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NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS 2014

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Mayor Dr Felicity-ann Lewis ALGA PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

THE NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS has always been, and continues to be, critical in influencing the Federal Government and Opposition on road and infrastructure policies.

Our Congresses have a reputation for influencing significant change. For example, the very first Congress resulted in the establishment of the Roads to Recovery program in 2000. Also, the 2011 Congress' campaign to renew the Roads to Recovery program was instrumental in securing the renewal of the program from 2014-2019.

Given the outcomes for local government in the Federal Government's recent budget, it is important that local government stakeholders present a united front when dealing with the new Government on road and transport issues, particularly funding.

In that end we are thrilled to have the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP and the Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP join us here in Tamworth.

A key aim of the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress is to highlight the importance of Federal funding in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges and reinforce the need for increased and permanent funding under the Roads to Recovery program beyond June 2019.

We will also focus on broader policy issues, such as transport challenge discussions on 'paddock to plate', the Inland Rail project, and improving transport access (from the aviation perspective and that of land transport, roads and bridges).

Finally, we have been very fortunate to secure as our international keynote speaker Mr Jack Short, former Secretary General of the esteemed International Transport Forum based in Paris. Mr Short will present on the theme of *Transport reform, the European story* as well as participate in other panel sessions.

I wish you a very productive Congress and a pleasant stay in the lovely regional centre of Tamworth.



MAYOR'S WELCOME



Col Murray MAYOR OF TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the local community and Tamworth Regional Council, I would like to welcome you to Tamworth for the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

The Congress organisers simply could not have chosen a better location for this important annual event. Not only does Tamworth have top class facilities and many visitor attractions, but our region relies heavily on roads and transport. Tamworth Regional Council is the largest local road authority in NSW. Our region covers an area of around 10,000 square kilometres with a local road network covering in excess of 3000 kilometres and including more than 300 bridge structures.

The road and transport industry is a vital part of the Tamworth region economy. The transport and storage industry employs about 4.9 per cent of the region's workforce. More than 40 per cent of transport and storage businesses in the Tamworth Region have an annual turnover of between \$150,000 and \$1 million each year.

All of the products our community buys from local businesses come here by road. Likewise, the majority of goods produced in this region go out by road.

To protect and prolong the life or our roads, Council works with a number of bodies including NSW Roads and Maritime Services and the Mid North Weight of Loads Group, as well as managing regular maintenance programs. The Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee and the Tamworth Transport Working Group provide technical advice and guidance to Council on a range of initiatives to raise public awareness and improve the safety of the region's roads.

In Council's 2014-15 Annual Operational Plan about \$20 million has been allocated to the maintenance of local road and transport infrastructure. A total of \$4.8 million of renewal works are planned for local sealed and gravel roads. Just under \$9 million in Roads and Maritime Services funding has been allocated for upgrading key arterial State roads including the Oxley Highway in Tamworth and Manilla Road in Tamworth.

Having already spent over \$20 million replacing and/ or upgrading some 34 timber bridges, Council will continue its Timber Bridge Management Strategy in this current financial year with \$1.748 million allocated for the replacement of a further eight bridges.

Like all Local Government, Tamworth Regional Council is finding it a challenge to close the widening gap between the amount of funding needed and the amount of funding actually spent on the maintenance and renewal of its roads and transport assets. On top of this we are also looking at ways we can plan, develop and fund future infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing region.

Our Council is keen to work with the ALGA to raise awareness of and tackle the issues which are relevant to ensure there is more funding for local roads and bridges in all communities across the nation.

With the interesting, varied and relevant program planned, I'm sure you will find your time at the Congress well spent.

But don't make your stay in Tamworth all about work. Our region has some wonderful visitor attractions which you should not miss. I invite you to return to Tamworth soon and further explore what we have on offer, including our world renowned Country Music Festival in January 2015.

l wish you all the best for your time at the conference – and your professional endeavours in the future.

CONGRESS PROGRAM

Wednesday 12 November 2014

» TAMWORTH MEMORIAL HALL									
5.00-7.00pm	Welcome Drinks								
5.15-5.25pm	SPEECHES: ALGA President and Col Murray , Mayor of Tamworth								

