

The background of the entire page is a long-exposure photograph of a multi-lane highway at night. The image shows light trails from vehicles, with red trails on the left side of the road and white/yellow trails on the right side, indicating traffic flow. The road curves into the distance under a dark sky with some clouds.

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Chairman's Report



Gary Liddle, Chairman of ARRB

ARRB scientists and engineers have a long and proud history based on their achievements in a research-based organisation through the latter part of the 20th Century. The ongoing challenge confronting us and our customers – along with most organisations – is how to adapt to a faster-paced, leaner, more value-for-money conscious world.

ARRB explicitly included demonstrating value for money in its strategic objectives in 2014. It is pleasing to be able to reflect that in 2014 all four of the strategic objectives we set ourselves, including value for money, were delivered. Members should be pleased with the outcomes described over the following pages.

I am also pleased to note that ARRB is adapting to the new world, recognising that in order to deliver value, its research must be able to be used. The research must be followed by development of implementable outcomes, and by supporting members and their agents in implementing those outcomes. This was evidenced in 2014 by the work done with operationalising the Traffic Speed Deflectometer and adopting high modulus asphalt (EME2), amongst others.

I wish to thank Les Wielinga for his service as the ARRB Chair throughout 2014. In a short time, he has left a legacy which recognises the need to stay focused on offering value for money, whilst actively managing the longer term sustainability and value of ARRB. In this vein I also wish to thank my fellow Directors and ARRB staff for their continued commitment and support throughout 2014.

Continuing the theme of 2014 all at ARRB recognise we live in a world of rapid change, a world where there is no business as usual, people's expectations and their timelines are shorter than ever before. Customers need a fast response and enduring solutions. This is the mindset we have taken into 2015.

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Managing Director's Report

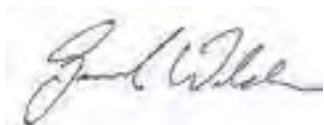
In 2014, ARRB continued to support its partners to achieve operational cost savings, contributing to outstanding returns on their research, development and implementation (R,D&I) investments. In one instance these returns are explicitly evaluated at A\$1.60 in the first year for each A\$1 invested, with returns in subsequent years multiplying the savings, as the new best practice is implemented more widely.

Road and transport agencies the world over are dealing with the complexity of community needs and aspirations, while funds are increasingly constrained. In response, ARRB and its international national research institute counterparts are focussing increasingly on supporting agencies in the implementation of best practice research outcomes, so that agencies are able to deliver increasing value for money in their services to the public.

We now strive to work at the highest Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) -8 & 9- by supporting industry and agencies' demonstration programs and implementation. As partners in the implementation of best practice, we support modernisation in agencies so they deliver increasingly cost-effective community outcomes.

The full spectrum of TRLs is needed for innovation. Thus, at the lowest TRLs, ARRB supports and encourages university research. In the mid-range TRLs, we work collaboratively with universities and agencies in the applied research field. So the full spectrum is available to support innovation.

In a world where 'doing more with less' is an ongoing process, ARRB will continue to support the adoption of evidence-based best practice and thus be a valued partner to road and transport agencies. I am proud of the work ARRB has done to this end, and our staff who make it possible.



Gerard Waldron, Managing Director of ARRB

Australian and New Zealand Perspective

On a global scale, Australia and New Zealand have extensive investments in their road and transport infrastructure.

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Australia | World ranking

Road km/100,000 people	Road network, km ('000)	Population million	GDP A\$ trillion
3,657	823	22.5	1.5
5	9	56	20

New Zealand | World ranking

Road km/100,000 people	Road network, km ('000)	Population million	GDP A\$ billion
2,136	94	4.4	208
13	50	127	71

Australia has the fifth largest network length per head of population, but only the 20th largest economy to support it. New Zealand has the 13th highest network length per head of population, but only the 71st largest economy to support it. The imperative is therefore to do more with less, compared to other parts of the world. The opportunity for ARRB in this is supporting innovation in road agencies through a combination of research, development and implementation (R,D&I) activities. Wherever possible, this will involve adapting overseas R&D to Australasian conditions.

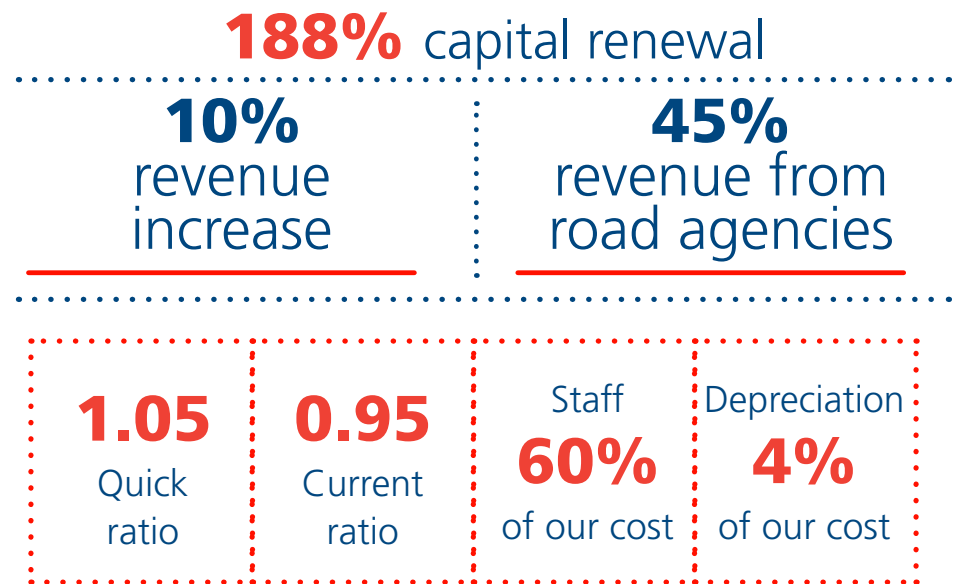
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ARRB's Contribution

As a trusted advisor on roads and transport, we aim to help agencies accommodate reduced budgets, whilst ensuring the current and future needs are met.

Maximising the return of research, development and innovation for the industry is of critical importance. One of our strategies to address this is to recommend that wherever possible road agencies adopt existing overseas research outcomes and tools for Australasian conditions. Some of these may require adaptation, depending on the influence of local conditions and the relevance of overseas technologies.

