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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress. This event has built a reputation for influencing significant change, and as this is expected to be the last Roads Congress before the 2016 Federal Election, it is your opportunity to ensure both the Government and Opposition understand the key concerns Local Government share in this crucial area.

For many councils, local roads and bridges are their single largest area of expenditure and present the greatest challenge in terms of asset management and financial sustainability.

ALGA's advocacy has contributed to some significant outcomes at the Federal level in recent years including new funding for bridges, a longer term commitment to the Roads to Recovery program and a massive injection of extra funding for that vital program. However, none of that would have been possible without a strong and united Local Government voice.

A key aim of this year's Local Roads Congress is to highlight the importance of Federal funding to local government in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges. But this issue goes beyond funding, to how strong and effective relationships are built and maintained between the Federal Government and Local Government.

The R2R program was doubled in 2015-16 and, as a result of our continued work on R2R and Financial Assistance Grants, the first two years

of the indexation of fuel excise has been allocated to additional R2R funding. These are fantastic outcomes for the R2R program, but we need to continue to make our case, especially in the lead up to the next Federal election, to ensure this funding commitment finds permanent support across the political spectrum. That is why this Congress is so important.

Your attendance at this year's Congress shows your support for the work that ALGA and your state and territory associations do to secure better funding for local government roads and infrastructure. Not only does it demonstrate the need for continued programs, but the Congress can also assist by showcasing how effectively Commonwealth funds are being utilised.

The 2015 Congress program has a strong focus on collaboration – between towns, cities, regions and jurisdictions. The theme ***Connecting Communities: Driving the Nation*** highlights the reality that our national prosperity relies on building networks between communities and linking local roads with regional and national routes.

Your council's experience and knowledge will help to make the 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress a success and provide the ALGA Board with important input as we develop our election position for 2016.

I look forward to a positive and productive Congress.



(Signature)
Mayor Troy Pickard
 ALGA PRESIDENT

MAYOR'S WELCOME

As Mayor of Ballarat it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our great city for the National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

The congress event is significant for local councils such as ours. It not only provides us with direct access to both the government and opposition but also gives us a valuable opportunity to communicate our financial and asset management concerns associated with building and maintaining the local roads and bridges within our municipality. The responsibility has ongoing implications in terms of cost and asset management.

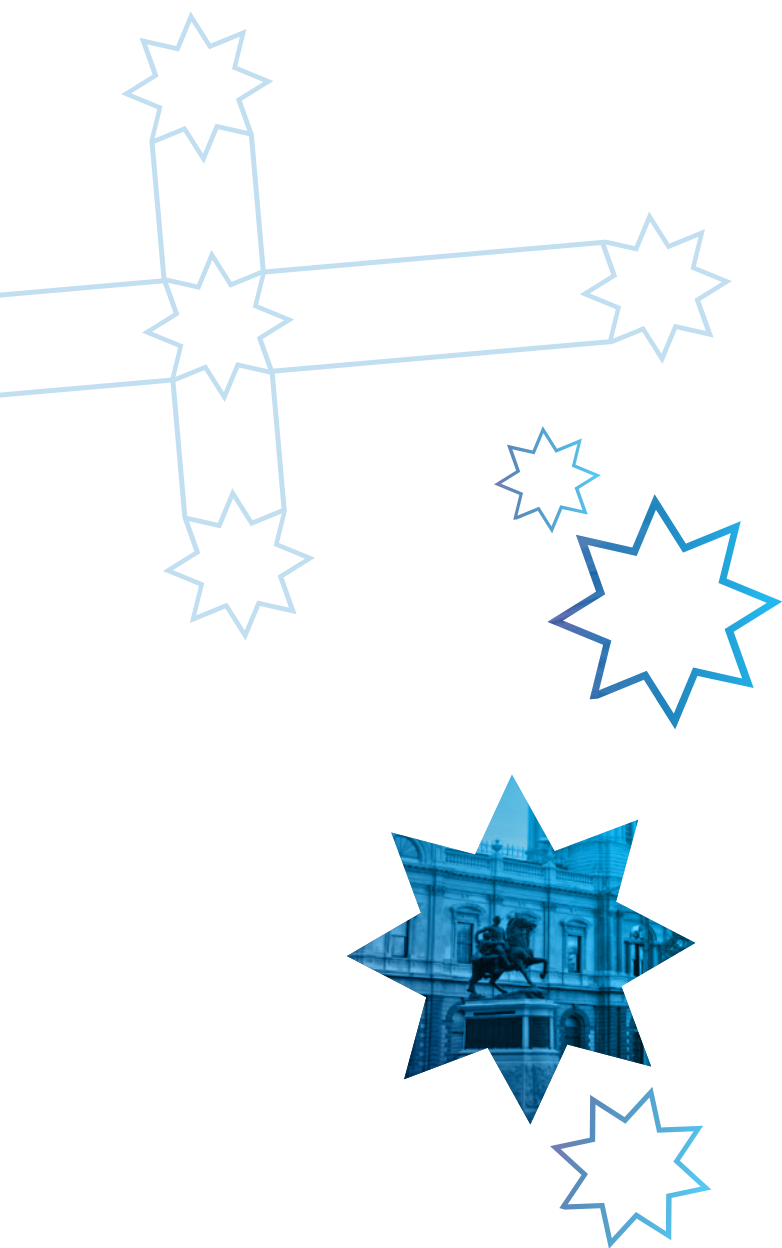
We are delighted you have chosen our city for the congress event and while you are here we encourage you to take the time to enjoy all that Ballarat has to offer.