Thursday 13 November 2014

>> TAMWORTH REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE (TRECC) 9.00am **Opening Ceremony** 9.05am ALGA President's Welcome 9.30am Transport planning fit for the future Greg Martin AM PSM, former Chair of the National Transport Commission 10.00am Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Warren Truss MP 10.30am MORNING TEA 11:00am Presentation from Rollers Australia 11.20am Paddock to Plate – Boosting Agricultural Competitiveness Fiona Simson, President, NSW Farmers' Association 12.00noon Policy reforms: Will they address the transport challenges? Norm Mcllfatrick, former Secretary/CEO of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Tasmania LUNCH 12.30pm 1.30pm The Challenge of the Inland Rail The Hon John Anderson AO 2.00pm Council Forum Col Murray, Mayor of Tamworth Regional Council NSW Peter Maguire, Mayor of Central Highlands Regional Council QLD Angelo Catinari, General Manager, Urban Services, West Torrens City Council SA 3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.30pm	 Update on continuing policy priorities Professor Doug Baker, Queensland University of Technology: Airports (master planning, air safety regulation, developing regional networks) Sal Petroccitto, CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Representative of Australian Rural Roads Group (ARRG) 							
4.15pm	Update panel session							
5.00pm	Close							
7.00pm	Dinner							
	> THE AUSTRALIAN EQUINE AND LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTRE							

Friday 14 November 2014

TAMWORTH REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE (TRECC)

9.00am	Transport reform, the European story INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Jack Short, former Secretary General of the International Transport Forum (ITF), Paris
9.40am	Presentation from Jeff Roorda , JRA
9:50am	Asset management – Panel • Chris Champion, CEO IPWEA • Jeff Roorda, JRA
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
11:15am	 Rural Transport Funding – Workshop Andrew Jaggers, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Dominic Le Cerf, Manager, Works and Services, Shire of Plantagenet WA David Hitchcock, Director, Infrastructure, Local Government Association of South Australia
12.15pm	LUNCH
1.15pm	 Panel Session – Are we 'reformed out?' Jack Short, International speaker Andrew Jaggers, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Chris Champion, CEO IPWEA
2.15pm	President's Close



NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS **2014**

INVITED Speakers



THE HON WARREN TRUSS MP

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon Warren Truss MP is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

He became Leader of the Nationals in 2007 and is the longest serving federal leader of any political party in Australia today.

A third generation farmer from the Kumbia district near Kingaroy in Queensland, Mr Truss first won the federal seat of Wide Bay in 1990.

He was a Minister in the Howard Government for 10 years, serving as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 Mr Truss became the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and, in September 2006, was appointed Minister for Trade.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Truss was a Kingaroy Shire Councillor (1976 to 1990), including seven years as Mayor. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Grain Handling Authority and a member of the State Council of the Queensland Graingrowers Association for more than 10 years.

Mr Truss is also former State and National President of the Rural Youth Organisation and President of the Lutheran Youth of Queensland.

THE HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP

SHADOW MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT, SHADOW MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SHADOW MINISTER FOR CITIES

Anthony grew up in a public housing community in Camperdown and recognised early on the need to fight for social justice so that there was equal opportunity in society.

That is what led Anthony to joining the Australian Labor Party. He developed his political activity working for former prisoner of war and legendary Whitlam and Hawke Government Minister Tom Uren.

In 1996 Anthony was elected as the Member for Grayndler in Sydney's inner west, where he has lived his entire life.

Following the election of the Federal Labor Government in November 2007 Anthony became the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Leader of the House of Representatives.

Anthony was named Infrastructure Minister of the Year for 2012 by London based publication *Infrastructure Investor*.

In June 2013, he became Deputy Prime Minister, and also took on additional responsibility as Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Anthony was re-elected the Member for Grayndler in 2013 and is now the Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Shadow Minister for Tourism and was recently named Shadow Minister for Cities.

KEYNOTE Speakers



MR JACK SHORT

FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM

Jack Short joined the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) in 1984 and was Deputy Secretary General from 1993 to 2001, when he became Secretary General. Previously he worked for the Ministries of Transport and Finance in Ireland, as well as in transport research.

In 2006-07 he played a key role in the transformation of ECMT into the International Transport Forum and shaped its profile as a global, intermodal, open transport policy platform.

He was elected Secretary-General of the International Transport Forum in 2001, a post he held until 2011.

Mr. Short was educated at University College, Cork, and Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained Masters Degrees in Mathematics and Statistics.

He has also played on the national cricket teams for two countries – Ireland and France – including captaining the French team.

THE HON JOHN ANDERSON AO

FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIR OF THE INLAND RAIL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

John Anderson was born in Sydney, but his family have been graziers and landowners in northern New South Wales since the 1840s. He was a farmer and grazier on family properties before entering politics.

In 1989 Anderson was elected to the House of Representatives as MP for the rural seat of Gwydir, he soon was appointed to the Opposition front bench in 1992. In March 1993 he was elected Deputy Leader of the National Party.

When the Liberal Party under John Howard won the March 1996 elections and formed a coalition government with the National Party, Anderson became Minister for Primary Industries and Energy. In 1998 he shifted to become Minister for Transport and Regional Development.

