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ARRB celebrates 50 years of road and transport research



On Thursday 15 April 2010, ARRB celebrated its 50th anniversary with its 50th Annual General Meeting at ARRB's head office, Vermont South, Victoria. Gary Liddle, Chief Executive Officer of VicRoads and Alan Tesch, Associate Director-General of Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland joined other Board Members in attending this momentous occasion.

In 2010, ARRB Group is celebrating 50 years of service to the road and transport industry.

ARRB over many years has developed the resources to examine issues of national importance. Major achievements include the preparation of over 90 Austroads best practice guides in 2009 and research that has led to two Chief Scientists being recognised by the science community with Clunies Ross Foundation Awards (1999, 2003).

ARRB was established in March 1960 at a Sydney meeting of our members, including all Australian state and territory road authorities. ARRB was created to undertake research of national importance, which the members could not justify carrying out individually. New Zealand and the Local Government Association joined as members of ARRB in further cementing the value of the organisation to the industry.

Mr Gerard Waldron, ARRB's Managing Director, said, "Our members need to deliver safe, efficient and sustainable road networks for the public good. Our role is to support road authorities in delivering these outcomes".

Over the last ten years, ARRB has successfully moved from a reliance on grant funding to a hybrid of grant funding and commercial operation. While doing so it has maintained its research role and expertise and is recognised as one of the leading road transport research organisations in Australia and worldwide. ARRB has continued to evolve and grow. With a multi-disciplinary approach and comprehensive knowledge, ARRB's aim is to become the industry's most trusted advisor.

During 2010, ARRB will continue to celebrate 50 years, with major events including the 2nd International Sprayed Sealing Conference and the 24th ARRB Conference to be held in Melbourne, October 2010.

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