Ballarat has some of Australia's best, intact heritage architecture and Lydiard Street is a wonderful example. Our Lake Wendouree and Botanical Gardens precinct is a must-see. You can take in a show at Australia's oldest working theatre Her Majesty's, enjoy a cultural experience at the historic Art Gallery of Ballarat or visit our city's most popular attraction the award-winning Sovereign Hill where you can explore the region's fascinating gold rush history.

I hope the 2015 National Local Roads and Transport Congress is a great success and that you enjoy your stay in Ballarat.



Cr John Philips
MAYOR OF BALLARAT



CONGRESS PROGRAM

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

5:00–7:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION Sovereign Hill Historic Park
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WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

9:00 am	OPENING ADDRESS ALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard
9:30 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Progressing Productivity Reforms</i> Philip Davies , Chief Executive, Infrastructure Australia
10:00 am	Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
10:50 am	PRESENTATION Australian Rural Roads Group
11:00 am	PANEL SESSION <i>Regional Council Groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute for Supply Chain Logistics, Victoria University, Rose Elphick Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils, Julie Briggs Western Highway Action Committee, John Martin, Horsham Rural City Council
12:30 pm	PRESENTATION BMW Australia
12:45 pm	LUNCH
1:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS Boosting National Productivity <i>Regional Challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure, WALGA Mike Brady, Gen Manager, Infrastructure, Toowoomba Regional Council Leanne Seddon, Associate Director, Infrastructure Advisory, Ernst & Young <i>Metropolitan/Urban Challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craig Rowley, CEO LeadWest Sameem Moshli, Manager, Traffic & Safety, Metropolitan South East Region, VicRoads Samantha Taylor, Principle Adviser and Team Leader – ARRB
3:00 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30 pm	<i>Reform Progress</i> Sal Petrocitto , Chief Executive Officer, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
4:00 pm	<i>Launch of State of the Assets Reports</i> Roads and Community Infrastructure Assets, Jeff Roorda , JRA and Associates
5:00 pm	DAY ONE CLOSE
6:30 pm	OFFICIAL DINNER Pre-dinner drinks: Ballarat Art Gallery Dinner: Mining Exchange

