Australasian Railway Association

ARA 2025 highlights

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is proud to support a thriving and sustainable rail industry in Australia and New Zealand. In 2025, we have delivered a wide range of programs, events and initiatives for our members. This is just a snapshot of our 2025 highlights.

Policy, leadership and advocacy

4

research reports launched:

- **The Value of Rail**
- **Australian Rail Procurement Pipeline Annual Report**
- **Building New Zealand Rail Skills for the Future**
- **Delivering Infrastructure Net Zero: Workforce Report**

25+

submissions advancing the ARA's policy, leadership and advocacy priorities

54

organisations have become signatories of the ARA's Rail Gender Equity Charter

25

committees and working groups across the rail industry

2

Parliamentary events: Rail freight breakfast, Canberra, Friends of rail, Victoria

Events and engagement

10,697
people attended ARA events

4
industry webinars to facilitate industry information sharing

3
conferences: AusRAIL PLUS 2025, Rail New Zealand 2025, People and Culture Conference

16
winners and 163 nominations for the Rail Industry Awards Australia and New Zealand

8,685
people attended our largest ever AusRAIL PLUS

Leadership development

45
Future Leaders program participants

112
pairs matched as part of the Women in Rail Mentoring Program

20
scholarships provided to industry participants

Member services and growth

222
members spanning the full rail supply chain across Australia and New Zealand.

1,619
participants in ARA courses

2
new industry training courses launched:
- **Respect in Rail**
- **ARA Professional Certificate in Rail**

13,728
organisations participating in the ARA's Rail Industry Worker Program

62
organisations participating in REMSMART, the ARA's rail remuneration portal

For more information about ARA initiatives, please visit the ARA website at ara.net.au, or contact the ARA team via ara@ara.net.au or 1800 826 011.