

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is the peak body for the rail sector in Australia and New Zealand. We represent more than 150 member organisations including passenger and freight operators, track owners and managers, suppliers, manufacturers, contractors and consultants. Members include listed and private rail-related companies, government agencies and franchisees.

## What We Do

### ADVOCACY



- Promoting the amenity and economic benefits of the rail sector
- Advocating for favourable policy and regulatory settings to government
- Paving a way for technological uptake, and emerging economic, freight and urban planning priorities
- Making submissions to government policy and parliamentary inquiry processes

### NETWORKING AND BUSINESS



- Providing multiple events throughout the year for networking and business development opportunities
- Connecting member companies with governments and other suppliers, consultants, construction and manufacturing members
- Giving members\* significant discounts (20%) at all ticketed ARA events, includes conference delegate bookings, exhibition space and sponsorship opportunities to AusRAIL
- Providing sponsorship opportunities for brand marketing

### COLLABORATION AND SHARING



- Committees and working groups share knowledge and collaborate for improved operational and productivity outcomes across industry
- Members host ARA events such as specialist forums, Leader's Lunches or other events as desired. The ARA can provide event management
- Industry briefings provide members with an overview of industry strategies, project alliance opportunities and government programs
- Connecting individuals and organisations to our international network around Australia, New Zealand and the globe

### RAILCAREERS<sup>®</sup>

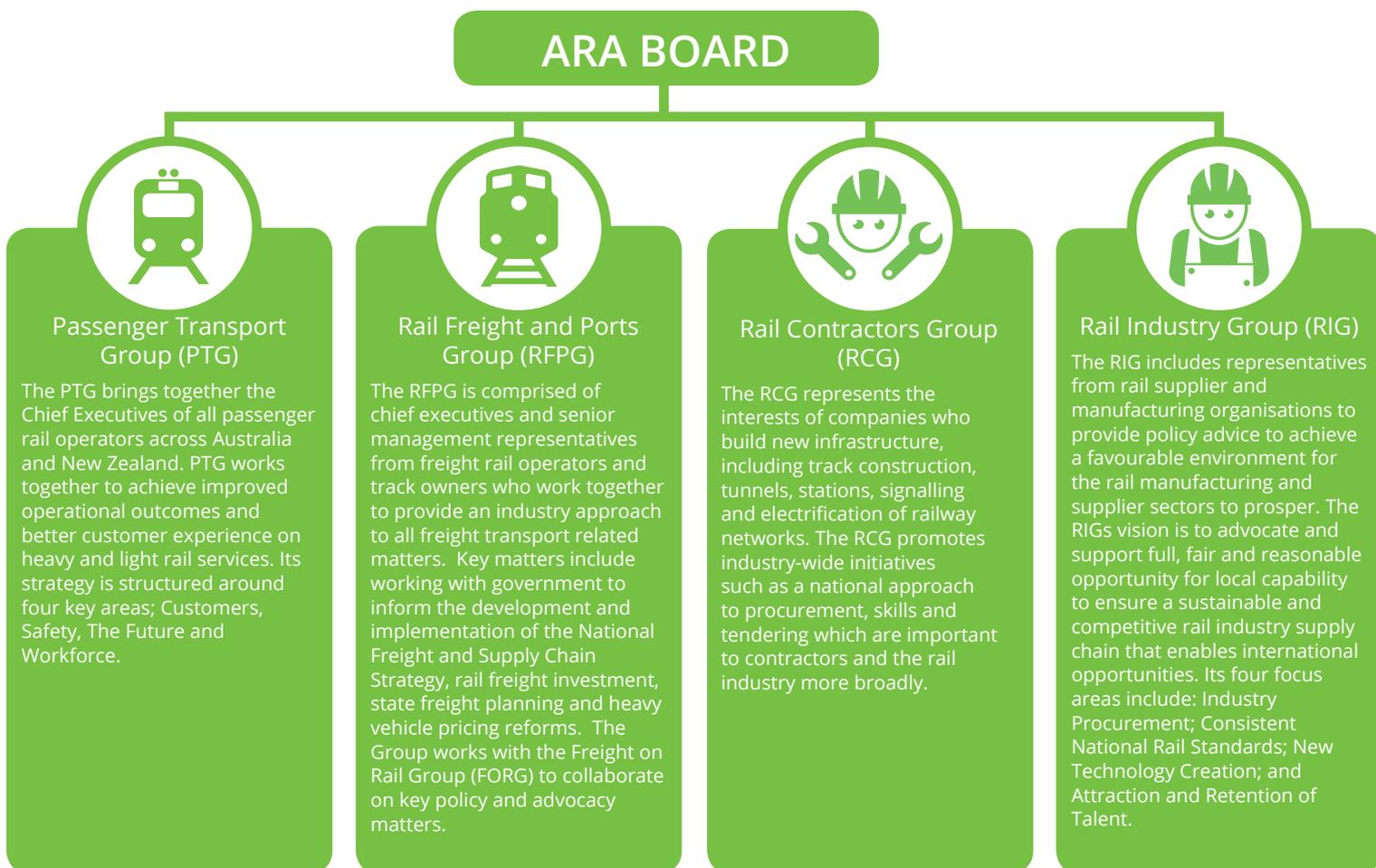


- Marketing the rail sector to graduates, employees and school leavers
- Promotion of rail careers through [railcareers.net.au](http://railcareers.net.au) and Rail Careers Week

## How We Work

The ARA is a Company Limited by Guarantee. The ARA Board is made up of an independent Chairperson, the Chief Executive Officer, nine Directors and four Industry Sector Directors.

Four executive committees report into the ARA Board to direct the ARA's work program.



## Committees and Collaboration

We have numerous working groups that work collaboratively, either in person, or by telephone hook-up to develop policy and improved practice for government and industry alike. Some are long term and have a broad remit; others are project specific. Examples include National Telecommunications Committee, Disability and Rail Workforce Development.

These groups allow ARA members to work collaboratively and reap the benefits of pooling resources and ideas.

## Future Leaders

We also maintain a young rail professionals network, including a Future Leaders program, offering networking opportunities and discounted events to those under 35 years of age.

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