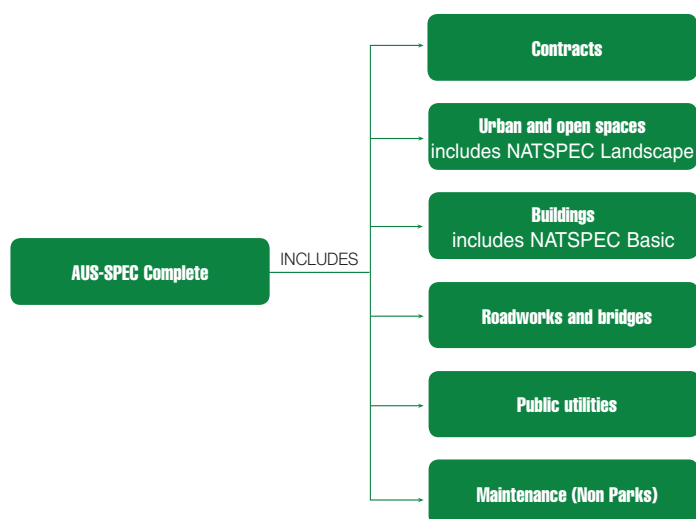
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

9:00 am	<i>The Future of National Infrastructure Strategies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Hall, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Paul Retter, Chief Executive, National Transport Commission
9:45 am	Professor John Woodrooffe , University of Michigan Transport Research Institute
10:15 am	Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP
10:45 am	MORNING TEA
11:10 am	PRESENTATION Tyre Stewardship
11:15 am	PANEL SESSION <i>Ongoing Policy Challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lt Col Sean Fleming, Deputy Director National Logistics, Defence's Land 121 Project Mary Lydon, Chief Scientific Adviser, ARRB David Darwin, Program Manager Assets, Austroads (NZ)
12:45 pm	LUNCH
1:45 pm	Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP
2:15 pm	National Policy and Election Priorities
3:15 pm	President's Closing Address
3:30 pm	CONGRESS CLOSE





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SPEAKER PROFILES



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 and 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, and the Shadow Minister for Tourism. In 2014 he added Shadow Minister for Cities to his responsibilities.

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP

Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects

Paul Fletcher is the Minister for Territories, Local Government and Major Projects.

He entered Parliament in December 2009 as the Member for Bradfield; was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications in September 2013; and was appointed to his present role in September 2015.

Before entering Parliament, Paul was Director, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, at Optus for eight years; established a consulting firm serving the communications sector; and in 2009 his book about broadband, *Wired Brown Land* was published by UNSW Press.

Earlier in his career Paul was Chief of Staff to the Minister for Communications in the Howard Government, Senator Richard Alston.

He has dual first class honours degrees in law and economics from The University of Sydney and an MBA from Columbia University in New York where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Paul has been politically active since the age of 16 and was active in student politics at Sydney University. He was a champion university debater, twice reaching the finals of the World Universities Debating Championship.

Paul lives in Roseville with his wife Manuela, step-son Gabriel and son Hugo.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Philip Davies

Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Australia

Philip Davies is the CEO of Infrastructure Australia (IA), with a fresh mandate to provide independent expert advice to all levels of government as well as investors and owners of infrastructure on policy and planning.

IA publicly advocates for reforms on key issues including means of financing, delivering and operating infrastructure and how to better plan and utilise infrastructure networks.

In May IA released the Australian Infrastructure Audit, the first comprehensive independent review of Australia's infrastructure and our future needs across transport, water, energy and telecommunications.

IA is currently preparing the 15-year Australian Infrastructure Plan – a strategic framework for addressing Australia's infrastructure needs.

Philip is an experienced infrastructure executive who has had over 25 years shaping policy, delivering nationally significant infrastructure projects, and leading reform within the infrastructure sector.

Before joining Infrastructure Australia as CEO, he led AECOM's Infrastructure Advisory business in Asia Pacific providing government and private sector clients with infrastructure policy, strategy, business, program, planning and operations advice.

