

Event report:***Social Inclusion Principles for Transport Engineers seminar Friday 14 May 2010.***

Partners: Engineers Australia Vic Transport Division, and DoT

Speakers:

1. Kate Colvin, *Victorian Council of Social Services*
2. Professor Graham Currie, *Monash University Institute of Transport Studies*
3. Emily Simatos, *Victorian Department of Transport*
4. Sally Semmens, *Victorian Department of Transport*
5. Dr Jenny Morris, *Victorian Department of Transport*
6. Elias Lebbos, *Travellers Aid*

Venue: DoT Theatrette, Level 5, 121 Exhibition St

RSVPs: A total of 75 RSVPs received. Mainly from local governments and consultancies, and some Vic Government staff.

Attendance:

53 attendees on the day. The majority stayed the entire length of the event, though some left after the first half. The difference in attendees can largely be attributed to the fact the seminar was free of charge, meaning there was no compulsion to attend, even if RSVP'd.

Program:

The event ran smoothly with few disruptions.

The first speaker was late so she was swapped with Graham Currie, and the speakers all ran over time, meaning the discussion periods were pushed into morning tea.

The speakers all provided excellent information with some overlap in topic, but not enough for it to become repetitive.

The workshop period was very successful in getting attendees to apply the principles and theories delivered by the speakers to practical issues in their areas. It also encouraged significant networking and discussion between different local governments and consultancy groups.

Reception:

Verbal feedback was excellent. During both informal conversations during morning tea and when input/comments were specifically requested at the end of the seminar, it was regularly remarked by participants that they had not considered these ideas before and that they were not discussed in their workplaces.

Positive feedback was also given regarding the speakers, especially Prof Graham Currie and Sally Demmens, who both provided some very practical approaches to the topics.

The seminar built excellent working relationships between the VLGA and Craig McPherson at Engineers Australia, and Euan Ramsay at DoT. We are all very happy to work together again. Professor Graham Currie also expressed his appreciation and willingness to support any further such initiatives we run.

Follow-up:

All attendees were emailed a thankyou message for attending the event on Monday 17 May.

This including a link to the seminar presentations and handouts uploaded on the Thinking Transport website, and a link to the [Local Government Transport Barrier and Capability survey](#) released by the VLGA during the seminar.

Links were also provided to the Thinking Transport website and Engineers Australia website.

All attendees were recorded and will be included in promotions of relevant future events.

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