The 2014 Annual Report outlines the important work we have undertaken in order to support our strategic goals and in turn support the industry.





Images by Joshua Seskis, ARRB Group



Our strategic goals

Knowledge

Provide a knowledge base for use by stakeholders

- Manage global knowledge dissemination for and with stakeholders
- Maintain and leverage international and domestic networks with researchers and universities
- Lead, maintain, manage and advance knowledge of roads and transport
- Understand members' information needs

People

Ensure the sustainability of expertise in critical technical areas

- Identify existing gaps and emerging critical areas
- Use networks to manage the industry's human capital
- Lead by example in placing quality of staff ahead of quantity in order to ensure sustainability
- Encourage tomorrow's experts to participate
- Advance transport system expertise

Participation

Contribute to the modernisation, cost-effectiveness and sustainability of the transport system

- Provide strategic advice and knowledgeable input into development of the research programs
- Participate in and encourage effective governance of research
- Undertake relevant research
- Transition research and technology innovations into practical applications, e.g. infrastructure standards for driverless vehicles

Value

Demonstrate value for money in delivery of all our services

- Implement continuous improvement in research team structure and capability, people skills and research methodology
- Selectively target competitively tendered research commissions
- Improve the availability of relevant information to members and clients
- Understand and articulate the contribution ARRB research makes to the administration, planning, development, maintenance and operation of the transport system
- Understand and articulate the contribution ARRB research makes to transport system users, the environment and the economy
- Pro-actively monitor, measure and promote benefits and value delivered, to all stakeholders

Goal | Knowledge

Provide a knowledge base for use by stakeholders

Two main National Interest Services benefits:

- online knowledge resources and alerting services to aid decision support.
- coordination and collaboration to aid resource sharing and information access.

A managed world of knowledge counteracting risk

The strategic investment by our members in National Interest Services (NIS) is run by the MG Lay Library. The library provides significant benefits, including;

- Access to online knowledge research and alerting services to support decision making
- Access to and sharing of worldwide information and resources.

Our members benefit from investing in the NIS through knowing their policies and actions are based on the best available knowledge which in turn lowers risks associated with trying to provide cost-effective infrastructure and access to safe, sustainable and reliable journeys for freight and people.



During the course of 2014 we confirmed with NIS investors that the offerings of ongoing relevance were:

- Online knowledge resources and alerting services, specifically:
 - Australian Transport Index (ATRI)
 - Making News in Transport
 - Rail Knowledge Bank
 - ARRB Knowledge Base
- Collaboration nationally and internationally to aid resources sharing and information access via:
 - Leadership of the Tranzinfo network of Australasian transport libraries
 - Leadership of the OECD's International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD) program to foster connections and ensure efficient national access to relevant transport information and developments, including the Transport Research International Documentation (TRID) database
- Evolution from library to knowledge managers:
 - In literature searches, to improve the efficiency of those seeking to use the results
 - Assessment of quality of reference material, to ensure only robust and reliable information is provided.

Collectively, these activities all serve to place a world of managed knowledge into the hands of decision makers as part of their structured risk management practices.

Transport Research International Documentation database receives

1.8
million visits
a year

approx.
5,000
per day

1 visitor
/ **17** seconds



Goal | Knowledge



19
different
countries
represented

200
presentations

793
delegates

Placing the latest knowledge in the hands of practitioners

The internet has provided boundless opportunities for knowledge transfer. We use these opportunities to help agencies and other bodies implement best practice, and therefore save lives and money and improve effectiveness. We were an early adopter of webinar technology, and continues to grow this as a means of reaching customers in the convenience of their own offices, saving travel expenses and maximising time available to these busy individuals to carry out their daily tasks.

A key webinar activity in 2014 was our engagement with the National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSPP) to deliver webinars promoting the work that NRSPP partner organisations are conducting internally to improve road safety. The objective is to pass on the wisdom gained by individual partners to the widest possible audience, to improve road safety outcomes in other organisations and improve the return on the investment made by these partners.

80 learning opportunities

40 workshops



674 attendees

40 webinars



1,103 attendees

Accessing a wider web of knowledge and expertise

Because they are so key to the innovation process upon which road agencies will increasingly depend to 'do more with less', we have active engagement with universities around the world. Our involvement with universities ensures coursework is aligned to the industry needs and students are equipped with the most up-to-date knowledge.

Key activities include:

- Staff sitting on University advisory boards, such as the Institute of Transport Studies at Monash University
- Key staff holding Adjunct Professorships at various universities
- Providing guest lectures at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Providing university research support including:
 - Supervising Ph.D. students as part of the NACOE partnership with Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and as part of Austroads' targeted development of expertise
 - Providing assistance to prospective Ph.D. students and their supervisors to find topics of research that are relevant to road agencies.



Our interaction with universities can often provide a direct financial benefit to members. We are collaborating with the Department of Chemistry at Queens's University, Ontario Canada on cutting edge work on performance characterisation of bitumen and polymer modified binders. Using specialised equipment at the Queen's University laboratory has saved our members approximately A\$100,000 to date.

Image by Will Hore-Lacy, ARRB Group

Goal | Knowledge



ARRB-Austroads partnership continues to deliver best practice for Australian and New Zealand road agencies

During 2014, our collaborative partnerships continued to deliver relevant, high quality research-based outcomes.

Implementing best practice has been shown to save up to 40%* in overseas road and transport programs. Development and documentation of best practice and placing it in the hands of practitioners therefore has a direct financial return to agencies. In 2014, we continued to work in partnership with Austroads to serve the needs of Australian and New Zealand member road agencies in this way. This long-standing collaboration continues to deliver relevant, high quality, research-based outcomes and to build our expertise and that of our research collaboration network.

The Austroads-ARRB work program focusses on five core discipline areas amongst the wide range of technical areas covered. The following list highlights ten of the key outputs from this program of applied research across the core discipline areas in 2013-14.

Asset management

- Assessing network-level structural condition data using the Traffic Speed Deflectometer (TSD)
- Development of interim road deterioration models for roughness, rutting and cracking – specifically for prediction of rapid road wear associated with increased heavy vehicle trafficking.