Whilst Director of Traffic Operations for Transport for London (TfL), Philip developed a long term vision for proactive, long term integrated transport management in London. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of Engineers Australia.



Sal Petrocitto

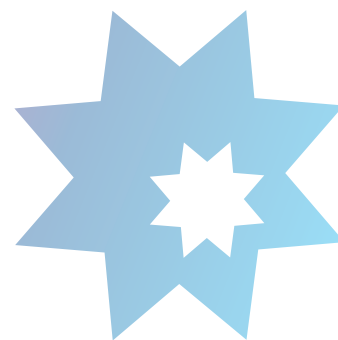
*Chief Executive Officer,
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator*

Since taking up his position Sal has championed significant transformational change across the NHVR, working to ensure the Regulator has the right operational focus and capability to fulfil its remit under the HVNL. He has been executing a strong plan towards the one regulator one rulebook ethos that is delivering results for the heavy vehicle transport industry today while positioning the regulator to ensure it is agile and responsive to drivers and changes within the industry into the future.

Formerly General Manager of the Roads, Rail and Ports System Management Division with the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, Sal was responsible for the development of key strategies and policies for the state's transport system and had overall coordination of the state's multi-modal freight policy agenda. He led significant reform agendas on behalf of the department across the transport portfolios and built strong working relationships across the transport and logistics industry.

Sal has an extensive knowledge of transport policy and regulation and the operational challenges of the heavy vehicles industry. Sal was the Queensland representative on the NHVR Project Implementation Board and the Board of Transport Certification Australia.

Sal has extensive experience across the private sector, state and local government, holding senior leadership roles in transport and logistics, transport planning, strategic planning and client service management.





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.



Professor John Woodrooffe

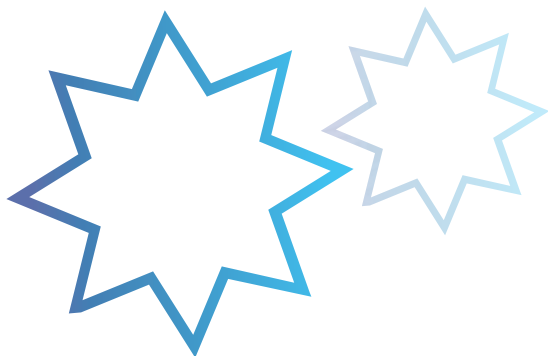
University of Michigan Transport Research Institute

John Woodrooffe is a research scientist and director of UMTRI's Commercial Vehicle Research and Policy Program and head of UMTRI's Vehicle Safety Analytics group. He has over 35 years of experience in vehicle-related research and is an international expert in large vehicle stability and control, transport safety, and efficiency, including, vehicle productivity, fuel use, and environmental impact. He managed the research crash database "Trucks Involved in Fatal Accidents" (TIFA), which investigates all fatal truck crashes in the U.S. He has participated in many large international technical projects and has been a member of vehicle-related OECD technical expert working groups, most recently the OECD/JTRC project entitled "Heavy Vehicles: Regulatory, Operational and Productivity Improvements." This Paris-based international task force examined regulatory concepts and future truck technology for sustainable road transport.

Professor Woodrooffe is a member of the SAE Truck and Bus Council, ITS America Coordinating Council, and is chair of ITS America's Commercial Vehicle and Freight Mobility Forum. He is principal investigator for three significant U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) heavy vehicle safety technology projects.

He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Fuel Economy of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Trucks, occupying the role of Working Group Leader for Fuel Economy Metrics Development.

His current research focuses on the effectiveness of crash avoidance and connected vehicle technologies, including the performance characteristics of large vehicles, particularly with respect to their interaction with light vehicles and the performance characterisation of large vehicles in the context of societal value.



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SESSION PROFILES

Concurrent sessions

1:30pm, Wednesday 18 November

REGIONAL/RURAL ISSUES

On the back of resources and agriculture, it's clear that much of what makes Australia internationally competitive and prosperous comes from our rural and regional areas. This session is focused on getting people thinking about what has or had not worked in the past and today and what lessons we can apply to future policy to improve connectivity (e.g. first mile/last mile and pinchpoints) in rural and regional Australia.