When Tim Fischer retired as National Party leader in July 1999, Anderson was elected party leader without opposition and thus became Deputy Prime Minister. He helped to guide the National Party through a period of transition and dealt with a number of complex issues, including privatisation and national competition. He resigned from Cabinet in 2005 and did not seek reelection at the 2007 Federal Election.

On 13 June 2011, Anderson was named an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, particularly through support of rural and regional communities, transport development, and water management initiatives.

Among his many interests, he was appointed Chair of the Inland Rail Implementation Group in November 2013.



GUEST SPEAKERS



GREG MARTIN AM PSM

FORMER CHAIR, NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Greg Martin is Director and Principal of Greg Martin Transport Strategies Pty Ltd, a member of the Western Australian Freight and Logistics Council and the Transport Policy Advisory Group.

He is former Chair of the National Transport Commission and Deputy Chair of the Taxi Industry Board in Western Australia.

Until June 2011, Greg was Professor of Planning and Transport Studies at Curtin University and Executive Director of the Planning and Transport Research Centre (PATREC), a unique 'collaborative knowledge network' of the four Western Australian public universities.

Prior to joining PATREC in 2007, Greg was the Director General of the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Commissioner of Main Roads and Executive Director Metropolitan in the Department of Transport in Western Australia.

His earlier career developed through Commonwealth Government agencies and included specialist engineering, project director and corporate executive roles.

Greg holds Bachelor degrees in Engineering with First Class Honours and Commerce from The University of Western Australia, a Master of Science from The University of California, Berkeley and a Graduate Diploma in Urban Systems from Swinburne College of Technology.

Greg Martin was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in June 2014 for significant service to transport, particularly through the development of policy and industry reform and a Public Service Medal in 2008 for his outstanding service in the areas of planning and road infrastructure. Greg was awarded the 2010 Transport Medal by the National Committee on Transport Engineering of Engineers Australia and was Engineers Australia Eminent National Speaker on Transport in 2012. He was awarded Honorary Fellow membership in 2013.

NORM MCILFATRICK

FORMER SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND RESOURCES, TAS

As former Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Norm lead a diverse agency covering Road Infrastructure, Passenger Transport, Road Safety and Compliance, Motor Registry, Energy policy, Mineral Resources, Forestry Policy, Racing Integrity Services and a few other things!.

Before taking up this appointment in September 2008, Norm was Chief Executive of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (since 2004), and Managing Director of Aurora Energy (from 1999 to 2004). His broad background includes roles as a management consultant working on major national and international assignments and senior management positions in customer service, marketing, engineering services and strategic planning in private and public sector utilities.

Norm now works as consultant to industry and government and remains a champion of good and sensible policy reform.



JEFF ROORDA

JEFF ROORDA AND ASSOCIATES

Jeff Roorda established Jeff Roorda and Associates in 1993, principally to specialise in asset management planning for local government.

With an academic and professional background in surveying and civil engineering, Jeff has worked in asset and facilities management for over 20 years with a strong background in information technology and project management.

Jeff holds an Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.

JRA is recognised nationally as a leader in local government reform in the areas of asset management, capacity building and financial management.

JRA has a client base that includes all States and Territories of Australia together with the USA and Canada.

FIONA SIMSON

PRESIDENT, NSW FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

Fiona Simson is a Director of Plantation Trading Pty Ltd, a 5500ha mixed family farming enterprise near Premer on the Liverpool Plains in NSW. With broadacre farming and commercial and stud poll hereford cattle operations, Fiona is particularly responsible for the administration, marketing and risk management of the business.

Ms Simson holds a Bachelor Degree in Arts/Business, and has tertiary qualifications in workplace training and adult education. Elected President of NSW Farmers in 2011 on a platform of renewal, excellence and inclusiveness, Ms Simson is the first woman to fill this role.

With husband Ed, and children Jemima and Tom, Ms Simson is passionate about ensuring a strong future for agriculture, and maintaining a strong and united voice to ensure that farmers' voices are heard and taken into account at all levels of Government.







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Chris Champion, IPWEA National CEO



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COUNCIL FORUM & PANEL SESSION

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The Council Forum: Our Challenges, Our Solutions

The day to day challenges of delivering the transport services communities expect, is one of the greatest responsibilities that councils face. Those responsibilities are also vast in their scope and scale. The panel represents that diversity and will discuss how they have managed those challenges, including being a regional transport hub, recovery from natural disasters and having a major international airport in your backyard.

Panellists have come from both country and urban areas, with expertise based on their unique experience.

- Col Murray, Mayor of Tamworth Regional Council NSW
- Peter Maguire, Mayor of Central Highlands Regional Council QLD
- Angelo Catinari, General Manager, Urban Services, West Torrens City Council SA

Are we reformed out?

