



50 Years of ITE in ANZ

Preface

The ITE Australia Section was created 50 years ago in 1972. It became the Australia and New Zealand Section in 1996. This is an account of the activities and achievements of the many people who made ITE-ANZ what it is today. This document is a summary of the information contained in the more detailed Source Document of the same title.

Nick Szwed
December 2022

Who Are We?

The Australia and New Zealand Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Incorporated (ITE-ANZ) is the only Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) outside of North America.

The mission of ITE is to provide the global community of transportation professionals with the knowledge, practices, skills and connections to serve the needs of their communities and help shape the future of the profession and transportation in the societal context.

Our vision is to be the transport organization of choice in Australia and New Zealand and to be a leading voice within the transport industry, which seeks to improve the mobility and safety of all transport users and contributes to the development of liveable, prosperous and fair communities as part of a global transport network.

What Do We Do?

We provide opportunities for transport professionals to come together, exchange knowledge, debate issues, advocate on issues considered important by the community, and build networks and friendships. In this way we aim to make the profession stronger fairer and more resilient. We try to focus on those who are just beginning on a career in transport.

More detail about what we do can be found at the North American website: www.ite.org and our ANZ website: www.ite.org.au.

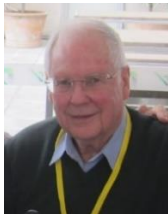
A key feature of our institute is our strong **international** professional connection.



How Did We Start?

In the 1960s a rapid rise in car ownership led to traffic congestion and delays in some parts of the urban road networks in Sydney and Melbourne. Road Authority engineers began to discuss how to deal with this congestion. They looked to the UK and US for guidance. The need to train engineers in the emerging field of traffic engineering became clear. Engineers were sent overseas to study the new methods and techniques being developed there. Some of those engineers developed an interest in ITE while attending the Bureau of Highway Traffic at Yale University, or programs at other Universities, as International Road Federation Fellows. Later, plans were developed for training engineers in Sydney and Melbourne and Road Authorities set up traffic engineering sections.

By the early 1970s groups of engineers were getting together in several States and Territories to discuss how best to deal with the rising traffic congestion, often informally over a meal or drinks. The need for an association in Australia like the then Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) in the US became apparent. A few people with work experience in the US and knowledge of the ITE, proposed the setting up of an association under the ITE umbrella.



Ted Barton in 2015

Ted Barton recalls: Most of us were also members of the Institution of Engineers Australia (IEAust), Transportation Branch in Melbourne and several of us occasionally met for lunch and discussions separately from the IEAust when specific traffic matters became public issues and we generally agreed that an Australian Section of ITE should be set up either informally or formally through the ITE HQ. At about the same time the Australian Institute of Traffic Technology was being set up mainly in Sydney and there was competition for membership.

Formal groups formed in Melbourne and Sydney and started to plan activities. In Melbourne there were about 10 or 12 members: Neil Guerin, Robin Underwood, Bill Leslie, Alan Stempel, Bob Nairn, John Bayley (Melbourne City Council Traffic Engineer) and Ted Barton.



1972 Neil Guerin



Robin Underwood

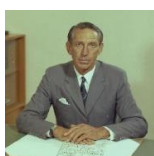


Laurence A Dondaville



John Carlisle

Larry Dondaville and John Carlisle who both had experience in the US played significant roles in establishing an Australian Section of the ITE.



John (Jack) Thorpe

Larry Dondaville remembered: "I have always thought that John (Jack) Thorpe, as Deputy Commissioner (Chairman) of the Country Roads Board, and the young engineers from CRB who attended the Yale Bureau of Highway Traffic in the 1950s were instrumental in Melbourne's early dominance of the section."

An **Executive Committee** was formed to make formal arrangements:

President	E A (Eugene) Smith	
Secretary-Treasurer	J S (John) Carlisle	
Directors:	C H V (Vere) Harding	Queensland
	Bill Stafford	New South Wales
	W I (Bill) Leslie	Victoria
	Jim Watts	Tasmania
	F G (Fred) Bottoms	Western Australia

In January 1971 a petition for formation of a section was presented to the International Board of Direction. Charter # 21 was granted to The Australian Section.

The first Annual General Meeting was held in Burton Hall, Australian National University in Canberra, on 15 August 1972. This meeting was held in conjunction with a "Traffic Engineers' Luncheon" sponsored by the Section and open to all interested persons attending the Sixth Conference of the Australian Road Research Board. Larry Dondanville was the guest speaker. Seventy-five people attended, 18 of whom were members of ITE.

An Executive Board was elected which comprised a director representing each of the States.

