall have five years of professional experience and shall be in transportation or traffic engineering work.

You can join up directly online through this webpage:

http://ecommerce.ite.org/IMIS/iCommerce/Join ITE Today /Individual Professional Membership/iCommerce/Join/Member_Join.aspx

For more information contact membership coordinator, **Daniel Przychodzki** daniel.przychodzki@cgd.vic.gov.au

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