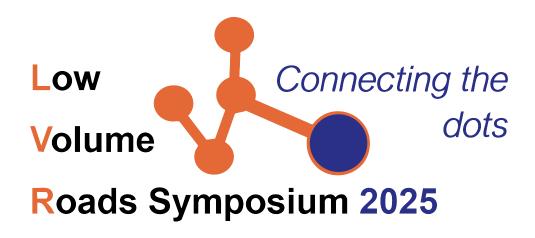


REAAA - Australian Chapter Venue: Double Tree by Hilton October 1-3, Alice Springs NT



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM





Connecting the dots

The low volume road network provides the vast majority, by length, of the Australian road network reaching from cities and towns into the most remote regions and communities in the country, yet they are often treated as a lower priority when compared to high volume roads, which dominate in discussions, research, and investment.

The Australian Chapter of the Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA) is staging a Symposium, whose theme, "Connecting the Dots" aspires to promote the same level of enthusiasm and relevance to practitioners and decision makers responsible for the planning, construction, and maintenance of low volume roads in Australasia. The Symposium will provide enhanced knowledge and capability in the sector.

Delegates from all over Australia and New Zealand will hear from a variety of industry technical experts and practitioners to discuss and debate some of the persistent challenges which face road managers, construction contractors, road freight and logistics providers, and most importantly the communities reliant on the low volume road network of Australia.

About the Symposium

The Symposium will be staged over three days commencing on the Wednesday afternoon Oct. 1, with technical sessions and workshops throughout, concluding with a site visit on the morning of Friday Oct. 3.

The Symposium venue is the Double Tree by Hilton, Alice Springs where the technical program will be staged, commencing on October 1 with a social Get-together held that evening. The following day the Official Opening will precede a day of technical sessions, following which Delegates will be transferred to the Alice Springs Golf and Bowls Club in time to witness the magnificence of the Central Australian Sunset. The Symposium Dinner event will be staged in a truly relaxing mode reflecting the manner of life in the red centre.

The Friday morning will provide for a site visit to local location/s to witness LVR construction firsthand and hear from the operators the details of the project and the methods employed to achieve optimum outcomes in the challenging circumstances face in such an environment experience in central Australia. Arrangement will be made to accommodate those Delegates leaving Alice Springs on flights later in the morning.

Invitation from the Chairman

Dr Richard Yeo, Chairman REAAA Australian Chapter

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in and take a leading role as a Sponsor for this Low Volume Roads (LVR) Symposium. The Symposium will bring together a range of key stakeholders, industry leaders, practitioners and decision-makers to share their wealth of knowledge and discuss ways to drive improved LVR outcomes. This Symposium will provide you with a unique opportunity to position your products or services with key targets in the industry and to build and reinforce strategic relationships in a cost-effective way, especially as Delegates, having travelled from all States and Territories of Australia, will be accessible in the one location.

Block Program

In line with the Symposium Theme – Connecting the Dots, final topics and specific presentations will be determined following a rigorous assessment of submissions from submitted Abstracts, complimented with several Invited Papers and Key Addresses from both the public and private sectors. This will ensure the final program will provide Delegates with stimulating presentations on these current important themes:

- Road Safety
- Road Research Resilience & Sustainability
- Skills &Education

- Transport & Freight
- Community & Local Government
- Asset Management

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Keynote Speaker

John Wearne AM, Symposium Ambassador

"Low Volume Roads - Vital to Australia's Wellbeing"

Ideally placed to present the Keynote Address, John Wearne AM has been involved in local government for over 40 years in a broad range of activities at Council/Shire level through to key roles in representative Associations. At a local level he served for over 20 years as a Councilor on the Bingara Shire Council, and its replacement, the Gwydir Shire Council in northern NSW, including 5 years as Mayor.

Recognised in the Australian Honours when in 2000 he was awarded an AM for "services to local government and to the community through conservation, arts and sporting organisations". For services to the NSW Centenary of Federation Committee he was awarded a Centenary Medal. His local government career included 8 years representing the Northwest/New England area on the Executive of the Shires Association of New South Wales, including 2 years as President between 1995 and 1997. Nationally, he served two terms as Senior Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association. During this period John also served as a Commissioner of the National Road Transport Commission.

Day 1: Wednesday, October 1

TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
2.00pm - 2.30pm		Arrival Coffee
2.30pm - 3.45pm	Session 1	Overview of Symposium Dr Richard Yeo REAAA Australian Chapter Chair State of the States - an overview Individual presentations - Australia wide coverage with Q&A segment
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Break	Displays Viewing
4.15pm - 5.20pm	Session 2	Technical Presentations 3 x 15 minute presentations 5 minute Q&A each
5.30pm - 6.40pm	Symposium Reception	Social Networking and display viewing
6.40pm	Free Choice	Explore Alice Springs Dining Options Delegates Choice

Day 2: Thursday, October 2

TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
7.45am - 8.30am		Coffee & Display viewing
8.30am - 9.45am	NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT Department of LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PEECE Pty Ltd	 Overview of Symposium and Official Opening REAAA Welcome, Dr Richard Yeo, Chair of Australian Chapter Northern Territory Government Welcome & Official Opening of Symposium, Ms Claire Brown, General Manager, Transport and Civil Infrastructure Keynote Address John Wearne AM, Symposium Ambassador
9.45am - 10.30am	Break	Displays Viewing
10.30am - 12.10pm	Session 4	Technical Presentations 4 x 15 minute presentations plus 5 minute Q&A each Panel Q&A (20 min)
12.15pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	Displays Viewing
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Session 5	Technical Presentations 3 x 20 minute presentations Panel Q&A (30 min)
3.00pm - 3.20pm	Break	Displays Viewing
3.20pm - 4.35pm	Session 6	Technical Presentations 3 x 18 minute presentations plus 7 minute Q&A each
4.35pm - 5.05pm	Session 7	Hot topics - Open Discussion
5.05pm - 5.25pm	Session 8	Presentation of the 2025 "Kieran Sharp Award for best Technical Presentation" Symposium Summary & Close Geoff Webb, Principal, GR Webb Consulting & Symposium Technical Advisor
5.35pm - 6.10pm	Coach Transfer	Coach Transfers from Double Tree Hotel to function
6.15pm - 9.15pm	Symposium Dinner	Dinner Social Function @ Alice Springs Golf & Bowls Club
9.15pm - 9.30pm	Coach Transfer	Coach Transfers return to Double Tree Hotel



Day 3: Friday, October 3

TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
7.30am - 12.15pm	Site Visit	Site visit/inspections & discussions
11.45am	Coach Transfer	Airport drop off for flights departing for Syd, Bris, Melb
12.15am - 12.45pm	Coach Transfer	Return to Double Tree Hotel for delegates making their own arrangements thereafter

REAAA Australian Chapter

The REAAA Australian Chapter was formed shortly after the formation of the Asian based parent organisation, REAAA, in 1973. For almost 50 years, the REAAA Australian Chapter has been promoting the science and practice of road transport engineering in the Asia-Pacific region through developing professional and commercial links within, and between, member countries.

The Australian Chapter holds two key positions within the REAAA Governing Council, with the National Transport Research Organisation (NTRO), formerly the ARRB, has fulfilled the role of Vice President of the REAAA Governing Council since its inception and the Chapter also holds the position of Chair of the Technical Committee (Dr. James Grenfell was recently appointed Chair following in the steps of the long-serving Mr Kieran Sharp).

Australian Chapter Members represent the full gamut of those involved in the road and transport industry in Australia, including government, consultants, research organisations and education centres. The Chapter also has a very active branch based in Western Australia.

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