The panel has years of experience in policy development, analysis and practical application. Each brings their unique perspective and will foster sometimes spirited debate and discussion.

CONNECTING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA TO THE WORLD

While much of Australia's resource economy is based in rural and regional Australia, the highways and railways they travel on end in, and the ports that send them into the world, are based in metropolitan and urban Australia. It is also important to consider the impact of a renewed interest from the Federal Government in cities and a focus on what really are the most effective and efficient ways to get people and freight through and around our cities?

It is just as important that regional and rural Australia is aware of the challenges that urban and metropolitan councils face, as is the reverse. How do urban roads manage large-scale freight movements? What innovations are in place now, or being developed for the future to manage congestion? And how can stronger relationships between regional and urban Australia ensure that our vibrant national economy remains just that?

Panel sessions

REGIONAL COUNCIL GROUPS SESSION

11:00am, Wednesday 18 November

This panel session will provide insight into the way that councils are proactively addressing their collective road transport challenges and interests. This session also responds to the Productivity Commission's (PC) 2014 *Public Infrastructure* inquiry final report which envisaged a transition to the establishment of road funds for economically sustainable roads through the establishment of road funds at the state, territory and local government levels.

The Federal Government's response to the report acknowledged that "... to test the practical application of Road Funds could be implemented as pilot schemes, ... which allows multiple local governments to cooperate and have greater input into road improvements specific to their regions' needs. While local councils' primary responsibility is to their constituents, regional collaboration is a good thing, particularly for determining the priorities within local regional networks for routes that are best used for freight movement. This needs planning, coordination and collaboration between neighbouring councils, as well as input from industry and well as state/territory road agencies. This session will show that local councils are already active in addressing local regional route challenges.

ONGOING POLICY CHALLENGES

11:15am, Thursday 19 November

This panel session will cover three distinct road transport challenges – road safety, defence heavy vehicle access and road asset data harmonisation.

Professor Mary Lydon will draw on the recent review of the National Road Safety Strategy and other current research to provide an overview of new directions for road safety policy. Lt Col Sean Fleming will introduce Defence's Directorate of National Logistics as the key point of contact for engagement with national support-based stakeholders, including affected local councils. He will discuss the need for local government engagement for road access arrangements for Defence's new fleet of heavy vehicles under the Land 121 project. David Darwin is the State Highway Outcomes Delivery Manager for the New Zealand Transport Agency, as well as the Programme Manager for the Austroads Assets Research Programme. He is an expert in the asset management field. David will present on a major new Austroads project that is just commencing, the purpose of which is to develop a common meta-data standard for road asset management.



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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.

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Airport transfers

Transfers from Melbourne Airport to the Congress hotels will be offered at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Welcome reception

Coaches will depart from all Congress hotels (except Ballarat Lodge) at 4.45pm and return from 6.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Daily shuttle to the Congress at Ballarat Lodge

Coaches will depart from all Congress hotels (except Ballarat Lodge) at 8.15am and return at 5.00pm.

Congress dinner

Coaches will depart from all Congress hotels (including Ballarat Lodge) at 6.15pm and return from 9.45pm.

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Daily shuttle to the Congress at Ballarat Lodge

Coaches will depart from all Congress hotels (except Ballarat Lodge) at 8.15am and return at 3.45pm.

Airport transfers

Coaches will depart at 3.45pm and 4.15pm from Ballarat Lodge to Melbourne Airport.

Congress venue and location: Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre

Ballarat is Victoria's largest inland city, located on the Yarrowee river an hour west of Melbourne. Ballarat is known for being a historic city and home to the richest alluvial gold field in the world.

The 2015 National Roads and Transport Congress will be held at the Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre which is a five minute drive from Sturt Street, the city's main thoroughfare.

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 did not select the box releasing their information will not be included.