Directors	Queensland	C H V (Vere) Harding
	New South Wales	E A (Eugene) Smith
	Victoria	W I (Bill) Leslie
	Tasmania	W D Coombs
	South Australia	M F (Murray) Young
	Western Australia	F G (Fred) Bottoms
	ACT	K E (Ken) Thompson
Secretary-Treasurer	J S (John) Carlisle	

Gene Smith was then elected President and Bill Leslie Vice-President.

B J Hazel was appointed Newsletter Editor and D J (Joe) Delaney Representative of Section at the 42nd Annual ITE Meeting (in North America).

The Section By-Laws were approved at the January 1973 meeting of the ITE Board.

The membership of the Section in 1972 was 33.

In January 1973, C H V Harding was appointed Representative of the Australian Section to the International Council.

The Executive Board was not able to meet as a group during in the early years but a number of meetings were held on an informal basis in individual States. Formal local group meetings were held in Sydney and Melbourne. All Board actions were processed by correspondence through the Secretary/Treasurer.

Transport Agency Support

In the early years and right up to the 1980s, the senior staff in highway and transport agencies right across Australia were very supportive of the ITE. In 1970 Keith Johninke the Deputy Commissioner in the South Australian Highway Department and Bob Moflin the Deputy Commissioner in the Western Australian Highway Department attended the annual meeting in Houston. Earle Johnston, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Main Roads in NSW attended the Montreal Meeting in 1971. As mentioned previously, John Thorpe, Deputy Chairman of the Country Roads Board in Victoria, was instrumental in supporting the establishment of the ITE Section.

New Zealand

In 1996 New Zealand joined with the Australian Section to create the Australian and New Zealand Section, ITE-ANZ. The first three NZ members of the ITE-ANZ Board were Martin Leak, Peter McCombs and Jeff Roberts.

Leadership

Most of key people who people who helped to create the Australian Section are mentioned above. The numerous other contributors over the years are recorded in the Source Document. A list of Presidents and Secretaries is attached. Also attached are lists of people who served as International Directors District 8/Global District Directors and those who have been recognised for their high level of service to ITE.

ITE Honorary Members

The highest recognition of notable and outstanding professional achievement presented by ITE is election to Honorary Membership. Since 1933 when the first Honorary Member was selected, only 88 individuals have been so honoured.

Three people from ANZ have been so honoured:

Edward V (Ted) Barton	1998
Andrew P O'Brien	2007
Peter T McCombs	2020



Andrew O'Brien



Peter McCombs

What Have We Done?

Seminars and Conferences

Every year a program of seminars has been organised on topics of interest to the profession. One of the first was a full day symposium titled "Are Urban Freeway Really Necessary?" held jointly with the Transportation Engineering Branch of Sydney Division of the Institution of Engineers Australia (IEAust) at the University of New South Wales. Events were also held in conjunction with Conferences organised by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) and IEAust.

The first AGM was held in Burton Hall, Australian National University in Canberra, on 15 August 1972, during the Sixth Conference of the ARRB. The second AGM was held on 21 August 1973 at the University of New South Wales following a Symposium organised by the Section and the Transport Branch, Sydney Division of the IEAust.

The ITE arranged a successful National Conference in Adelaide, in 1986, to which the ITE International President, Jim Kell and Executive Director, Tom Brahm attended. An ITE Dinner was held at a restaurant in a converted church in Wayville. It was at that function, attended by 30 -40 people, that Tony Fry was offered the role of District 8 Director for the period 1987-1989.

In 1988 an ITE full day meeting was held in conjunction with ARRB conference in Canberra. This was a watershed technical meeting for ITE – attended by well over 100 people on the Saturday preceding the ARRB Conference.

In 1993 Andrew O'Brien and George Giummarra attended the ITE Annual Meeting held in The Hague. They were advised on arrival to meet the International Board of Direction. They were told that the Hague meeting was a financial disaster, and that going to Australia in 10 years' time (as had previously been discussed) would not happen.

In 1994 a joint ITE and Australian Section International Symposium on Road Capacity was held in Sydney. In 1996 a joint ITE District 8 and Australian Section Regional Conference on Environmentally Sustainable Transport was held in Melbourne. This was the turning point with respect to a future ITE Annual Meeting going to Melbourne. Andrew was by then on the ITE International Board of Direction and had invited ITE President Dr Denis Christiansen to this 1996 meeting. At the next International Board of Direction meeting, Denis heaped praise on the Australian Section for organising one of the best meetings he had ever attended and advised that ITE should seriously consider an Annual Meeting in Melbourne. Nazir Lalani, International Board of Direction member, was an invited speaker at that Conference and he backed up Denis's assessment.

