



**Welcome** to the REAAA Australian Chapter newsletter for December 2006. This edition contains news on recent REAAA Council and Australian Chapter activities and forthcoming events.

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### 12<sup>th</sup> REAAA Conference

An estimated 500 delegates attended the REAAA Conference in Manila, the Philippines, in November 2006. The largest delegation was from the Philippines but there were also significant contingents from Japan, Malaysia and Korea. There were a small number of delegates from Australia and New Zealand. More than 80 technical papers were presented during the Conference. Plenary papers given by Ian Johnston from MUARC and Tyrone Toole from ARRB were especially relevant and well attended. The papers from the plenary sessions will be published in forthcoming issues of the REAAA Journal.

The next Council meeting will be in Seoul, Korea on 4 – 7 July 2007, coinciding with the International Road and Traffic Expo 2007 which is also being held in Korea.

### REAAA Council

The 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the REAAA Council was held in Manila in conjunction with the Conference. It concluded with the election of Council members for the next three years and was followed by the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting at which the office bearers were appointed. The new office bearers are:

<b>President:</b>	Dr Kyong-Soo-Yoo, CEO, Highway Traffic Information Centre, Korea Highway Corporation, Korea
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Gerard Waldron, Managing Director, ARRB Group Ltd, Australia
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Dato' Prof. Ir Dr. Wahid bin Omar, Director General, Public Works Department, Malaysia
<b>Hon. Secretary General:</b>	Dr Safry Kamal Bin Ahmad, Principal Senior Assistant Director (Maintenance) Public Works Dept, Malaysia
<b>Hon Treasurer General:</b>	Brent Johnston, BECA Consultants International, New Zealand
<b>Chairman, Technical Committee:</b>	Kieran Sharp, Business Manager, ARRB Group Ltd, Australia

Business considered by the Council included:

**Mino Roadshow** – A proposal for developing and piloting a Roadshow on pavement technology, asset management and road safety engineering was prepared and adopted by the Governing Council at its meeting in 2004. ARRB played a significant role in developing the proposal which is to run seminars on asset management in the Pacific region.

After discussions late in 2005, there had been an expectation that gTKP, a UK based aid organisation, would fund the proposal. Following a long delay, advice has recently been received that funding has now become available. The Roadshows will be conducted in 2007.

**Katahira Awards** – The Katahira Awards are provided from the funds donated by the late Doctor Nobutaka Katahira, a past president of REAAA. Interest from the Katahira Fund is used as prize money for outstanding papers which are published in the REAAA Journal or presented at REAAA conferences. The main purpose of the fund is to encourage young engineers in the region and, for this reason, the main criterion for qualification for consideration for an award is that the main author must be under 40 years of age. At least one author must also be a member of REAAA or the organisation a corporate member of REAAA. Six papers received awards at the 12<sup>th</sup> REAAA Conference with authors from Japan, Korea, Thailand and Australia receiving the awards. One of the recipients of an award was Richard Yeo of ARRB for his paper describing work being conducted in the Austroads funded project on the impact of heavy vehicles on pavements. Kieran Sharp accepted the award on Richard's behalf.

**REAAA Journal** – The first edition of the Journal for 2006, Volume 13, Number 1, was published in June 2006. It contained four papers from Japan, Australia and New Zealand, plus a summary of the presentation given at the 4<sup>th</sup> HORA meeting held in Bangkok in June 2005. A report on the Austroads Young Engineers' tour to Europe was also included.

The papers which were awarded Katahira Awards at the 12<sup>th</sup> REAAA Conference will be republished in hard copy format in future editions of the Journal. The papers prepared by the three plenary sessions at the Conference will also be published in the Journal.

## **Heads of Road Authority (HORA) meeting**

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An important initiative of the REAAA has been the establishment of regular meetings of Heads of Road Authorities (HORA) in the region. The first HORA meeting was held in Malaysia in 2002. The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in Manila in conjunction with the REAAA Conference. Gerard Waldron from ARRB represented Australian heads of road authorities. The themes for the HORA meeting were road safety and asset management and involved discussions about individual country perspectives on these subjects. Keynote papers from the Conference served as a basis for discussion. Issues identified in this session will form the basis for discussion at the next HORA meeting which is also planned to coincide with the International Road and Traffic Expo 2007 in Seoul. Outcomes of the discussions at the HORA meeting will be published in the REAAA Journal.

## **REAAA Annual General Meeting**

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The REAAA AGM for the year ended 30 September 2006 was held in Melbourne on 7 December.

The Chairman's report to the meeting outlined the work of the REAAA Council and the Australian Chapter. The committee has worked with Austroads, ARRB, AAPA, AustStab and other organisations to conduct activities of relevance to members of the Australian Chapter. The Chapter also provides information through newsletters and the website. Since the last report the following activities have been initiated by the Australian Chapter:

- A series of presentations to demonstrate road condition monitoring equipment was arranged by ARRB in conjunction with road authorities. The initial presentation was held at VicRoads in August.
- Ted Vincent from VicRoads made a presentation in Adelaide on his experiences associated with work being undertaken by the World Road Association, and his involvement in the International ITS Standards Committee, in relation to ITS and traffic management.
- A special forum was held for REAAA members in conjunction with the 22<sup>nd</sup> ARRB conference, held in Canberra in October. It featured Dr Susan Sharland, the Chief Executive of the UK-based Transport Research Laboratory (TRL). Susan updated members of current TRL activities and discussed links with work being conducted in Australia, particularly through the Austroads technical research program.

