



# ARA HIGHLIGHTS 2016 - 17

## EVENTS

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The ARA has run 39 events and courses, with a combined total of about 3,500 attendees from across the rail sector. These include 8 CEO Lunches in all capital cities, 6 Networking Events, 6 Safety Road Shows, AusRail 2016, Heavy Haul, Ausintermodal, Light Rail, Telecommunications and Technology, New Zealand Rail Conferences, Asset Management, Customer Service, Port and Rail Security and Policing Forums and 8 training courses



The Australasian Rail Industry Awards had over 80 nominations across 12 categories and over 400 award dinner attendees.

## RAIL INDUSTRY WORKER PROGRAM

71K

More than 71,000 Rail Safety Workers are registered in the national system.

## PASSENGER



Developed a position paper to advocate for public transport tickets as a fringe benefit



Established a fare evasion initiative library as a resource to passenger rail operators to provide a suite of revenue protection initiatives implemented by operators around Australia and New Zealand



Held a Rail Security and Policing Forum for Passenger Rail Operators to address counter terrorism and anti-social behaviour



Held a Customer Service Forum for Passenger Rail Operators.

## FREIGHT

2017  
2019

Developed a 2017-2019 Strategic Plan for Rail Freight and Ports to identify advocacy priorities over the next two years

\$8.4  
BILLION

Actively encouraged support for the Inland Rail project, which received \$8.4 billion in the 2017-2018 Budget



Held a successful Telecommunications and Technology Forum to bring together experts across industry and government to discuss future directions in rail



Held Port Forums to inform the development of the Port of Melbourne Rail Access Strategy.

# ACROSS INDUSTRY



A successful Commonwealth Government advocacy strategy, with \$20 billion committed by the Federal Government in the recent 2017-18 Budget, including \$8,4 million towards the Inland Rail project



Developed a Skills, Resources and Training Strategy to identify the increasing skills gaps and encourage appropriate investment by government in workforce development and training initiatives to match not only investment in rail infrastructure over the coming decade and beyond but the sustainable operation of the extensive Australasian Rail network



Developed a Women in Rail Strategy in consultation with industry to improve gender diversity in the Australian and New Zealand rail workforce



Advocated the importance of rail and an integrated transport system through participating in the Commonwealth Cities Reference Group



Held a Young Professionals Forum to promote the importance of investing in the rail industry's future leaders



Commissioned a report into Rail's Economic Contribution to Australia



## PROVIDED SUBMISSIONS ON:

- ✓ Commonwealth Government's 2017-18 Pre-Budget Consultation
- ✓ Commonwealth Government's Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport inquiry into Australia's Rail Industry
- ✓ Commonwealth Government's The Whole Journey: A guide for thinking beyond compliance to create accessible public transport journey
- ✓ Commonwealth Government's National Rail Vision and Work Program
- ✓ Commonwealth Government's Smart Cities Plan
- ✓ Commonwealth Government's Using Value Capture to Help Deliver Major Land Transport Infrastructure Discussion Paper
- ✓ Infrastructure Victoria's The Road Ahead Discussion Paper
- ✓ Infrastructure Victoria's consultation on Victoria's Draft 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy
- ✓ The Commonwealth and NSW Government's Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study
- ✓ ACT Government's 2017-18 Budget Consultation
- ✓ Department of Transport Public Transport Authority Main Roads' Western Australia Perth Transport Plan.



Developed a local content policy to advocate to State, Territory and Commonwealth Governments and promoted the value of a local content policy that provides Australian suppliers with full, fair and reasonable opportunities in major project procurement



Launched an industry guideline outlining the adoption of standards in rail for identifying and marking parts and components, as well as implementing a Call to Action for industry to adopt GS1 standards for marking and identifying parts and components to improve inventory control and reduce costs



Developed nationally agreed signals passed at danger (SPAD) categories for reporting to the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) for introduction in 2018 and commenced a research project into SPAD pre-cursor behaviours to assist in SPAD mitigation



Commenced development of SMART Rail – a digital road map for the rail industry



Instigated an industry led Safeworking Committee, which developed key national safety policies



Reviewed the Rail Industry Worker contract with Pegasus setting a number of key performance indicators for monitoring during the 2017 – 18 period



Established working groups to develop actions relating to key industry harmonisation themes, including tender documents, safety rules, contractor management and human interfaces



Developed industry positions in relation to drugs and alcohol and fatigue management legislation under the Rail Safety National Law



Worked with the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) to commence exploring options for efficiencies to further reduce the regulatory burden on industry regarding the review of drugs and alcohol and fatigue management legislation and ONRSR cost recovery mechanisms



Co-hosted a lunchtime seminar with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Australia on 'Innovative Funding and Financing Australia's Infrastructure Needs – The Potential Role of Value Capture and Other Mechanisms'.



## LEVEL CROSSING SAFETY

- ✓ TrackSAFE hosted an International Level Crossing Safety Study Tour in March 2017. The Foundation led a delegation of 13 senior rail executives –from within the Australasian rail industry– to the USA and UK to investigate ways in which other countries manage risk around crossings and discover which strategies, technologies and innovations might be applicable in Australia.
- ✓ Unveiling of the revised National Railway Level Crossing Safety Strategy. The Strategy was officially launched by TrackSAFE and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator on behalf of the National Level Crossing Safety Committee.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

- ✓ Hosting of third annual RAIL **RU OK? DAY**™ April 2017 reaching 14,000 rail employees.
- ✓ Partnership with Lifeline Australia to make a meaningful reduction in suicide and suicide attempts on the rail network through a number of initiatives. One of the initiatives includes a large-scale marketing campaign across rail assets to raise awareness of Lifeline and encourage help-seeking.



## TRAUMA SUPPORT

- ✓ Launch of Mental Health First Aid training for the rail industry. TrackSAFE delivers an accredited Mental Health First Aid course specially to rail industry workers, (accredited by Mental Health First Aid Australia).
- ✓ TrackSAFE delivered trauma support training to 20 nominated trainers from rail organisations across Australia and New Zealand. The trainers were trained under the auspices of TrackSAFE's trauma management framework which provides a best practice approach to managing trauma in the rail industry and thereby minimising the risk of adverse mental health outcomes.

## COMMUNITY/EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- ✓ Coordination of ground-breaking Community Stations project that encourages a sense of social connectedness at train stations while raising awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing.
- ✓ Celebrated 11th annual Rail Safety Week in partnership with over 50 participating rail and government organisations, as well as Police jurisdictions across Australia and New Zealand.
- ✓ Coordination of national primary and high school competitions on rail safety, linking directly to the Australian Curriculum.

