



President's Report - 2023

Thank you to everyone for a great year.

Special mention and particular thanks to the following individuals for their contributions in 2023.

Co-Presidents:	Danielle Rebbechi, Matthew Bennett
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Young ITE Members:	Nikhil Maharaj, Marlon Gunawardana
Student Chapters:	
Monash Uni	Abbass Kak
Sydney Uni	Tim Xian
Canterbury Uni	Seyed Omid Mousavizadeh Kashi

Webinars and Events

We had a great year of virtual webinars and in-person seminars, with the following key events:

- Suburban Rail Loop (Graham Currie, John Stanley and Michael Buxton)
- International Women's Day
- Transport Projects in Fragile and Conflict Effectuated States
- Exciting Collaboration Efforts through ITE Councils
- iRAP Practical Investments Saving Lives
- Transport Equity
- Travel Behaviour and Traffic Safety
- Accessible City Planning
- Smart and Sustainable Mobility

Our online webinars have consistently garnered significant popularity, drawing a minimum of 100 attendees each, thereby enhancing our subscriber base and outreach throughout 2023.

Both the Breakfast Event and President's Dinner were successfully conducted in person. Despite lower attendance compared to previous years, we managed to attract new participants and ensure a rewarding event experience for our members.

International Collaboration

During 2023, substantial strides were taken to enhance connections with ITE's Global District. This included a visit to Melbourne in March 2023 by Council Leadership Team Chair Eric Rensel, as well as attendance by Co-Presidents Danielle Rebbechi and Matthew Bennett, along with Global District Director Danny Przychodzki, at the Annual General Meeting in Portland, Oregon. These visits facilitated discussions on improving Australia and New Zealand's involvement in global initiatives such as the technical Councils and establishing relationships conducive to ongoing collaboration among members from these regions and the broader ITE community.

In September 2023, Co-Presidents (Matthew Bennett and Danielle Rebbechi) facilitated a session between the young members of ITE-ANZ and the ITE President (Rosanna Correa) to better understand their experiences with ITE and put in place tangible actions for improving this both at a local and international scale.

Student Chapters and Involvement

Despite persistent challenges stemming from the aftermath of COVID-19 and the adoption of hybrid learning models, Monash University has maintained a robust presence. The Transport Engineers Monash (TEM) Mentoring Program received positive feedback throughout 2023, providing valuable professional guidance and mentorship to undergraduate students.

Concerted endeavours are ongoing to expand ITE-ANZ's influence in other universities across Australia and New Zealand by capitalizing on our connections with board members in those regions.



Young ITE

The YoungITE (YITE) group remains at the forefront of young professional organizations in the transport industry, organizing numerous enjoyable and interactive events independently as well as in partnership with the ITE-ANZ Board and other young professional groups such as the Young Transport Network (YPN), ITS Next Generations, and Engineers Australia.

Collaborating with other young professional groups has proven advantageous for the YITE committee, not only in increasing awareness of ITE events but also in garnering greater traction within the transportation industry.

Award Recipients for 2023

- Contribution to the Transport Profession: John Stanley
- Young Professional Award: Max McCardel
- Emerging Leader Award: Sahan Wijayaratna

Many thanks to the Selection Panels for their dedication and time to review the nominations.

Worldwide Learning

It has been another successful year for ITE-ANZ's young members, with many opportunities afforded through the Worldwide Learning Program generously sponsored by Austraffic including:

- Max McCardel attending ITE's Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Portland
- Five (5) students from Australia and New Zealand attending the AITPM Conference in Melbourne

Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors - Austraffic (Platinum and Worldwide Learning), Trafficworks (Undergraduate Award), SIDRA Solutions (Postgraduate Award and Presidents Dinner), O'Brien Traffic (Annual Breakfast), Lindsay Oxlad Consulting (Young Professional and Emerging Leader Awards) and Movement & Place Consulting (Corporate Sponsor and Monash Student Chapter).

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