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Roads and transport industry champion announces retirement

Roads and transport industry leader, Gerard Waldron, has announced his retirement as Managing Director of Australia's independent national road transport research body, ARRB Group.

Waldron will remain with the organisation until November 2016, while the Board searches for a replacement to continue to build on the blueprint for ARRB's future.

ARRB Board Chairman, Gary Liddle, thanked Waldron for his contribution to the company over the past 15 years. "Gerard has laid the foundation for sustainable growth and has continued to build the reputation of ARRB as a world-class research institute among its members, the industry and public."

In his remaining months, Waldron will work closely with the Board and members to build ARRB's business plans for 2017. Waldron is sad to be leaving, but confident that he leaves behind a capable team dedicated to the future of the organisation.

"In my time at ARRB, my mission has included increasing the engagement of our members in the organisation's research-related roles, which are not only our raison d'être, but also how the organisation can make a tangible difference to road users. I'm excited to report that member engagement is the highest it's ever been, and as result, our Board and executive remain fully invested in the future growth of ARRB."

During his tenure, Waldron played a significant role building ARRB's commercial arm, using revenue earned to directly fund the organisation's research – a strategy recognised as adding value to the current and future potential of the organisation.

More recently under Waldron's leadership, ARRB has spearheaded the Australian Driverless Vehicle Initiative (ADVI) as a founding partner, to ensure the safe and successful transition of driverless vehicles onto Australian roads.

"Initiatives like ADVI have continued to boost ARRB's profile and cemented it as one of the few agencies globally equipped to bring together researchers, technical experts, governments, and industry from around the world to deliver major projects in the Australian public interest," Waldron said.

Coinciding with Waldron's retirement, the Board has made new appointments. New board members include:

- Michael Caltabiano, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Asphalt Pavement Association
- Kevin Reid, National Manager Network Outcomes Highways and Network Operations, New Zealand Transport Authority
- Stephen Troughton, Deputy Secretary Infrastructure and Services, Transport for NSW

Beyond his retirement, Waldron will continue to represent Australia in his position as the Vice President of FEHRL for the next three years, with the aim of continuing engagement to bring international connections and research directions back to Australia.

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ARRB is a leading expert globally in road transport research and technology. For the last 55 years it has been helping transport, road and infrastructure bodies to identify and adopt best practices for developing and maintaining safe and sustainable roads.

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