Bituminous surfacings

- Development of a new bitumen ageing predictor test for conventional and polymer modified bitumens. This enables improved knowledge as local refineries close and bitumen is increasingly imported from a variety of different sources

* McKinsey Global Institute, New York, *Infrastructure productivity: How to save \$1 trillion a year* | 2013.

- Achievement of greater confidence in maximising Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) through the development of a robust, less time-consuming, approach to characterising asphalt binders containing RAP.

Pavement technology

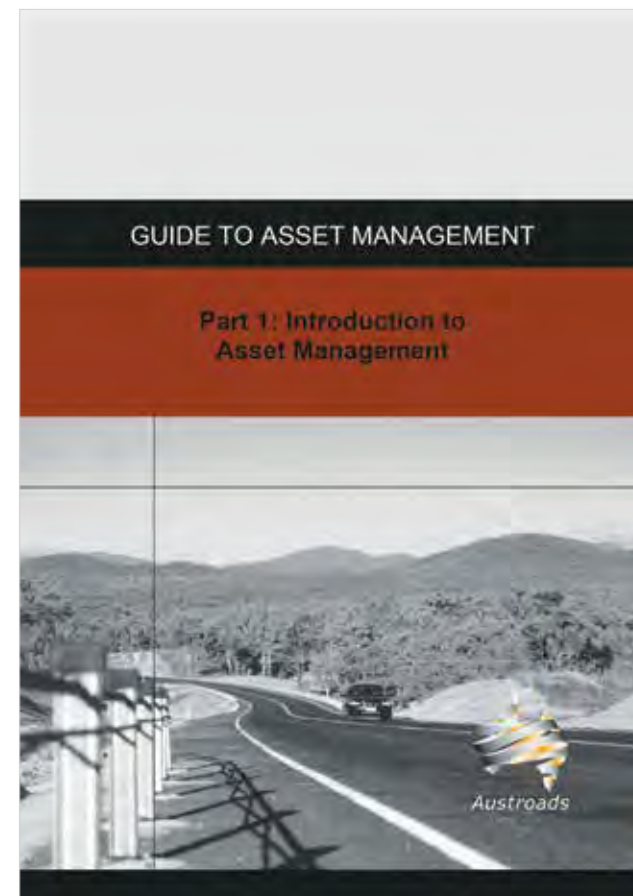
- Significant reductions in asphalt and cemented pavement layer thickness through adoption of a more rigorous pavement design approach, incorporating a detailed traffic load assessment for multi-axle heavy vehicles
- Reduced risk in the use of alternative aggregates for road construction through the development and validation of a new large format laboratory wheel-tracker performance test.

Network operations

- Increased confidence in the procurement of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) assets through development of a transparent and robust national ITS product acceptance process for adoption by road agencies
- Development of a general method to quantify the impact of ITS traffic signal failures on the efficiency and safety of network operations.

Road safety infrastructure

- Development of relationships between social disadvantage and crash involvement
- Critical advice on lessons learned on the performance of black spot treatments and guidance on treatment selection, installation and maintenance.



Goal | Knowledge

470

registered partners
signed onto NRSP
website

370

added resources to
knowledge centre

80

news items added
to the knowledge
centre



Prince Michael of Kent (right, centre) with the NRSP Steering Committee and program funders at the launch in May.

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conferences which featured NRSP research papers

Transafe WA

Occupational
Safety in Transport
Conference

9th Annual Chain
of Responsibility
and Vehicle Safety
Conference

The Australasian
Road Safety Research,
Policing and Education
Conference

NRSP – creating a positive road safety culture

The National Road Safety Partnership Program (NRSP) brings together industry, government and researchers to help develop and share evidence-based solutions and promote road safety in the community where they operate.

The NRSP was launched by Prince Michael of Kent at the UN Decade for Action Road Safety Forum, Melbourne 2014. We were selected by the industry-led steering committee as the manager and deliverer of the program.

The program aims to help businesses and organisations create a positive road safety culture both internally and externally.

2014 Overview

- Delivered webinars based on NRSP case studies sponsored by Safe Work Australia
- Average of 180 attendees per webinar
- Introduced Program Partners which saw a variety of new organisations make road safety action commitments for sharing through the program
- Formed two new working groups
 - Managing the driver's headspace following high stress events.
 - Business-to-business (B2B) – a coalition of organisations advocating for their peers to purchase safer vehicles and using online media to explain why.



Goal | People

Ensure the sustainability of expertise in critical technical areas

ARRB's researchers recognised for their excellence

We continue to encourage our experts to participate in latest research and share best practice with the industry, providing immediate benefits to our members.

In 2014, two of our staff were recognised for their research in the industry through prestigious awards; Dr Torill Pape and Chris Jurewicz.



Dr. Torill Pape



Chris Jurewicz

Dr Torill Pape is a Senior Bridge Engineer in ARRB's Bridges and Structures team. Dr Pape received the prestigious international Palmer Prize at the 2014 UK Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Annual Awards ceremony in London. The award celebrates the best paper published in the ICE publication Structures and Buildings for 2013. Her paper described research into the performance of ageing infrastructure in aggressive marine environments. We are proud that Dr Pape was able to represent and promote Australian investment in research on the international stage at this event.

Dr Pape's work helps bridge owners manage risks, and therefore total infrastructure costs, associated with bridge structures. This research is timely with the pending release of the revised Australian Bridge Design Code section for Bridge Assessment, AS 5100.7.

Chris Jurewicz is a Senior Research Engineer in the Safe Systems team. He received the Peter Vulcan Award for best research paper on road safety at the Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference in November 2014.

His paper, titled 'From Research to Practice – Development of Rural Mass Curve Treatment Program', outlines the theory and statistics behind a new curve risk mitigation program currently being carried out in Victoria. The project assesses the safety and risk factors of each curve in the road network. In so doing it allows network managers and operators to better manage risks on their networks, leading to better safety outcomes for road users.

Outstanding researchers

Encouraging tomorrow's experts

In 2014, the regional prize winners in the ARRB / Roads Australia student research prize scheme were presented with their prizes. This scheme is aimed at identifying research students working in the road transportation field, acknowledging their work and encouraging them to remain in the field.

Misbah Khan from the University of Queensland is reading for his Ph.D. part-time and works as a local government engineer. Misbah's work aims to overcome shortcomings in our knowledge of how flooding events affect road pavements and how best to restore utility in affected pavements after such events. His work will create impact by improving the journey experience for those who travel on roads severely affected by flooding.