The ITE-ANZ held Road Safety Conferences at VicRoads in 1995, and at the City of Darebin in 1999. Following the 1999 Conference, the ITE-ANZ President, Bill Saggars, was invited as an international speaker at the 2000 Annual ITE Meeting in Nashville Tennessee.

In the mid-2010s, ITE-ANZ joined with AITPM and TAs to hold forums on transport issues in Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat.



2013 Cycling Forum



2017 Anthony Albanese MP

Over the years members of the Board have also provided expertise and knowledge to various committees and workshops which were considering traffic and transport issues.

Annual Breakfast Meeting & President's Dinner

Two of the biggest features of the ITE-ANZ calendar every year are the Breakfast Meeting prior to the AGM early in the year and the end-of-year President's Dinner. Both events are very well attended with up to 120 people and they are an excellent opportunity to socialise and network with transport professionals. Leading figures in transport are invited to speak at these events.



2022 Breakfast with Hon Jacinta Allan

At the Breakfast Meeting the guest speaker is usually a Minister from one of the relevant portfolios such as Public Transport, Roads & Road Safety or Planning. In recent years they have been Ministers Ben Carroll, Melissa Horne, Jacinta Allan, Luke Donnellan and Richard Wynne. At the President's Dinner, it has been CEO's or other senior transport people such as Paul Younis, Corey Hannett, Duncan Elliott, Michel Masson or Jonathan Spear.

The International Connection

A major advantage that ITE-ANZ has over other transport professional associations in ANZ is the international connection.



There are about 16,000 members working in more than 75 countries. Although most are in North America, there are members all over the world. The ITE-ANZ is the largest group outside North America. The ITE is looking to increase its links across the globe and is supporting the creation of a number of student chapters.

In 1996 New Zealand joined with the Australian Section to create the Australian and New Zealand Section, ITE-ANZ. This has resulted in a strong relationship and collaboration.

A strong relationship with North America has existed from the outset and has been maintained with participation in the Annual Meeting and Exhibitions almost every year. Global Directors have been appointed from ANZ and attended the International Board of Direction meetings. ANZ people have participated on various ITE committees and more recently, young members being sent to the Annual Meetings through the Worldwide Learning Opportunities program sponsored by Austraffic.

There have also been regular visits from North America by a range of ITE people including the International Presidents and Executive Officers.



1988 Tom Brahm's



2015 ITE Study Tour



2019 Jeff Paniati and Jeff Lindley

2005 Annual ITE Meeting

In 2005 the ITE Annual Meeting was held in Melbourne. This was only the second time the ITE Annual Meeting to be held outside of North America. Andrew O’Brien and Peter Daly were co-chairs of the Arrangements Committee for this Meeting. The event was organised in collaboration with ARRB.



Student Chapters

The ITE-ANZ Board has always looked for opportunities to help engineering students develop an interest in transport and to help them in other ways. Mentorship both informally and formally has always been an endeavour. With the arrival of Prof Richard Tay on the Board in 2011, interaction with universities went to another level and Student Chapters were initiated in a number of universities. The strongest group was at Monash University and in 2018 they developed an excellent formal mentoring program where students were paired off with professionals in the workplace.

2018 Student Leadership Summit

In 2018 Laura Aston assembled a group of students and young professionals and organised the first ITE Student Leadership Summit outside of North America. It was held in Melbourne in September.



Laura with organising committee



SLS and Traffic Bowl attendees

YITE

A significant outcome of the 2018 Student Leadership Summit was the formation of the Young ITE group in 2019 whose mission is “to promote and develop emerging young transport professionals”.

YITE has organised various events including webinars and a design competition.



Inaugural YITE group

Worldwide Learning Opportunity

In 2017 John Reid, Managing Director Austraffic, approached Nick Szwed with a proposal to do something for the personal and professional development of the young people in our profession. With his generous sponsorship the Austraffic Worldwide Learning Opportunities (WLO) program provides financial support for young members to attend worldwide conferences or meetings or similar events.

To date nine young professionals have received support to travel overseas. This program now focuses on sending young people to the ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit.



Newsletters

Right from the beginning newsletters were a significant method of communication. In the early years interstate travel was not so easy and newsletters were printed on paper and delivered by snail mail.



In 2009 the Australian & New Zealand Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers received a Newsletter Award for circulation between 250 and 500 for its publication ITE ANZ Newsletter at the ITE 2009 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, held August 9-12, in San Antonio, Texas, USA. ITE President Kenneth H. Voigt presented the Newsletter Award to Andrew O'Brien.

