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TDB AT AITPM CONFERENCE PERTH

Ian Clark and Malcolm Douglass travelled to Perth and represented TDB. Perth enjoys its distance from the rest of Australia and for a city that has expanded rapidly in our lifetime, they seem to be keeping abreast of their transport problems. This is helped, of course, with the additional wealth coming from iron ore mining in the vast northern areas and LPG from the Indian Ocean.

AITPM CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference programme was, as ever, a very interesting and practical agenda. The workshops the day before, one on bicycle use and facilities and the other on disabilities access in all its different forms, were well patronised. These were preceded by reporting on the progress with the Austroads Guide to Traffic Management with its 13 Sections, most of which will be completed and published by the end of 2008 and the rest by mid 2009.

There were many excellent conference sessions on construction issues, traffic management, major site developments, trips and land use. One special example was the paper by Roger Green on Skilled Park - the new Gold Coast Stadium with its capacity of 27,000. By placing this adjacent to the Robina railway and bus station an 80% arrival by public transport has been achieved as originally modeled. The papers covered the full range of public transport, pedestrian and cycle facilities, planning, and urban design as well as intercity transport connections.

TDB IN AUSTRALIA

The AITPM Council had discussed the **TDB** role in Australia and has a unanimous view of support and is encouraging AITPM members to join. The Council is comfortable with the arrangements and our approaches so far and the appointment of Donald Veal as a member of the **TDB** Board. We met with a large number of our Australian members and have prospects of increased membership also, including some State Road Authorities and major consultancies. There is a general agreement that **TDB** can fill a gap left by the absence of an up to date Australian database. This is due to a decline in resources by local government in surveys and the RTA and other agencies no longer maintaining any major survey of trips data programme.

There is potential demand for technical notes on specific groups of activities and developments in Australia. We expect to see a flow of survey results from Australia to boost our databases in the months ahead.

The knowledge that there is support from TRICS, and the proposal to have a Data Advisory Group member in each major city in Australia and New Zealand, was well received.



Malcolm Douglass & Ian Clark at the TDB Booth –AITPM Conference, Perth 2008

CONCLUSION

At the last conference afternoon tea Malcolm thanked AITPM and spoke to the participants on behalf of both IPENZ and **TDB**. When handing over a copy of 'A Wheel on Each Corner' to Andrew Hulse (retiring President) and John Bunker (incoming President) he observed that ten years previous it was Peter Croft, as president of AITPM in 1998, that signed the certificate making the IPENZ Transportation Group a corporate member of AITPM, a privilege we have enjoyed since. We are also pleased that Peter Doupe will be with us at the IPENZ New Plymouth conference in November.

REMINDER: October-November ITA Workshops

Enrolments for these workshops have not come as quickly as hoped and definite numbers are required by mid October. Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch all have vacancies and we remind members to register and encourage other engineers and planners to attend.

In order to give confidence of the required attendance the **TDB** 'early bird' fee rate for members will cease on Friday 18th October. For later enrolments of **TDB** members and other IPENZ/NZPI members there will be an increase of \$90 per member. Planning and presentations for the three sessions are proceeding and the assessments, databases and surveys will be cutting edge sessions. Good programmes for middle as well as experienced practitioners. Registration details are on the IPENZ web-site and on the flier attached.

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