Aimee Ward is reading for a Ph.D. at the University of Otago in the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine. Her research is trying to establish links between travel behaviour and mental wellbeing in the 16-19 year old age bracket. Her work will have a powerful effect by achieving better return on investment in transport by addressing both transportation and well-being outcomes in New Zealand.

Kasun Wijayaratna is reading for a Ph.D. at University of New South Wales. The principal objective of his research is to understand road user route choices when the network is disrupted through a particular event such as a collision or flooding (as opposed to more routine congestion). Kasun's work will achieve impact by reducing the productivity losses on the network as a result of disruption, by guiding traffic authorities in helping road users make more effective choices.

Inaugural Waldron-Webb Award winner

Chris de Gruyter from Monash University is researching the effectiveness of strategies for encouraging the use of more sustainable modes of transport by residents of new housing developments. His work will create a positive effect by improving the journey experience for those in the residential development and for other road users by reducing the demand on the local road network.

Not only did Chris win the regional prize for Victoria and Tasmania, but he also won the inaugural Waldron-Webb award for the best Australasian student researcher at Roads Australia's Christmas lunch in Sydney.



L to R: Gerard Waldron (MD ARRB Group), The Hon. Duncan Gay (NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight), Chris de Gruyter (Monash University).

Goal | People

Sharing our expertise

Our staff hold a number of positions in industry and on academic committees, both nationally and internationally. Some of these include:

- 4th International Conference on Driver Distraction and Inattention 2015 – Michael Regan, Co-Chair of the Organising and Scientific Committee
- Australian Research Council (ARC) – Charles Karl, Assessor
- Australian Society for Concrete Pavements – Jeffrey Lee, President of the Queensland Branch
- Australian Standards – Charles Karl, member of IT-023 Transport Information and Control Systems; Erik Denneman, Committee CE-006 Asphalt and Sprayed Surfacing
- Austroads
 - Charles Karl, Cooperative ITS Steering Committee
 - Didier Bodin, Technical Secretary of the Pavement Structures Working Group (PSWG)
 - Young Choi, Technical Secretary of the Bituminous Surfacing Working Group (BSWG)
- Erik Denneman, Asphalt Research Working Group (ARWG) and PSWG
- Geoff Jameson, PSWG
- Michael Moffatt, PSWG, Pavements Task Force (PTF)
- Steve Patrick, Technical Secretary of BSWG
- Laszlo Petho, Technical Secretary of the Asphalt Research Working Group
- Robert Urquhart, PTF, BSWG and BSWG Binders Group



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- Centre for Pavement Engineering Education (CPEE) – Richard Yeo, member on the Council
 - European HUMANIST Association – Michael Regan, member of the Advisory Group
 - Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories (FEHRL)
 - Gerard Waldron, Vice President FEHRL Supervisory Board
 - Michael Moffatt, Bearing Capacity and Traffic Speed (BeCATS) and Deflection at Road Traffic Speed (DaRTS)
 - Michael Regan, Australian Representative of Technical Committee 22 and Sub-Committee 13
 - Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) – Peter Damen, Executive Board member
 - Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia – Michael Regan, President
 - International Advisory Committee – Michael Regan, member of the European Commission UDRIVE Project
 - International Ergonomics Association – Michael Regan, member of the Organising Committee for 2015 Triennial Congress
 - International Road Federation (IRF) – Paul Hillier, Vice Chair of the 'Road Safety Education and Training for Sector Professionals' sub-group
 - ISO – Charles Karl, Australian delegate to the Technical Committee 2014
 - Monash University – Richard Yeo, member of the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Advisory Board
 - RILEM – Didier Bodin, Technical Committee 241-MCD



Goal | People



- Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA)
 - Gerard Waldron, Vice President of REAAA International Council
 - Michael Moffatt, Technical Committee 2, Pavements
- Swinburne University of Technology
 - Ahmad Shayan, Adjunct Professor
 - Charles Karl and Ian Espada, guest lecturers
- Transportation Research Board (TRB)
 - Michael Moffatt, AFD40, Accelerated Pavement Testing
 - Jonathon Griffin, AFS50, Modelling for the Design, Construction and Management of Geosystems, and AFS80, Cementitious Stabilisation and Design and Construction Group Young Members Council
- UN Road Safety Collaboration – Michael Tziotis, Deputy Chair of the Safer Roads and Mobility sub-group
- US Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine – Michael Regan, member of Expert Panel on Distracted Driving
- USA-UE– Michael Regan, member of Bilateral Expert Group on Driver Distraction & Bilateral Expert Group on Cognitive Load
- World Road Association (PIARC) – Michael Moffatt, Technical Committee 4.2, Road Pavements.

There are also a number of notable activities that staff have undertaken. These include:

- Ahmad Shayan – invited to be a member of the Technical Committee for the joint International RILEM & CIA (Concrete Institute of Australia) Conference and invited to be a Guest Editor of the Special Issue (2015) of the CIA Journal on Mitigation of AAR Damage in Concrete
- Charles Karl – 32nd CAITR Conference of Australian Institute of Transport Research; BITRE Workshop: Exploring New Sources of Transport Data; Global Truck and Trailer Leaders Summit; ISO TC 204 Plenary Meeting; ITS Australia – ITS Business Summit;
- MRWA ITS Masterplan Workshop for External Stakeholders; MRWA ITS Masterplan Workshop for Internal Stakeholders
- Didier Bodin – supervised Ph.D. candidates at Queensland University and at Federation University
- Erik Denneman – presented at the Sunshine Coast University Continuing Professional Development seminar on Pavement Technology
- Garry Warren – presented papers at the 93rd TRB Conference in Washington, DC and at European Road Profile Users Group (ERPUG) 2014, Brussels
- James Luk – presented a seminar at the University of Hong Kong on 'Network modelling for road closure assessment'
- Kim Sedgwick held the positions of Chair, Young IPWEA and Director for IPWEA vic
- Michael Moffatt – keynote speaker at the International Seminar on Pavements, Quito
- Richard Wix – international keynote speaker at the Pavement Evaluation 2014 conference in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA; sat on the steering committee for both the Road Profile Users' Group (RPUG) in the USA and the European Road Profile Users Group

(ERPUG); presented a paper at the South African Roads Federation and International Road Federation SARF/IRF 2014, 5th Regional Conference for Africa

- Rudolph Kotze – invited to speak at Engineers Australia Convention, November 2014; Convenor of the 9th Austroads Bridge Conference 2014.

