



## 2014 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 12th February, 2014  
RACV City Club

### President's Report

#### The Board of 2013

Firstly I would like to congratulate the ITEANZ Executive Board of 2013 for an outstanding year of member activities and strategic achievements, none of which would have been possible without the dedicated contribution of all the members of the Board. Of particular note are the initiatives that have led to the ITEANZ re-establishing our Monash University Student Chapter, the development of our new ITEANZ website and the introduction of an ITEANZ Sustainable Transport Award.

Members of the Executive Board for 2013 were:

President:	Derrick Hitchins
Immediate Past President:	Howard McDonald
Vice President:	Tim Absalom
Secretary:	Nick Szwed
Treasurer:	Andrew Somers
Assistant Secretary:	David Nash
Assistant Treasurer	Emma Donnelly
Student Chapter Representative:	Richard Tay
Membership Co-ordinator:	Daniel Przychodzki
New Zealand Representative	Don McKenzie
Ordinary Members:	Andrew O'Brien
	Ishan Gangabada
	Ken Hall
	Jared Tan
	Samantha Harrison

#### Measuring ourselves against our Strategic Plan

At the beginning of 2013 we saw the launch of our updated Strategic Plan for 2012 - 2015. The document identified a number of key objectives to increase awareness of what the ITE has to offer for students and sought to expand our membership throughout Australia and New Zealand. The plan also listed a number of goals that international ITE would like to achieve over the next three to five years to advance transportation knowledge and practices throughout the world for the benefit of society and the professional community that it serves. Key Actions agreed to in the short to medium term included:

### Partnering

- Increase partnering with other associations
- Communication – resurrecting the ‘newsletter’, but make more use of the website

### Students and Young Professionals

- Make students aware of the ITE membership process as part of their course work.
- Consult with tertiary educational institutions about undergraduate research projects.
- Provide a “safe speaking environment” for young graduates and post-graduates.

### Sustainability

- Revisit the membership paradigm.
- Increase local membership benefits
- More seminars, newsletters and a better website

### Advocacy

- Lobbying for, and assisting where possible to achieve:
  - (a) robust planning for a sustainable future;
  - (b) efficient day-to-day operational management of transport systems; and
  - (c) safety for users.

A follow up Strategic Planning Breakfast was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at which time the role of the ITEANZ as an enabling organisation with a focus on the development of the transportation engineering profession and Transportation Engineers in Australia and New Zealand in particular was re-confirmed. The ITEANZ aims to carry out this enabling role primarily by involving all of our members in our activities and by encouraging others to become more involved. Encouraging people to become members will remain an important but not overriding aim.

### **Understanding the Importance of Sponsorships**

It is the sole purpose of ITEANZ to channel all of the revenue generated through seminars and special events back to our members. The Board has deliberately taken a decision not to collect additional revenue through annual subscriptions since this will inevitably lead to a charge being added to the annual ITE renewal notice and thereby affect our ability to keep the annual subscription at an affordable level for all. Securing of sufficient sponsorships has therefore been a challenge throughout 2013 and will continue to be so during the coming year.

Of note is the continued support we are receiving from our sponsors SIDRA Solutions and the RACV for our flagship annual events. In addition, SMEC Australia has become our first Corporate Sponsor for 2013/2014.

### **Providing New Zealand Support**

It was agreed that ITEANZ would provide up to \$500.00 to cover airfares for a member to attend IPENZ to present a paper and enhance the relationship between ITEANZ and IPENZ. It was agreed that this offer should be repeated next year, but with more advanced notice. We look forward to this being of significant benefit to our younger members in the years ahead.

## **Annual Breakfast 2013**

Our Annual Breakfast was held at the RACV City Club for the first time in February 2013 with the major sponsor for the morning being the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV). Our guest speaker was the Honourable Mr Terry Mulder, Victorian Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads. The event was co-hosted by the Engineers Australia, Victorian Transport Branch.

The 2013 Student Paper Award was presented to Ms Samantha Gelfand of the Monash University. The award was made possible by GHD who once again offered a generous cash prize to the successful student applicant.

## **ITEANZ Panel Discussions and Seminar program**

A number of seminars were organised and hosted by the ITEANZ during 2013. We have been consistently rewarded with high attendance numbers and a growing interest from a number of young engineers and undergraduates.

*A Speed Limits Seminar was held on Tuesday 5th March, Dept of Transport Theatre. Presenters included Ms Amy Stebbing, Mr Doug Bradbook and Mr Haig Poulsen,*

*A Bicycle Safety Forum was held on Wednesday 24 April 2013 at the Richmond Town Hall. Presenters included a large number of notable persons from our Victorian pro-cyclist organisations and support groups.*

The following topics are ideas for future seminar events:

- Travel Demand Management
- Working in Asia
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulations
- Sustainable Transport
- Road Rules for Vulnerable Road Users

## **ITEANZ Website upgrade Success**

A new website for the ITEANZ was launched in March 2013. As part of the upgrade, the Board designed and approved a revised logo for the ITEANZ, including our letterhead.