The AGM agreed that membership fees be retained at \$25 for individual members and \$500 for institutional members for 2007. Invoices will be issued in January.

The following members were elected as office bearers and committee members until the conclusion of the next AGM:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Gary Liddle (VicRoads)
<b>Deputy Chairman:</b>	Kieran Sharp (ARRB) (based in Victoria)
<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	Murray Kidnie (Austroads) (based in NSW)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Ray Farrelly (AAPA) (based in Victoria)
	Bob Peters (Main Roads, WA)
	Chris Tatam (Maunsell, WA)
	George Vorobieff (Head to Head consulting) (based in NSW)
	Gerard Waldron (ARRB) (based in Victoria)
	Tom Wilmot (Stabilised Pavements International) (based in NSW).

## **REAAA Australian Chapter activities**

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A meeting of the new committee of the Australian Chapter was held following the AGM on 7 December. The main issue discussed was the planned activities for the coming year. It was agreed that the Australian Chapter should not seek to initiate major independent events but rather cooperate with other organisations to stage joint events.

Opportunities being considered for future REAAA Australian Chapter events include:

- Presentations by Austroads representatives on PIARC technical committees arranged to coincide with Austroads task force and review panel meetings, with local REAAA members invited to attend.
  - ARRB demonstrations about their road survey equipment in various jurisdictions with local REAAA members invited to attend.
  - Members of REAAA invited to participate in the Australasian delegation to the World Road Congress in Paris in September 2007 and participate in delegation events being planned by the Austroads national office.
  - Possibility of facilitating a study tour in conjunction with the World Road Congress in Paris in September 2007.
  - VicRoads is considering inviting REAAA members to their monthly technical sessions where relevant.
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Members are invited to identify opportunities for the Australian Chapter to co-host events with other organisations, particularly events involving visiting overseas speakers. If members have suggestions about other events or activities the Australian Chapter could arrange in 2007 please make your suggestions to the Secretary, Murray Kidnie at [mkidnie@austrroads.com.au](mailto:mkidnie@austrroads.com.au).

### **Australian Chapter Membership**

The committee endorsed the following new members:

- Florentina Mihai, Main Roads WA
- Drew Johnston, Main Roads WA
- Paul James, Kellogg Brown and Root WA

Current membership stands at:

1 honorary member

3 life members

107 individual members

11 institutional members.

### **Forthcoming events**

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#### **Transport – The Next 50 Years**

Christchurch, New Zealand      July 2007

The theme of this conference will cover transport in the wider context as opposed to focusing only on land transport and also contains a strategic and long-term focus. There will be plenary sessions for keynote speakers and three or four concurrent streams dealing with infrastructure funding, the future of transport, the land use planning-roading nexus, urban form, freight issues, public transport, modal shift and transport related social issues.

More information is available from: [www.transport07.co.nz](http://www.transport07.co.nz)

#### **International Road and Traffic Expo 2007**

Kintex, Korea      4-7 July 2007

The expo will focus on roads, bridges, tunnels, traffic, parking and intelligent transport systems over four days. 200 exhibitors from 10 countries are expected to attend. The expo will include the 16<sup>th</sup> Road Day Celebration and 2<sup>nd</sup> International Road & Traffic Conference.

More information is available from: [www.road-traffic.com/en](http://www.road-traffic.com/en)

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Road Conference**

Kuala Lumpur      17-19 July 2007

As the theme of the conference is 'Safer Roads – The Challenges Ahead', the conference will focus on better road safety and congestion mitigation in major cities. The conference will provide opportunities for knowledge sharing amongst professionals from around the world.

More information is available from: [www.mrc.org.my](http://www.mrc.org.my)

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> World Road Congress**

Palais des Congrès, Paris, France      17-21 September 2007

The 23<sup>rd</sup> World Road Congress will provide a forum for professionals from all over the world in every facet of the development, management and operation of roads and road transport. The program will include technical sessions, exhibitions, special sessions, technical visits and social events where professionals from around the world will be on-hand to discuss and display solutions to road issues. More information is available at [www.piarc.org/en/paris2007](http://www.piarc.org/en/paris2007)

Austrroads is coordinating the attendance of an Australasian delegation to the World Road Congress. If you are interested in participating please contact Murray Kidnie at Austrroads [mkidnie@austrroads.com.au](mailto:mkidnie@austrroads.com.au)

### **REAAA Australian Chapter members' contact details**

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The majority of members receive REAAA information and correspondence via email. If any members have an email address that has not previously been advised to REAAA Australian Chapter, please provide it to Murray Kidnie at:

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