

# President's Report

# To the ITE-ANZ AGM on 26 February 2019

Thanks to everyone for another great year.

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Sydney Uni Student Chapter:	Eric Ye, Sarah Zhang
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Young Members Group:	Matt Bennett, Felicia Liao, Eric Ye, Ruwanmel Palapathwala, Laura Aston
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If you'd like to know a little more about these people go to: <a href="http://www.ite.org.au/about-us/iteanz-executive-board/">http://www.ite.org.au/about-us/iteanz-executive-board/</a>.

I'd like to particularly thank the following people:

- David Nash for the work he does as Secretary and managing our website,
- John Smelt for his management of our finances,
- Don McKenzie for his work as District 8 Director,
- Laura Aston for the incredible work she did in setting up the inaugural Student Leadership Summit, convening the Young Members group, and taking on the role of seminar coordinator,
- Marianne Richards for supporting the Mentor Program and taking on the newsletter,
- Arash Fatemi for taking on the role of Webmaster,
- Jeyashivraj Parthiban for leading the Transport Engineers at Monash Student Chapter,
- Eric Ye for beginning the process of setting up a Student Chapter in Sydney,
- Dana Abudayyeh for beginning the process of setting up a Student Chapter in Wellington, and
- Matt Bennett for beginning the process of setting up the Young Members group.

Everyone else contributed their part and together again we achieved a huge amount this year.

## The Program

The 2018 program was once again comprehensive and attracted high attendances. The following list does not include all of the student activities and events; they are reported elsewhere.

- 27 Feb Annual Breakfast Meeting & AGM guest speaker: David Hodgett MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Victorian Parliament, Shadow Minister for Roads & Infrastructure and Ports & Freight
- 7 March Women in Transport Networking Event Dr Collette Burke, Louise Gartland, Jodie Le (AITPM co-branded with ITE-ANZ)
- 4 April Learning from History Where to next? Prof Graeme Davison, Dr Ray Brindle, Dr Max Lay
- 1 May Sustainable Transport Anthony Aisenberg, Penny Dillon & Andrew Parker, Rose McArthur
- 16 May Career in Transport seminar Sam Linke, Alison Lee, Aaron Hargraves, Fraser Johnson
- 26 June Transport Pricing Dr Leslie Martin, Hugh Batrouney, Catherine Rooney
- 24 July On Your Bike Joel Docker, Jackie Fristacky, Warwick Pattinson, Glennys Jones
- 20 Sep Student Leadership Summit Laura Aston & team
- 25 Sep Safe System Assessments Blair Turner, David Williamson, Kenn Beer
- 13 Nov President's Dinner guest speaker: Michael Malouf, CEO VicRoads
- 23 Nov The changing landscape for transport in Geelong and the region. AITPM/ITE-ANZ

### Student Involvement

This year we had the highest level of student activity and involvement ever experienced within the ITE-ANZ.

#### Transport Engineers at Monash

The Monash Student Chapter: Transport Engineers at Monash consolidated and built on its past performance by initiating a Student Mentoring Program. This is covered in their report.

Transport Engineers at Monash committee:

- President Jeyashivraj Parthiban
- Vice-President Shafiul Tarafder Taslim
- Past-President Cassie Min
- Secretary Riddhi Ranjan
- Treasurer Shrey Mehta
- Mentoring Program Coordinator Hesavar Manivasakan
- Media & Communications Daniel Goh, Felicia Liao
- ITE Liaison Branavan Ramalingam
- AITPM liaison Arun Dharma
- General Representatives Igor Karasyov & Sarah Soboh

#### **Student Leadership Summit**

Laura Aston and her team produced the event of the year. See her report.

#### University of Sydney Student Chapter

Eric Ye, Sarah Zhang and Aaron Hargraves have begun the process of setting up a new student chapter in Sydney.

## **University of Canterbury Student Chapter**

Dana Abudayyeh in Christchurch is setting up a new student chapter:

President: Dana Abudayyeh

Secretary: Abhirup Basu Roy Chowdhury

Treasurer: Neetha Maria Aji Staff Advisor: Dr Mofreh Saleh

## Young Members Group

Matt Bennett, Felicia Liao and others are setting up a Young Members Group with guidance from Laura. Watch this space.

# **Austraffic Worldwide Learning Opportunities**

John Reid, Managing Director Austraffic, has continued to support this wonderful program which is aimed at the personal and professional development of the young people in our profession. With his generous sponsorship, we have assisted another three young transport professionals to attend conferences overseas: Laura Aston to the Annual ITE Meeting in Minneapolis, Dana Abudayyeh to the International Symposium of Transport Simulation & International Workshop on Traffic Data Collection and its Standardization, Japan and Tyler O'Hare to Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington DC.













Sam (USA)

Manuel (Hong Kong)

Joel (NZ)

Laura (USA)

Dana (Japan)

Tyler (USA)

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

We also used the AWLO funds to assist a number of students to attend the Student Leadership Summit and other events and meetings.

The AWLO fund also provides \$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.

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 District 8

Global District 8 Director, Don McKenzie, has continued to represent us at the ITE International Board of Direction. He presents a separate report.

# Advocacy

I have been attending meetings organised by the North East Link Authority to consider facilities that are to be provided for Active Transport. The community representatives and I have advocated very strongly that the standard of facilities to be provided for walkers and cyclists should be commensurate with the standards for motor vehicles. Initially our advice fell on deaf ears but the message has started to sink in and there has been some progress. But we are still unable to get an assurance that active transport will be given the same importance as motorised transport.

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

## Working with TAs & AITPM

A regional forum was organised in Geelong "The changing landscape for transport in Geelong and the region" by AITPM and supported by ITE-ANZ.

The Annual Breakfast meeting is co-branded with TAs.

We continue to attend a number of each other's events.

## **Awards**

The recipients of Awards for 2018 were:

- Contribution to the Transportation Profession Prof Roger Dunn
- Contribution to ITE Nick Szwed
- Emerging Transport Professional Sarah Zhang
- Sustainable Transport Victoria Walks
- GHD Student Paper to be announced
- SIDRA Postgraduate to be announced

Thanks go to the selection panels for their good work.

# **Our Sponsors**



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## **Communications**

Aaron has continued to produce an excellent Newsletter. Marianne has now taken over as editor.

# **Looking Ahead**

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

- Young transport professionals
- Student Chapters
- Joint events with TAs and AITPM
- Links with ITE in North America
- Speaking out on issues important to our profession.

Nick Szwed 26 February 2019