Goal | Participation

Contribute to the modernisation, cost-effectiveness and sustainability of the transport system

Strategic Highway Research Program 2

Four research focus areas and topics

Road safety

involves the largest ever naturalistic driving study

Reliability

of travel time and countermeasures to unexpected congestion

Renewal

systematic rehabilitation of highway infrastructure

Capacity

collaborative decision-making on provision of network capacity

Jump-starting innovation – using successful programs from the USA

We are aiming to reduce the cost of research and development activities by bypassing the earlier, riskier stages of the research, development and implementation chain, where appropriate, by adapting overseas innovations to Australasia.

The USA's Strategic Highway Research Program 2 (SHRP2) has an overt 'develop and implement' approach. In 2014 we used an adaptation of NASA's Technology Readiness Level (TRL) system to evaluate the SHRP2's products for relevance and value to our member road agencies. The assessment identified those products which:

- Can quickly be adapted for Australasian use
- Will need significant adaptation for Australasian use
- Are not needed in the Australasian context and should not be adapted for Australasian use.

Some early examples of promising SHRP2 products address 100+ year bridge service life, continuous pavement deflection device assessments and means of improving the sophistication of field testing of construction materials.

This initiative is about knowledge-sharing, with our taking the leading role in proactive review of overseas research with a view to informing its members on new developments and innovations of relevance.

Jump-starting innovation – using successful programs from France

Our international networks and ability to evaluate overseas innovations identified a viable technology developed in France over two decades – high modulus asphalt (EME2).

Enrobés à Module Elevé Class 2 (EME2) technology was developed in the early 1990s, where it is now used on main routes and airports. Compared to conventional asphalt bases with unmodified binders, EME2 is characterised by a high stiffness, high durability, superior resistance to permanent deformation and good fatigue resistance.

Over the past two years we have been involved in an effort to transfer EME2 asphalt technology to Australasia. Two research projects were commissioned to facilitate the technology transfer.

Austroroads invested in developing mix design guidelines setting appropriate performance criteria, using Australian test methods. Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads has invested in the development of guidelines for the structural design of pavements containing EME2. A key characteristic of this effort is the involvement of, and in-kind contributions from, various industry partners including the Brisbane City Council – the use of one of its roads allowed for the evaluation of pavement design concepts and in situ performance of EME2. We carried out the pavement design and the site setup and is also performing the ongoing performance monitoring.

Australasia is now preparing for implementation of this technology on its road network. It is expected that the reduction in pavement thickness that can be achieved with this technology will lead to more cost-effective pavement designs and more sustainable use of scarce pavement materials.

A\$2bn per annum

Australia's approximate expenditure on bituminous surfacings

30%

Layer material thickness reduction possible using this asphalt



Goal | Participation

Access to greater productivity for freight users

Performance Based Standards Route Assessment Tool

79

VIC local
governments have
access to it

152

NSW local
governments make
use of it

Won the Australian Freight Industry
Technology Award for 2013

Performance Based Standards (PBS) Route Assessment Tool : Cutting costs, managing risks, winning awards

The PBS Route Assessment Tool aims to make the ever-growing freight task economically and environmentally sustainable by enabling the use of higher productivity vehicles rather than simply increasing the number of trucks on the road network. Roll-out of the tools across the eastern seaboard is well underway and should be complete in 2015.

Increasing the productivity of freight vehicles is therefore a proven tool for increasing freight capacity without a similar increase in the A\$22b* freight industry fuel bill, the A\$16b* road maintenance and construction bill and the A\$20b** congestion problem.

Since the freight task is set to double before 2035, it is clear that a means must be found to allow higher productivity vehicles onto Australasia's road networks. At various industry engagement workshops, we quickly realised that first and last-mile access was a significant barrier to the uptake of higher productivity vehicles. Together with stakeholders from road agencies, local government and port authorities, the need for a simple tool to assist time-poor local government engineers make safe access decisions consistently was identified.

* bitre.gov.au/publications/2014/files/BITRE_YEARBOOK_2014_Full_Report.pdf (9 July 2015)

** infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/policy-publications/publications/files/Australian-Infrastructure-Audit-Executive-Summary.pdf (9 July 2015)

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It was first made available in Victoria in 2012 and was rolled out in collaboration with the Municipal Association of Victoria and VicRoads and won the 2013 Freight Industry Innovation award as a result. The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator invested in improvements to the tool once the benefits of the Victorian roll-out became apparent.

In 2013 and 2014, we partnered with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Local Government Association of New South Wales and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to make the improved tool available to all 152 Local governments in NSW Offering further opportunities to minimise the cost and environmental impact of doubling Australia's freight task.

This successful implementation has led to our working with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Local Government Association for Queensland (LGAQ) to make the tool available to local governments across Queensland.



Goal | Value

Demonstrate value for money in delivery of all our services



Driving innovation and cost saving: National Asset Management Centre of Excellence

Queensland's Department Of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has long recognised that innovation, and the supporting research, development and implementation activities are a means of saving money and improving transport outcomes for all Queenslanders. To capitalise on this, they established the National Asset Management Centre of Excellence (NACOE) in partnership with us.

The benefits realised in just the first year validate this approach; it has been found that the first year return on investments made is of the order of A\$1.60 for every A\$1.00 invested. It is therefore possible that over a widely accepted 10 year benefits accrual timeframe, this investment could conceivably have a return on investment exceeding 15:1.

NACOE focuses on driving innovation to achieve savings through best practice. While undertaking research in all disciplines of the roads engineering, a primary focus of the centre is pavements, structures and asset management.