A good deal of the discussion about the future of the transport policy, is where the next reform is going to come from and what is it designed to do? This panel is designed to address the fundamental question ' Are we reformed out?'

Has 'reform' just become a routine practice that is done for its own sake? If not, are we pursuing the correct reform priorities? Are they being done in the correct way?

The members of this panel reflect a broad sweep of knowledge and experience, from both the Australian and International perspective.

- · Jack Short, International speaker
- Andrew Jaggers, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- · Chris Champion, CEO IPWEA

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Country Capital Motel	02 6765 5966

Bus transfers

Bus transfers have been arranged for delegates from the Congress hotels to the congress venue and back. Please refer below for a timetable.

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

4.45pm Pick up from hotels to Tamworth Memorial Hall for the Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

7.00pm Pick up from Tamworth Memorial Hall to congress hotels

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

8.15am & 8.30am Pick up from hotels to Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

5.00pm & 5.15pm Pick up from Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre to hotels

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

6.30pm Pick up from hotels to The Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre for the Congress dinner

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

10.00pm, 10.30pm & 11.00pm Pick up from The Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre back to the hotels after the Congress dinner

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

8.15am & 8.30am Pick up from hotels to Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

3.00pm Pick up from Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre to airport and hotels (if required).

Congress venue

Tamworth is a beautiful, vibrant and prosperous regional city approximately 500km north of Sydney and 600 km south of Brisbane; the city covers 184 sq km and is home to nearly 50,000 people. Tamworth is the 'capital city' of the New England North West region of NSW, serving around 182,000 people.

The 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre located on Greg Norman Drive, Tamworth.

Congress website

For congress updates please check the congress website at *www.alga.asn.au*

Delegate list

A delegate list with name, organisation and state will be supplied to all delegates at the Congress. Anyone who indicated on their registration form they did not want their name and organisation to appear on the list has not been included.

Dress code

Smart casual.

Evaluation survey

An online evaluation survey will be emailed to all delegates after the Congress. Delegates are encouraged to complete the Congress evaluation as it assists us to plan future Congresses.

Insurance

Registration fees do not include personal travel insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that, when registering for the congress and booking travel, a travel insurance policy is taken out to cover loss, cancellation, medical cover etc. for any reason. The congress committee and secretariat do not take responsibility for any delegate failing to insure.

Lost property

Please report all lost or found property immediately to the staff at the registration desk.

Luggage

Storage facilities for luggage will be available at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre. Please see staff at the registration desk. Please note no responsibility will be taken for items left in the storage area.



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Messages

Messages can be collected and left at the registration desk.

Mobile phones and pagers

As a courtesy to other delegates and speakers, please ensure that all mobile telephones and pagers are turned off or in 'silent' mode during all sessions and social functions.

Name badges

Your name badge must be worn at all times, as it is you entry to all sessions and social functions.

Parking

The Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre offers ample free public parking.

Registration desk

The registration desk will be located in the foyer of the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre and will remain open for the duration of the congress. The registration desk will act as your point of contact throughout the Congress. If you have any queries or special requirements please do not hesitate to ask.

Registration desk opening hours

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014

3.00pm-4.30pm *5.00pm-7.00pm at Welcome Drinks

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

8.00am-5.00pm

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

8.00am-3.00pm

Special requirements

Every effort has been made to ensure people with special requirements are catered for. If you require any specific assistance, catering or arrangements to be made on your behalf, please see the staff at the registration desk.

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome reception

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014 5.00PM-7.00PM

» inclusive in registration fees

VENUE Tamworth Memorial Hall DRESS Smart Casual

This is your opportunity to catch up with fellow congress delegates and ALGA staff over some light refreshments. Extra tickets for accompanying persons/partners can be purchased at \$45 per ticket.

Congress dinner

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014 7.00PM-11.00PM

» inclusive in registration fees

VENUE The Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre DRESS Smart Casual

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Australian Rural Roads Group

The Australian Rural Roads Group (ARRG) is an alliance of over 20% of all local governments in Australia, comprising much of Australia's rural and remote local government areas. These are very productive communities that contribute significantly to national wealth. But the ageing roads that underpin their productivity are under threat from under-investment over many decades.

In the ARRG's view, this all stems from a national road charging and funding system that is fundamentally poorly designed, as it refuses to base itself on accurate road condition reporting; it is a highly-theoretical, highly averaged system that is not meeting the real funding needs of this vital infrastructure.

The ARRG seeks to promote genuine reform through structural change to how this nationally significant asset group is planned, managed and funded across three levels of government.

The ARRG has made significant in-roads in promoting this issue with the Federal Government through Infrastructure Australia and the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Both these bodies accept the ARRG as a peak body representing the interests of rural Australia.

Access to the reports and case studies of the ARRG can be made via the website:

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