
2010 in Review

December 2010

Membership

- Membership grows to 71 - new members Transport NSW, Cut and Fill, Beca, BrisConnections, Norman Disney & Young, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, RiverCity Motorway.

Events

- Hosts 38 events across Australia attracting 2,300 participants.
- 'Firsts' for the year include our inaugural one-day Perth Forum, as well as 'single-issue' forums on Sustainability and Local Government.

Policy

Capacity

- The national pre-qual system for the construction industry is finalised, RA was instrumental in getting this on the national agenda.
- RA launches its Pipeline webpage, providing details of major construction projects on the horizon. Developed with the active involvement and support of VicRoads RTA, TMR and DTEI.
- Completes and presents the findings of a review of D&C contracts.
- RA invited for its input into the Australian National Engineering Taskforce (ANET) engineering skills study.

Sustainability

- Successful representations to TMR, VicRoads and RTA on the inclusion of sustainability statements in EOIs for major contracts.
- Builds ties with the ATC's Sustainability Sub-Standing Committee (SSC), the Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC), and the Australian Low Carbon Transport Forum (ALCTF).

- Industry leadership - promotes new & alternate construction materials and hosts first-ever national Sustainability & Climate Change Forum.

Congestion

- Develops policy document focused on options to improve travel reliability as a means of managing congestion - *The key to enhanced accessibility and mobility on our networks*.

Funding & Finance

- Commissions and releases an independent discussion paper on road funding and pricing by respected industry figure, Dr Max Lay, as a vehicle to inform RA members in the debate.

Influence

- Continues to build relationships at the highest level of government across Australia. Ministers attending RA events in 2010 - Tim Pallas, John Lenders, Craig Wallace, David Borger, Eric Roozendaal, David Campbell, Lara Giddings, Patrick Conlon and Stirling Hinchcliffe.
- Leads industry delegation in India for IRF Road Safety regional conference and discussions on regional opportunities, facilitated through Austrade. Hosts visit to Australia by IRF Chairman, Kiran Kapila. David Stuart-Watt elected to IRF Board.
- Invited to meet with Victorian Auditor-General's Office to provide industry perspective on road project delivery.

Communication

- Distribution of RA Insider exceeds 3,000.
- RA National Summit attracts media coverage on regional and national radio and in SMH. Key national journalists briefed on Max Lay paper.