



Dear TAs colleagues,

As we all look forward to a wonderful break, I wish to reflect on TAs activities and encourage you to reach out to the great bunch of TAs volunteer colleagues who continue the good work of having a transport voice nationally. TAs continues to grow and deliver for its members and the wider transport industry.

Here is a snapshot:

- TAs national conference (Transport 2024) is scheduled for the 27-28 June 2024; planning for speakers and sponsorship is progressing by Peter Wills (conference chair) and the conference working group.
- Engineers Australia and TAs' Future of Transport Directions paper is planned to be released in the first quarter of 2024 and will be the basis of Engineers Australia advocacy going forward.
- TAs is discussing with Engineers Australia about 'Transport: Area of Practice' and starting to also share the plan with transport industry partners.
- TAs is continuing to collaborate with its industry partners (eg, ITSA, AITPM, ITE, CILTA & ACRS).
- TAs Working Groups (WGs) are undertaking their own collaborative activities, planning national webinars, and contributing to Engineers Australia advocacy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members (students, full and corporate) for your continued support.

My term for TAs National Executive Chair ends this year with a lot of achievements from the assistance of a number of colleagues. We have been consulting with EA's Public Affairs Staff, Chief Engineer and CEO and we are well positioned to be a strong transport voice.

We have representation across Australia with TAs branches and we have covered all modes within the transport sector: Road, Rail, Maritime and Aviation. I'm pleased to also advise an important journey for TAs with active Working Groups for Emerging Professionals and Women in Transport.

My congratulations to **Scott Elaurant** and **Flori Mihai** for their respective appointments as 2024/25 TAs National Chair and National

Deputy Chair roles. I will continue my connection with TAs and TAs NEC as an Immediate Past Chair.

All TAs members are encouraged to reach out to the following Working Group Chairs if you have an interest to participate and contribute to conversations.

- Women in Transport (Chair, Prue Oswin)
- Emerging Professionals (Chair, Madison Elliott)
- Rail (Chair, Chris Baker)
- Maritime (Chair, Adrian Sammons)
- Aviation (Chair, Scott Martin)

In 2024, we will call for member nominations to form a Roads Working Group that will bring together the hard work undertaken already in the areas of urban transport systems, road pricing and road safety.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the above pieces of volunteering activities with the WGs for TAs. We will also call for and award the 2024 Transport Medal. TAs will continue its efforts with the transport sector CPD and Advocacy and I wish all our members well.

Warmest wishes and a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year!

**Kind regards,**



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