Advocacy

The Board has made its views known on many issues by writing letters to the editor of newspapers, writing to government Ministers and publishing articles in the ITE-ANZ newsletters. Over the years a broad range of issues included road safety principles, advertising on road signs, a proposed airport transit link, transport plans, Victoria's Road Management Bill, car window tinting, sustainable and active transport.

Awards

A range of awards are made each year. Details and past winners are presented on the last pages.

Membership

ITE-ANZ membership has grown slowly from around 200 in the 2010s to 250 in 2022:

Victoria - 144

New Zealand - 35

New South Wales - 26

Queensland - 24

West Australia - 13

South Australia - 5

Australian Capital Territory - 3

What Next?

The areas of focus in future are likely to be:

- Taking greater advantage of our strong **international** professional connection.
- Further focus on youth and the development of Student Chapters.
- Return to live seminars and social activities.
- Continued focus on diversity and inclusion.
- Continued advocacy on issues important to membership.

Partners and Sponsors



Platinum Sponsor



2022 John Reid receives ITE award



President's Dinner & Postgraduate Award



2022 President's Dinner with SIDRA



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THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE

Presidents and Secretaries

Most of the numerous contributors to ITE over the years are recorded in the Source Document. The Presidents and Secretaries played the most significant role and are listed here.

Period	President	Secretary
1972/73	Eugene Smith	John Carlisle
1974	William Leslie	John Carlisle
1975	John Carlisle	Robert Caldwell
1976 – 1980	No records available	
1980	C H V Harding	Stephen Holding
1981		
1982	Edward Barton	
1983	Edward Barton	
1984	Tony Fry	Andrew O'Brien
1985	Tony Fry	George Giummarra
1986	Tony Fry	George Giummarra
1987	Andrew O'Brien	George Giummarra
1988	Andrew O'Brien	George Giummarra
1989	Nelson English	George Giummarra
1990	Nelson English	
1991	George Giummarra	David Nicholson
1992	George Giummarra	Joseph Perone
1993	David Bennett	Russell Thompson
1994	David Bennett	Sophia Schyschow
1995	Joseph Perone	Bill Saggars
1996	Joseph Perone	Bill Saggars
1997	William Young	Bill Saggars
1998	William Young	Bill Saggars
1999	Bill Saggars	
2000	Bill Saggars	Jemima Macaulay/Bill Tsoumbanos
2001	Peter Daly	Bill Tsoumbanos
2002	Peter Daly	David Andreassen
2003	Peter Hunkin	David Andreassen
2004	Peter Hunkin	Daniel Przychodzki
2005/06	Peter Hunkin	Daniel Przychodzki
2007	Daniel Przychodzki	Emma Donnelly
2008	Daniel Przychodzki	Mark O'Brien
2009	Daniel Przychodzki	Mark O'Brien
2010	Howard McDonald	Nick Szwed
2011	Howard McDonald	Nick Szwed
2012	Derrick Hitchins	Nick Szwed
2013	Derrick Hitchins	Nick Szwed
2014	Nick Szwed	David Nash
2015	Nick Szwed	David Nash
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2018	Nick Szwed	David Nash
2019	Nick Szwed	David Nash
2020	Nick Szwed	David Nash
2021	Sarah Zhang	David Nash
2022	Sarah Zhang	David Nash

International Directors District 8/Global District Directors

International Director District 8

1984 – 1986	Bert Beukers, The Hague, Netherlands
1987 – 1989	Tony Fry, RTA Australia
1990 – 1992	Burchart Horn, OECD Paris
1993 – 1995	Michael Bernhard, 3M Switzerland
1996 – 1998	Andrew O'Brien, Andrew O'Brien & Associates Australia
1999 – 2001	Mario Lieberman
2002 – 2005	Peter Elsenaar (dec.)
2006 – 2008	Peter Daly, Australia
2009 – 2014	Peter McCoombs, New Zealand

Global District Director

2015 – 2020	Doug McKenzie, New Zealand
2020 -	Daniel Przychodzki, Australia

Outstanding Service to ITE Award

The Outstanding Service to the ITE Award is presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to ITE-ANZ.

2022	Prof Richard Tay
2021	John Reid
2020	Don McKenzie
2019	David Nash
2018	Nick Szwed
2017	(no award)
2016	Daniel Przychodzki
2015	Tom Brahms
2014	Peter Hunkin
2013	Peter Daly
2012	Tony Fry
2011	John Carlisle
2010	Peter McCombs
2009	Bill Saggars
2008	Roger Dunn
2007	Ted Barton
2006	Larry Dondanville
2005	Andrew O'Brien
2004	Joseph Perone

Contribution to the Transport Profession Award

The Contribution to the Transport Profession Award is presented to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of the transport/traffic engineering profession.