Images by Dr Torill Pape. ARRB Group

160%

First-year return on investment

The most notable early achievements of the Agreement include:

- Savings through reduced asphalt pavement thickness in Queensland, resulting from evidence based revisions of design assumptions. Revised design practice is likely to save Queensland tens of millions of dollars per annum once implemented.
- Unlocking savings opportunities that appropriately performing innovative products can provide, by making Queensland's Transport Infrastructure Product Evaluation Scheme (TIPES) available to other jurisdictions. The introduction of Enrobés à Module Elevé (EME2) asphalt to Australia is a prime example of how the TIPES method can deliver savings without lowering serviceability.
- Savings which will accrue from improved pavement asset management decision making and project prioritisation, facilitated by the introduction of the Traffic Speed Deflectometer (TSD) to Queensland.
- Increases in productivity as a result of improved bridge capacity models which better reflect actual field performance. These models will allow engineers to make better-informed decisions about restricting access to bridges for high productivity freight vehicles.
- Improving TMR's return on investment by leveraging private sector co-investment through the NACOE initiative. This has a co-benefit of broader industry engagement and therefore research and development outcomes which meet the needs of both TMR and its customers.



Reduced asphalt pavement thickness in Queensland



Delivering savings without lowering serviceability

Goal | Value

120,000+ km
driven

5.1+ million
deflection tests
conducted



Image by Alana Cox, ARRB Group

Adapting international research and development for Australasian operations

Annually, Australian road agencies make decisions on a maintenance budget that collectively exceeds A\$10b. To maximise the cost-benefit ratio of this investment the collection of accurate, relevant and timely data is of extreme importance.

A key parameter in the maintenance decision-making process is the structural strength of road pavement layers as this is a predictor of potential failures. Pavement strength, combined with the analysis of road surface condition, provides engineers with an indication of the remaining pavement life.

Earlier technology and devices to measure structural strength have their limitations, including the inability to measure continuously and the need to be stationary or close to stationary to do so. Falling Weight Deflectometers (FWD) have found widespread acceptance, but tests can only be performed on individual points, generally at 50 or 100 metre increments.

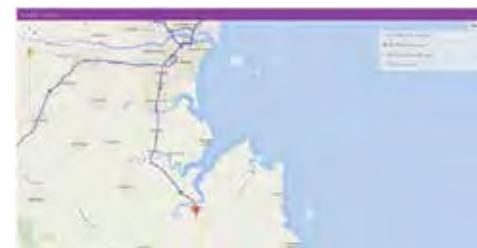
A recent development, the Traffic Speed Deflectometer (TSD), has the potential to provide continuous pavement deflection data at highway speed. Because of these benefits, ARRB acquired a TSD in 2014 and integrated our Hawkeye technology to provide both pavement strength and surface condition in a single device. Our TSD is recognised as the world leader in terms of length of network surveyed and in terms of sophistication through integration of Hawkeye.

Due to the years of research and development involved to prove the TSD concept, it is likely that Australia could not have afforded to develop this device. However, our policy of constantly scanning international innovations, and adapting those for Australasian conditions has allowed road agencies to have access to the technology without the costly and risky investment in the early research and development stages.

We will continue to develop and refine the combined technology to ensure it lives up to its full potential as a 'game-changing' device to more effectively manage roadway assets.



Sample maps showing the current and proposed mapping routes of the TSD within the New South Wales region.



A snapshot of the TSD's work is also available online (taken hourly).

Goal | Value



Image by John Best, retired ARRB Group employee

Partnership delivering fairer user charges (WAPARC)

In 2011 MRWA came to the conclusion that an R,D&I partnership was needed to extract better productivity from their road network. This partnership – Western Australian Pavement and Assets Research Centre (WAPARC) – is between MRWA, ARRB, the WA Local Government Association, Curtin University and the University of WA.

Maintenance of road pavements is key to their long-term durability, and funding for maintenance is notoriously scarce. To address this problem, MRWA's Road Maintenance Contribution Policy 2011 allows vehicles operating at a load limit of 23.5 tonnes on triaxles to be charged for freight that exceeds the original freight task.

In 2014, WAPARC was tasked with investigating whether the cost recovery for a specific iron-ore freight task in the Pilbara was sufficient to cover the marginal maintenance cost of the additional freight. As a result of the investigation, a refined approach has been suggested as a more transparent approach to setting heavy vehicle charges operating under the Concessional Loading Scheme (CLS).

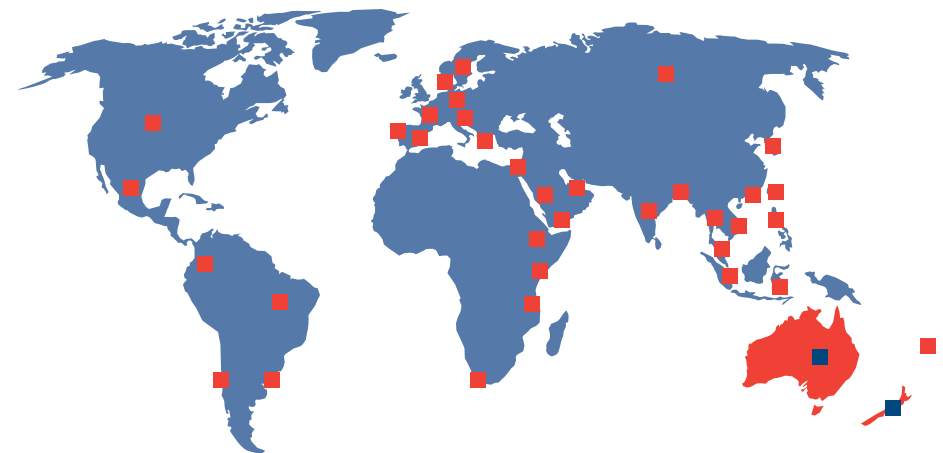
Domestic and global impact from Australian research and development - Hawkeye

Investment in roads-related data collection and research and development by Australasian funders has provided a sound return on investment domestically. Increasingly though, this benefit is making a contribution to Australasia's prestige as a smart region and to its balance of payments.

We have long used research outputs and our own operational experience to create state-of-the-art condition monitoring equipment. With investment of our own in Research and Development, we have created the Hawkeye suite of scalable survey solutions.

The latest technology implemented within the Hawkeye platform has been Automatic Crack Detection (ACD). ACD has been recognised for decades as the ultimate aspiration in terms of data collection, along with highway speed deflection testing (see page 30 for TSD article). Hawkeye's ACD has been the result of a long process of Research and Development by RMS NSW (and its predecessors) staff and collaboration between ourselves and RMS to operationalise the technology concept economically.

In 2014, the Hawkeye ACD passed the ultimate test – recognition as value-for-money by the international market. Significant increases in sales were recognised in the South-east Asia region particularly.



