

President's Report

To the ITEANZ AGM on 4 February 2015

Last year was the best year for ITEANZ in my time and probably for a long time.

The Team

The great team that carried it off were:

President:	Nick Szwed
Immediate Past President & Queensland Representative:	Derrick Hitchins
Vice President:	Tim Absalom
Treasurer & WA Representative:	Andrew Somers
Secretary:	David Nash
Seminar Coordinator & Regional Victoria Representative:	John Smelt
New Zealand Representative & District 8 Director:	Don Mc Kenzie
Academia & Student Representative:	Richard Tay
Membership Co-ordinator & Local Government Representative:	Daniel Przychodzki
Newsletter Editor & NSW Representative:	Aaron Hargraves
Web Master:	Jared Tan
Ordinary Members:	Shelley Cao Andrew O'Brien Samantha Harrison Ken Hall Peter Daly Ishan Gangabada

If you'd like to know a little more about these people who are working for you go to:

http://ite.org.au/exec_board .

The Program

The program of events was comprehensive and attracted attendances averaging around 70.

- Annual Breakfast Meeting & AGM – speaker Luke Donnellan MP Shadow Minister for Roads, Road Safety & TAC. 13 Feb
- Plan Melbourne – Smelt, McDougall & Stanley. 15 May
- Crash Risk Assessment – Messrs Hall, Jurewicz, Britnell & Harridge. Jun
- Growing Geelong, Transport Challenges & Opportunities – Hellsten & Vass. Joint EA22 Jul
- Career as a Transportation Engineer – Szwed, Harrison, Hewitt & Gregor. 6 Aug
- Promises, Promises – Buxton, Currie & Negus. 21 Aug
- Probe Data – Calvert, Fernando & Espada. 23 Sep
- Moving More Sustainably – Bartels, De Gruyter & Thompson. 9 Oct
- Gender & Leadership - Marsha Anderson Bomar. 17 Nov
- President's Dinner – Marsha Anderson Bomar. 18 Nov
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia – Marsha Anderson Bomar. 19 Nov
- National Association of Women in Construction – Marsha Anderson Bomar. 20 Nov in NZ

If you want to find out more about any of these events, go to: www.ite.org.au .

This year's program is shaping up to be as good or better. Keep up the good work John.

Visit by Marsha Anderson Bomar

During her flying visit to Melbourne & Auckland Marsha made 4 formal presentations and met with lots of other people. A number of people told me she inspired them and I particularly saw that in the faces of those who attended the Gender & Leadership forum, nearly all of whom joined her for an informal dinner afterwards.

Advocacy

We prepared a position paper on **Motor Vehicle Window Tinting** and distributed it widely around ANZ. We have had nothing but support from the profession, cycling organisations and auto clubs/associations. Government responses have tended to support the status quo but some seem to have become less entrenched. Luke Donnellan raised the matter in Parliament last November when he was the Shadow Minister so we may have the opportunity to revisit this issue with him now that he is in charge. If you would like to see this paper go to: http://ite.org.au/public/editor_images/Vehicle%20Window%20Tinting%20-%20ITEANZ%20Position%20Aug%202014.pdf .

The ITEANZ made a submission on 20 October 2014 to the Australian Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in relation to a review of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act 1989*. Our stance on the options is to support any reform that streamlines the Act, regulations and Australian Design Rules, but to oppose the options that would downgrade vehicle safety just for the sake of reducing the regulatory burden. Our vehicle safety standards are more stringent than most other countries and we should not accept lower standards for the sake of international harmonisation. If you would like to see this paper go to: http://www.ite.org.au/public/editor_images/MVSA%20Submission%20ITEANZ.pdf .

Another issue that has arisen on several occasions is the integrity and transparency of the **Transport Planning and Project Selection Process**. EATP and AITPM have agreed to meet early in the year to discuss this issue and possibly develop a joint statement.

Working with EATP & AITPM

I believe the Growing Geelong forum was the first time that EATP, AITPM & ITEANZ have held a joint event. We did that because individually it is difficult to get the numbers together in regional areas. This was very well attended and a huge success. A special thanks goes to Engineers Australia Geelong Group who did most of the organising for this forum.

This year we are planning to do something similar in Bendigo. Thanks go to John for his good work bringing everyone together.

The joint exercise on the Transport Planning and Project Selection Process is another first for collaboration with EATP & AITPM.

Awards

The recipients of Awards for 2014 were:

- Contribution to ITE - Peter Hunkin
- Contribution to the Transportation Profession – Prof David Hensher
- Emerging Transport Professional – Kenn Beer
- Sustainable Transport – City of Boroondara
- Student Paper – Sahan Wijayaratna
- Postgraduate - Rui JIANG This is a new award sponsored by SIDRA SOLUTIONS.

Thanks go to the selection panels for their good work.

Sponsorship



RACV is a Corporate Partner and sponsors our annual Breakfast Meeting.

GHD have generously increased their level of sponsorship this year for the Student Award.

SIDRA SOLUTIONS is sponsoring a new Postgraduate Award this year.

SMEC is a corporate sponsor.

There are plenty of further sponsorship opportunities which can be discovered on our home page.

Students & Academia

Richard has successfully revived the Monash Student Chapter and he has plans to extend the career forums which have been presented at Monash annually, to other Universities. We have also started to hold some of our seminars on the premises of city Unis. So many thanks go to Richard for strengthening our involvement with students and academia in general and to Ahmed and Shelley for organising the career forum.

The Monash University Student Chapter comprises:

President – Ahmed Mirza

Vice President – Shelly Cao

Treasurer – Jihyung Kim

Secretary – Vincent Yu

Members – Junbiao Lim, Nathan Davies, Sylvia Truong

Communications

Thanks to Ken, and now Aaron we have a regular **Newsletter** going again. Jared and David have been constantly updating the **Website** so that it is now a living thing. This year we will be looking at posting job ads on the website and we need to move across to a new host. Samantha will coordinate the move and we intend to do a little redevelopment afterward.

Don has been doing a great job building bridges across the ditch while Aaron, Andrew S and Derrick have provided much needed presence in Sydney, Perth and Brisbane. Don has started a collaboration with IPENZTG which has all kinds of interesting potential.

District 8 Director

I wish to thank Peter Mc Combs for his role as District 8 Director. He has now handed that role over to Don Mc Kenzie who has already taken up the cudgels and started to generate new activity. For an example have a look at the report from Australasia in the ITE Journal of January 2015 on page 36.

Digital Library

John is investigating the possibility of setting up a digital library to preserve reports and documents which tend to disappear over time. Don has been talking to people at HQ about the digital library they are setting up and we may be able to link into it. However we want to make sure our documents are available to non-members.

Howard McDonald

The saddest thing that happened last year was the loss of Howard McDonald who passed away in January aged 53.

Howard was an important part of our ITEANZ community. He was on the Board for several years, serving as President in 2010/2011.

Thanks

I've mentioned a few people above but I would like to particularly thank David and Andrew S for the amount of work they do behind the scenes. As Secretary and Treasurer, they contribute to most of the above activities. I appreciate their support and advice.

From the above you can see how we've been busy and spread our tentacles far and wide. Remember, if you would like more information on any of the above please have a look at: www.ite.org.au.

For the year ahead a few of the themes that I think we should focus on are:

- Students and young members,
- Advocacy, and
- Gender diversity.

Nick Szwed

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