2022	Rob McInerney
2021	Prof Geoff Rose
2020	Prof Peter Vulcan
2019	Andrew O'Brien
2018	Prof Roger Dunn
2017	Dr Ray Brindle
2016	Prof Mary Sheehan
2015	Emeritus Prof Jack McLean
2014	Prof David Hensher
2013	Prof William Young
2012	Dr David Bennett
2011	Prof Michael Taylor
2010	Dr Max Lay
2009	Stephen Golding
2008	Dr Rahmi Akcelik
2007	Prof Graham Currie
2006	Dr Ken Ogden
2005	Derek Scrafton
2004	Arthur Sims

Sustainable Transport Award

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.

Greg Barber, Leader of Greens Victoria presented the inaugural award in 2013.



- 2022 Merri-bek City Council – Ride and Stride Program (accepted by Zoe McMaster)
- 2021 City of Maribyrnong – Safer Roads Program (Eng Hwa Lim)
- 2020 Darebin City Council – Streets for People (Jennifer McIntyre)
- 2019 Active City (Alice Woodruff)
- 2019 Darebin City Council – Octopus School Program (Jennifer McIntyre)
- 2018 Victoria Walks - Standing up for older pedestrians
- 2017 Optus Sustainable Transport Strategy
- 2016 Transport for NSW - Travel Choices program
- 2015 City of Melbourne – Walking Plan (Damon Rao and Anne Laing)
- 2014 City of Boroondara – Principal Pedestrian Network Demonstration project (Matthew Austin)
- 2013 City of Port Phillip – Sustainable Transport Strategy, Walk Plan and Bike Plan (John Bartels)

Young Professional Award – sponsored by Lindsay Oxlad

Awarded to an individual who has made a valuable contribution to the transport/traffic engineering profession, relative to their experience in their chosen field.

Lindsay Oxlad presented the award in 2022.



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| 2022 Danielle Rebbechi | 2014 Kenn Beer |
| 2021 Ben Thomson | 2013 Tim Veitch & Jarrod Darlington |
| 2020 Daniel Gaschk | 2012 Amy Stebbing |
| 2019 Viseth Uch | 2011 Andrew Bell |
| 2018 Sarah Zhang | 2010 Shaun Smedley |
| 2017 Manuel Lawrence | 2009 Greg Smith |
| 2016 John Richardson | 2008 (Not awarded) |
| 2015 Chris de Gruyter | 2007 Sigrid Sanderson |

SIDRA SOLUTIONS Postgraduate Award

For outstanding, high-quality research and future contribution to our profession.

- 2021 Ashutosh Arun, Qld University of Technology
- 2020 Krishna Behara, Qld University of Technology
- 2019 Yue Zhou, Qld University of Technology
- 2018 Nguyen Phuoc Quy Duy, Monash University
- 2017 Long Truong, Monash University
- 2016 Kasun Wijayaratna, University of NSW
- 2015 Dr Melissa Duell, University of NSW
- 2014 Rui Jiang, Qld University of Technology



Mark Besley presented the 2021 Award.

Trafficworks Undergraduate Student Award

The Undergraduate Student Award is made on the basis of the most outstanding piece of individual work by an undergraduate student at a participating university.

- 2021 Jack Wang (University of NSW)
- 2020 April Alcock (University of Sydney)
- 2019 Aaron Tomlins (UNSW)
- 2018 Jessica Athayde (UNSW)
- 2017 Eric Ye (University of Sydney)
- 2016 Navreet Viridi (UNSW)
- 2015 Laura Aston (Monash University)
- 2014 Sahan Wijayaratna (Sydney University of Technology)
- 2013 Aaron Hargraves (UNSW)
- 2012 Samantha Harrison (Monash University)
- 2011 Caleb Giblett (Canterbury)
- 2010 Kasun Wijayaratna (UNSW)
- 2009 Ghazafar Ahmedi (UNSW)
- 2008 Danny Frahm (QUT)
- 2007 Damien Scutt (QUT)



Emmanuel Natalizio presented the award for 2021

President's Award for Excellence

This award is occasionally granted to a person who has made a substantial and excellent contribution to ITE-ANZ activities.

- 2021 Varsahe Manivasakan
- 2020 Jeyashivraj Parthiban
- 2019 Cassie Min
- 2018 Laura Aston
- 2017 Laura Aston
- 2017 Aaron Hargraves



Danielle Rebbeschi presented the award in 2021