
2011 in Review

Membership

Our membership grew to 78.

- New members in 2011 - Acciona Infrastructure Australia, Altus Traffic, City North Infrastructure, Local Government Association of Qld (LGAQ), Road Management Solutions, Urban Circus, Main Roads WA, Coffey Geotechnics, Kapsch TrafficCom.

Networking

The top people came because the top people came.

- 44 events across Australia attracting 3,327 participants.
- A third of all events 'single table' – smaller lunches and dinners with a Minister or Department head. "Single table" events have developed into the premium networking experience for RA members.
- Hosted ministers Anthony Albanese, Craig Wallace, Paul Lucas, Duncan Gay, Terry Mulder, Jeanette Powell, Matthew Guy, Patrick Conlon, Troy Buswell David O'Byrne and Premier Lara Giddings.
- Senior agency/department guests included Michael Deegan, Jim Betts, Gary Liddle, Michael Bushby, Les Wielinga, Rod Hook, Reece Waldrock, Menno Henneveld and Norm McIlfratrick.

Policy & Influence

We participated in a range of forums and discussions with policy-makers.

- Undertook major industry survey on **procurement and tendering**, identifying a range of issues and suggestions to improve the efficiency and value delivery of SRA tendering processes.
- Facilitated two major industry forums on road pricing, culminating in the formation of the **Transport Funding and Pricing Reform Network**.

- The Network, to be formally launched in 2012, will drive the public debate for fundamental reform of transport pricing, funding and financing.
- Established an on-going dialogue with each of the east coast road agencies to identify and seek alignment on **sustainability** goals and industry outcomes. Also facilitated a climate change workshop in Melbourne, and continue to work towards an industry-wide information hub on climate adaptation policy, strategy and issues.
- Participated in the Australian Low Carbon Transport Forum and the NSW Infrastructure Adaptation Panel. Formal submissions/presentations - NSW Parliamentary Committee on Transport & Infrastructure, DCCEE draft discussion paper, *Constraints and Barriers to Adaptation in the Transport Sector*, and COAG inquiry into national conditions of contract for construction procurement.
- Formalised an agreement with Austroads to work more closely together.
- Established a new industry award for technical excellence.
- President, David Stuart-Watt, represented RA on the Board of the International Road Federation (IRF). A deal was brokered to offer individual IRF memberships to each of our members.
- Participated in Austroads delegation to World Road Congress in Mexico.

Communication

We kept our industry informed.

- By year end, distribution of the **Insider** newsletter exceeded 4,000 – a 33% increase over the year.
- **RA Pipeline** continued to be well supported by the road agencies, providing a 'window' on major road construction projects coming to market.
- RA National Summit (June) attracted national media attention on road pricing.