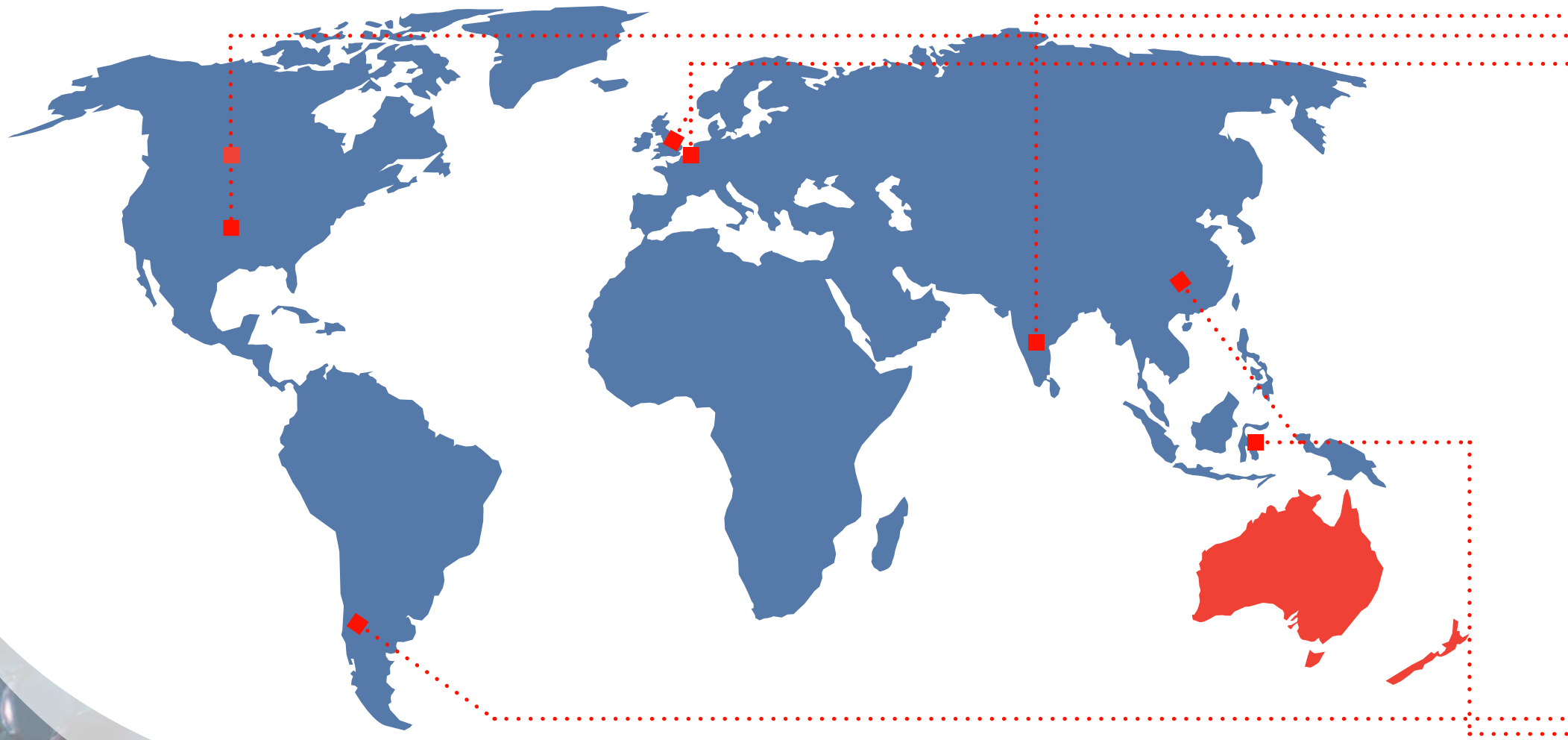
216 Hawkeye 1000 & 2000 models installed across the globe*

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*From 2010 to 2014

Quality connections

We had a number of international visitors in 2014, including:



North America

- Richard Habel, President of Pavemetrics, Canada
- Dr Chris Raymond from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Canada
- Dr Dave Jones from the University of California, Davis, USA
- Brett Bivins from the International Center for Alcohol Policy, USA
- Professor Dan M. Frangopol, Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture at Lehigh University, USA
- Dr Peter Sweatman, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), USA

South America

- Dr Álvaro González from the Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile

European Union

- Danny Woollard from INRIX, UK
- Delegation from the Department of Trade and Industry, UK
- Delegation from the Belgian Road Research Centre
- Rolf Rabe from the Federal Highway Research Centre (BaST) in Cologne, Germany
- Dr Fred Wegman, Technical University of Delft, Netherlands
- Ms Birgitta Sandstedt, Director, Library and Information Centre VTI, Sweden
- Dr Fabio Biondini, Associate Professor of Structural Engineering, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Mr Thierry Goger, Secretary General FERHL, Belgium

Asia

- Delegation from the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China
- Delegation from the Institute of Road Engineering in Bandung, Indonesia
- Managing Director of IRSM Pvt Ltd (ARRB's joint venture partners in India), along with two staff members
- Kamran Khan, the manager of Austrade Business Development
- A delegation from the Public Works Department of Uttar Pradesh Government
- Delegation from the Ministry of Transport, Indonesia
- Dr Mitsuyoshi Akiyama, Professor of Civil Engineering, Waseda University, Japan
- REAAA Governing Council