Dress code

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DINNER 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.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

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.

Luggage

Storage facilities for luggage will be available at the Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre. Please note no responsibility will be taken for items left in the storage area.

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 your entry to all sessions and social functions.

Parking

The Ballarat Lodge and Convention Centre offers ample free public parking.

Registration desk

The registration desk will be located in the foyer of the Ballarat Lodge and Convention 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

Tuesday 17 November 3.00pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 18 November 8.00am-5.00pm
Thursday 19 November 8.00am-3.00pm

Taxis

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Welcome reception

Tuesday 17 November

5.00pm-7.00pm

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VENUE Sovereign Hill Historic Park

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Congress dinner

Wednesday 18 November

6.30pm-10.00pm

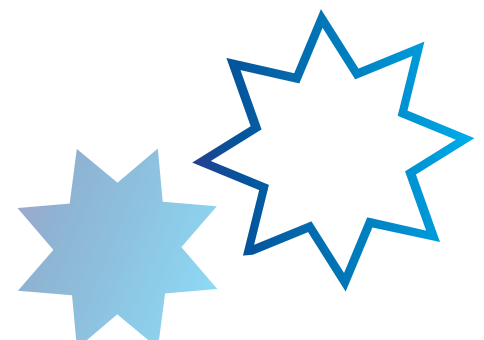
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VENUE *Pre-dinner drinks* The Art Gallery of Ballarat

VENUE *Dinner* The Mining Exchange

DRESS Smart Casual

The annual Congress conference dinner is a fantastic opportunity to relax and network with your friends and colleagues. Extra tickets for accompanying persons/partners can be purchased at \$95 per ticket.



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The Australian Rural Roads Group was founded in June 2010 by a number of rural local governments from around Australia frustrated with the local road funding and maintenance challenges.

The group recognised that rural local governments are struggling to fund more efficient road investments with dwindling populations of rural ratepayers, limited access to alternative revenue streams available to urban councils, and made even more difficult when grant funding doesn't recognise or reward productivity.

The ARRg's original membership was of highly productive rural councils, each producing over \$100 million in commodities each year, but the group quickly expanded to include all councils interested in a better road funding model.

The group has published leading research and recommendations on structural reform of Australia's road funding system, much of which has found strong support from Infrastructure Australia.

The ARRg continues its commitment to policy excellence and a better way forward for local funding and management through published research and regional transport modelling.



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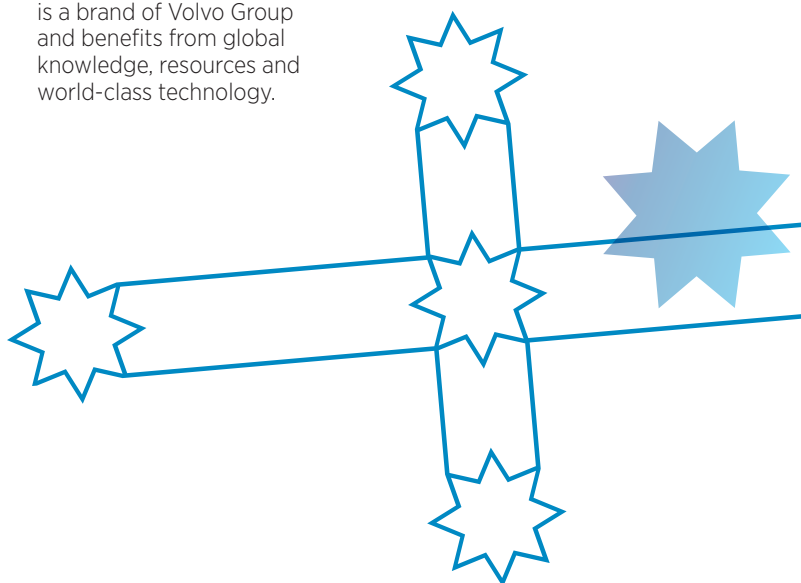
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