

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 2004

- Austroads is the national association of road transport and traffic authorities in Australia and New Zealand
- Austroads' International Committee acts as the National Committee for PIARC for Australia and New Zealand
- Austroads manages Australia's involvement in PIARC and coordinates Australia's involvement with that of New Zealand, particularly in regard to PIARC Committee activities
- New Zealand is a separate national member of PIARC.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- **Support to First Delegate:** Austroads continues to provide support to Australia's First Delegate, Colin Jordan, who is PIARC Vice President and Chairman of its Strategic Planning Commission. The outcome of the Commission's work on the PIARC Strategic Plan 2004-2007 will culminate in its presentation of the Plan to Council in September 2004, for approval to publish.
- **Participation in technical committees:** Australia and/or New Zealand have representation on 17 of the 18 PIARC Technical Committees. Selection of representatives and reporting arrangements have been revised to ensure linkages between the work of technical committee representatives and Austroads' own work.
- **Secondment to PIARC:** Tegan Mitchell from RTA NSW is currently on secondment to PIARC. Her secondment concludes in November. The third secondee from Australia to the PIARC Secretariat has been chosen, and will commence work in Paris in late October 2004, performing similar duties to those being undertaken by the current secondee. The new secondee is Philip Tweddell, from the Department of Main Roads in Queensland, Australia.
- **PIARC Newsletter:** As part of its role in disseminating information relating to PIARC Technical Committees, Austroads introduced a PIARC Newsletter in November 2003 which is widely distributed throughout Australia and New Zealand. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updated information on the committees and their outputs, as well as to inform through interviews with technical committee representatives.
- **Durban Congress:** Austroads coordinated the involvement of the Australasian delegation which attended the Durban World Road Congress in October 2003. The delegation consisted of 38 delegates and exhibitors from Australia (32) and New Zealand (6), as well as a number of accompanying persons. The delegation was comprised of Austroads Council members, Austroads National Office staff, winners of the national level of the PIARC essay competition, local government representatives from New Zealand and limited private sector involvement. Austroads also arranged an Australasian exhibit at the Congress.
- **Routes/Roads review:** Austroads has participated in the review of Routes/Roads. Austroads was represented at the meeting of the review group by Tegan Mitchell, the Austroads secondee to the PIARC office.
- **New Austroads website:** Austroads has a new website with a special section on PIARC activities to keep people informed about PIARC activities and the work of technical committees and the Australasian representatives involved. The website address is: www.austroads.com.au