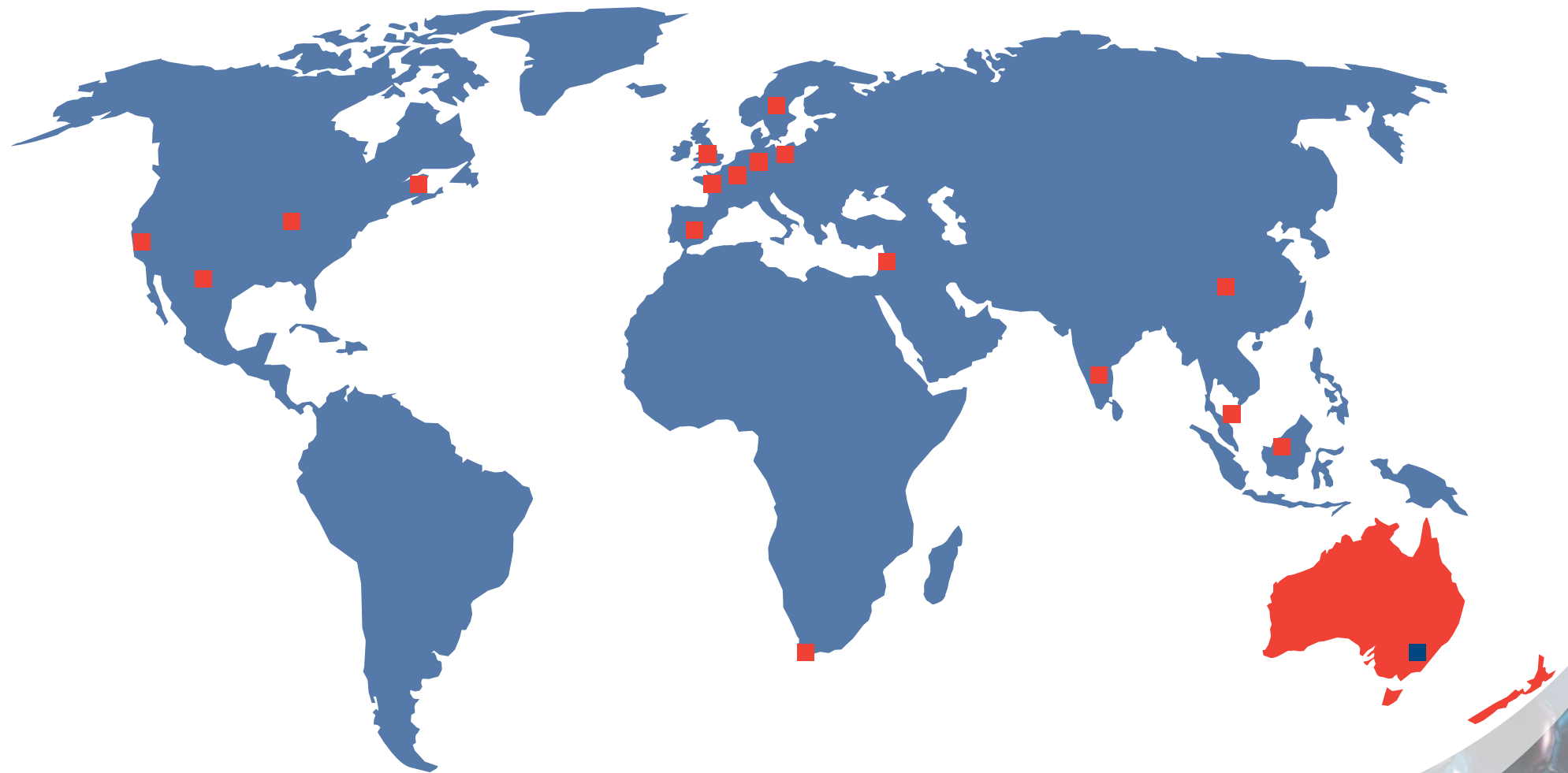
International Network

We also had the opportunity to collaborate with a number of international bodies.

One collaboration of note is with the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), where we are one of the key contributors (including keynote speakers, workshops and presentations) to various GRSP events. This includes the annual Asia Pacific Road Safety Forum, hosted in conjunction with iRAP and the Asia Development Bank (ADB) in Manila. We also performed road safety inspections in collaboration with the GRSP at selected school sites in Han Nam province, near Hanoi, as well as a five day Road Safety Audit training workshop in Morocco. ARRB has also collaborated with other international bodies, including:

- American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), USA
- Asia Development Bank (ADB)
- Asia Injury Prevention Foundation (AIPF)
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
- Belgian Road Research Centre, Belgium
- Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Department for International Development (DID), UK
- Department of Civil Engineering, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- Federal Highway Research Centre (BAST), Germany
- Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA Foundation), UK
- Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories (FEHRL), Belgium
- International Road Federation (IRF)
- Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS), Malaysia
- Road and Bridge Research Institute (IBDiM), Poland
- Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA)
- Road Traffic Injuries Research Network (RTIRN)
- International Union of Laboratories and Experts in Construction Materials, Systems and Structures (RILEM), France
- Research Institute of Highways, Ministry of Transportation (RIOH), China
- The Centro de Estudios y Experimentación de Obras Públicas (CEDEX), Spain
- The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa
- The French Institute of Science and Technology for Transport, Development and Networks (IFSTTAR), France
- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Geneva, Switzerland
- The International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP)
- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France
- The Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI), Sweden
- Transport for London (TRL), UK
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- University of Bordeaux, France
- University of California, Davis, USA
- University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Library (UMTRI), USA
- World Bank, India
- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- World Road Association (PIARC), France.

We made several appearances in the media, including a number of road safety related radio interviews, news articles on the iStart website, in Business Day and in the Roads magazine, as well as a TV interview on ARRB's Traffic Speed Deflectometer (TSD) for Prime7 in Lismore.



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Acronyms

ACD	Automatic Crack Detection
ARRB	ARRB Group Ltd
ATRI	Australian Transport Index
Austrroads	Association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities
B2B	Business to Business
CLS	Concessional Loading Scheme
EME2	Enrobés à Module Elevé Class 2
FEHRL	Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories
FWD	Falling Weight Deflectometer
ICE	Institution of Civil Engineers UK
ITRD	International Transport Research Documentation
ITS	Intelligent Transport systems
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Queensland
MRWA*	Main Roads Western Australia
NACOE	National Road Asset Centre of Excellence
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NIS	National Interest Services
NRSP	National Road Safety Partnership Program
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PBS	Performance Based Standards Route Assessment Tool
RAP	Reclaimed Asphalt Program
R,D&I	Research, development and implementation

REAAA	Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia
RMS*	Roads and Maritime Services, New South Wales
SHRP	Strategic Highway Research Program
TfNSW	Transport for New South Wales
TIPES	Transport Infrastructure Product Evaluation Scheme
TMR*	Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
TRB	Transportation Research Board, USA
TRID	Transportation Research Board Database, USA
TRL	Technology Readiness Levels
TSD	Traffic Speed Deflectometer
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
VicRoads*	Roads Corporation Victoria
WAPARC	Western Australian Pavement and Assets Research Centre

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