

Low
Volume
Roads Symposium 2025

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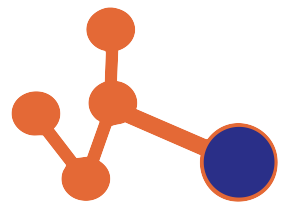
PROGRAM



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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.

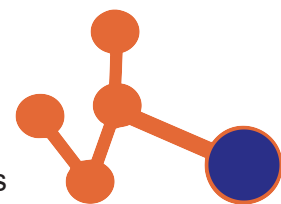
The Friday morning will provide for a visit to the National Road Transport Museum to hear technical presentations from experts in the industry and view the museum exhibits. This unique opportunity will give an insight to the history of road transport in central Australia and a chance to hear about the men and women who have been recognised in the transport industry over the years. Arrangements have been 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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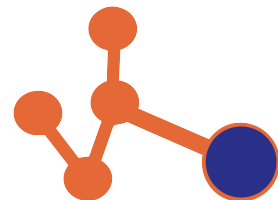
Keynote Speaker

John Wearne AM, Symposium Ambassador

“Low Volume Roads - Vital to Australia’s Wellbeing”

John was born in the small town of Bingara in north-western NSW. After involvement across many local organisations, he was elected to Bingara Shire Council in 1987. He became Shire President only two years later, beginning a 21 year local government career that saw him rise to the positions of President of the Shires Association of NSW and Senior Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association. ALGA was the springboard for John’s Road and Transport advocacy. The National Portfolio saw him attend both Austroads and National Ministerial Meetings. He was also instrumental in the first ALGA Local Road Congresses, which provided the rationale for the Roads to Recovery Fund. From 1999 to 2005 John was a Commissioner on The National Road Transport Commission (NRTC) and National Transport Commission (NTC), also serving on the NSW RTA Advisory Committee. In 2000 John was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for “Services to Local Government, and to the Community through Arts, Conversation and Sporting Organisations”.

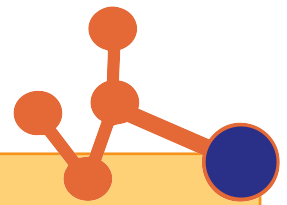
SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



Day 1: Wednesday, October 1

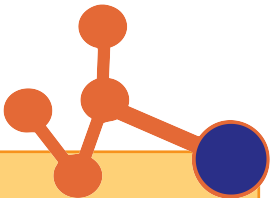
TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
2.00pm - 2.30pm		Arrival Coffee
2.30pm - 3.45pm	Session 1	OVERVIEW OF SYMPOSIUM • Dr Richard Yeo - REAAA Australian Chapter Chair • Mayoral Welcome - Mayor of Alice Springs STATE OF THE STATES - Facilitated by David Rolland • Steve Verity – Principal Advisor, IPWEA • Ross Guppy – Transport Infrastructure Program Manager, Austroads • Mark Bondietti – Manager, Transport & Roads WALGA
3.45pm - 4.15pm	Break	Displays Viewing
4.15pm - 5.20pm	Session 2	TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS • Local Government Transport and Road Research Innovation Program - Mark Bondietti, WALGA • Examples from LGTRRIP Program - Dr Richard, Yeo NTRO • Pavement Recycling Considerations - Nick Ryan, SPA • Surfacing LVR roads with graded bitumen seals - Trevor Distin, COLAS
5.30pm - 6.40pm	Symposium Reception	Social Networking and Display Viewing
6.40pm	Delegates Choice	Attend special EA Event at Lassiter's Hotel organised by Symposium Sponsor GHD Or Explore Alice Springs Dining Options
DAY ONE CLOSE		

Day 2: Thursday, October 2



TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
7.45am - 8.30am		Coffee & Display viewing
8.30am - 9.00am	Session 3 	OVERVIEW OF SYMPOSIUM AND OFFICIAL OPENING • <u>REAAA Welcome</u>, Dr Richard Yeo, Chair of Australian Chapter • <u>Northern Territory Government Welcome & Official Opening of Symposium</u>, Ms Claire Brown, General Manager, Transport and Civil Infrastructure
9.00am - 9.45am		KEYNOTE ADDRESS • John Wearne AM, Symposium Ambassador
9.45am - 10.30am	Break	Displays Viewing
10.30am - 12.10pm	Session 4	TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS • DLI / NT Cattleman's Association Strategic review of remote networks, Jake Norris, GHD • Polyroad Stabilisation, Adam Doolan, Polyroad Stabilising • MasterDust S Treatment, Damien Edwards, HIWAY • Pavement Preservation - An innovative solution to keep the good roads good, Simon Everett, Asphalt Preservation Company, New Zealand
12.15pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	Displays Viewing
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Session 5	TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS • Moving on from CBR – Embracing a Modulus-Based Approach, Robin Power, Insitutek • Lifeline Risk Indicator Tool, Ben Mason, Frontier Economics Pty. Ltd. • Alice Springs – Larapinta Drive – Mereenie Loop Upgrade, Bradley Hamilton, GHD
3.00pm - 3.20pm	Break	Displays Viewing
3.20pm - 4.35pm	Session 6	TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS • Future of Binders and sustainable Bitumen Supply, Michael He - Puma Energy Bitumen • Reducing Water Consumption on Low-Volume Mining Roads Using Dust Suppressant, Alvaro Gonzalez, NTRO/UC Chile, Chile • From Innovation to Impact: MultiPac and the Future of LVR Infrastructure, Taylor Samuel, Road Science

Day 2: Thursday, October 2 Cont'

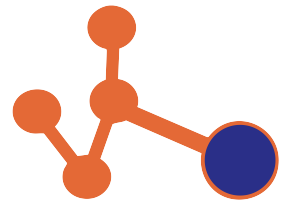


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4.35pm - 5.05pm	Session 7	Round up - David Rolland and Geoff Webb
5.05pm - 5.25pm	Session 8	Presentation of the 2025 “Kieran Sharp Award for best Technical Presentation” SYMPOSIUM SUMMARY & CLOSE Geoff Webb , Principal, GR Webb Consulting & Symposium Technical Advisor
5.25pm - 6.30pm	Free Time	
6.30pm Sharp	Meet in Hotel Foyer	In preparation for escorted walk to Golf Club
6.35pm - 6.45pm	Walk to Golf Club	Short walk from Double Tree via hotel pathway at rear
6.45pm - 9.30pm	Symposium Dinner 	Dinner Social Function at Alice Springs Golf & Bowls Club
9.30pm	Return to Hotel	Short Walk back to Double Tree Hotel
DAY TWO CLOSE		

Day 3: Friday, October 3

TIME	SESSION	ACTIVITY
9.00am	Coach Transfer	Group transfer to National Road Transport Museum
9.20am - 9.50am	Morning Tea	Welcome and Morning Tea
9.50am - 10.30am	Presentations	Background and History of Museum and Road Transport
10.30am - 12.00pm	Free Time	Inspection of vast Museum Exhibits
12.00pm	Coach Transfer	Coach to airport for delegates flying out early afternoon
12.40pm - 1.00pm	Coach Transfer	Coach from Museum to DoubleTree Hotel for remaining delegates
SYMPOSIUM CLOSE		

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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