The website has now become an integral part of the way that we now go about our business. Member communications have improved significantly and we are seeing a significant increase in the number of members using the website as a point of reference and/or our partner organisations' hyperlinks. All credit must go to our webmaster, Tim Absalom, along with the dedicated support of David Nash and Nick Szwed.

Recent additions include a new Training & Development page and links to our partner organisations ARRB, Monash ITS and SIDRA Solutions. We have also added a Facebook page.

## **Closer Association with Engineers Australia**

According to Engineers Australia, their Civil College Board's Transport Working Group have made a recommendation that there is a need for a new peak representative transport engineering body covering strategic/planning issues. The Transport Working Group has been directed to investigate the form such a

body could take and report back at the Board's March 2014 meeting.

At this point, discussions have not extended much beyond some initial internal consultation on what form such a representative body might take. However, the most obvious option would be to have Transport as a 'technical society' within Engineers Australia with an additional membership fee payable above and beyond the EA membership to help fund activities of the Transport Technical Society (nee Branch).

There is obviously still some work to be done, but the challenge for the ITEANZ Board is to ensure that that the brand and the legacy of the ITEANZ is not lost as a result of this embryonic call for change within the Engineers Australia. This should be of interest to the AITPM as well since they too have responded to the call for a Modelling Users Group to be formed as a subset within the AITPM. I look forward with interest to 2014 in this regard.

### **ITEANZ Monash University Student Chapter**

Inaugural meeting of the ITEANZ Monash University Student Chapter was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The meeting was coordinated by Prof Richard Tay and Nirajan Shiwakoti of the Monash University. After much deliberation, the ITEANZ Monash Student Chapter committee for 2014 is as follows:

President – Ahmed Mirza

Vice President – Shelly Ciao

Treasurer – Jihyung Kim

Secretary – Vincent Yu

Members – Junbiao Lim, Nathan Davies, Sylvia Truong

### **Student Awards**

There are two categories for the student awards. University Level or Level 1 awards are awarded to the best student in transportation at each participating university and the winner is determined by the university. The Level 2 or Australia and New Zealand Award is awarded to the student with the most outstanding piece of individual work (or clearly identified individual contribution to group work) on traffic or transport submitted. This year we had five universities nominating for the Level 1 award. Three of the five universities also nominated for the Level 2 award.

All thanks goes to Professor Richard Tay of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law at the La Trobe University for his ongoing efforts in keeping our students involved with the ITEANZ in this way.

### **Sustainable Transport Award**

2013 saw the launch of a new award in recognition of the continued efforts by some of our members towards creating and maintaining our liveable communities, with the focus being mainly on the increased use of bicycles and encouraging more walking. A number of very high quality submissions were received from a range of mainly Local Government and Academic organisations that challenged the initial set of criteria that were set for the award. Given the interest that this award has generated, more work clearly needs to be done towards refining the criteria to be used for selecting the most worthy recipient in 2014.

### **President's Dinner 2013**

A very successful evening was held on 19 November 2013 at the Kew Golf Club. Our guest speaker was Mr Greg Barber MLC, the Parliamentary Leader of the Greens in Victoria.

The ITEANZ has made the following awards this year. They were presented at the President's Dinner as follows:

- **Sustainable Transport Award Recipient:** Recipient: John Bartels Presenter: Greg Barber
- **Emerging Transport Professional Award 2013** Recipients: Tim Veitch and Jarrod Darlington  
Presenter: Ken Hall
- **Contribution to ITE Award** Recipient: Peter Daly Presenter: Andrew O'Brien
- **Contribution to the Transportation Profession Award** Recipient: Prof. William Young Presenter: Daniel Przychodzki

### **Annual Breakfast 2014**

Our famous Annual Breakfast was held at the RACV City Club on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014. This is one of the most important events in the profession's calendar, run by the ITEANZ in conjunction with Engineers Australia Victorian Transport Branch.

The guest speaker was Mr Luke Donnellan MP, Victorian Shadow Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC. The event was sponsored by the RACV and continues to be supported by members of our partner organisations such as Engineers Australia (IEAust) and the Australian Institute of Transport Planners and Managers (AITPM).

### **Looking Forward to the Year Ahead**

I spoke last year of a year of change, and by any measure this has come and gone with a vengeance. For me personally, it has meant a move up to Queensland and for this reason I am unable to continue in my role as President in 2014. I will however continue to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President so that I may be able to continue to support, guide and assist the Executive team and General Board members as they continue to do their good work.

2013 has also seen the resignation of Howard MacDonald, our Immediate Past President and Newsletter Editor extraordinaire. His contribution to our quarterly newsletter will be sorely missed.

The success of the Board will however continue to depend on the commitment of individuals who can give the time, share in the passion and want to give just that little bit extra so that we can all be assured of another successful year and for this I seek your support.

To my fellow Board members, thank you for your understanding and best wishes for the coming year. To my successor in turn, I wish only the very best.

Regards

### **Derrick Hitchins**

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