



2024 PWI CONVENTION

A NOD TO THE PAST, AN EYE TO THE FUTURE:
50 years and going strong!



DAY 1 EVENT – THE PAST

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER, 2024
The Star, Sydney

From 07.30	Registration Desk Open
08.30 – 08.45	Welcome Address: MARK HARRIS <i>PWI NSW President</i>
08.45 – 09.15	Keynote Address: THE HON. JO HAYLEN MP <i>Minister for Transport, NSW</i>

SESSION 1

Chaired by: *Paul Dudding*
CPB Contractors



09.20 – 09.30	Intro to CPB Contractors	Paul Dudding
09.30 – 09.50	Engineering Standard in NSW Railways, and the Scourge of Mindless Compliance	John Paff (WSP)
09.50 – 10.10	The Development of OHW in the Sydney Trains Network	Paul Rizzo / Louis Petroulias (Gazelle Advisory)
10.10 – 10.20	Discussion / Questions for all papers	Paul Dudding
10.20 – 11.00	MORNING TEA	

SESSION 2

Chaired by: *David Robotham*
Laing O'Rourke Australia



11.00 – 11.10	Intro to Laing O'Rourke	David Robotham
11.10 – 11.30	History and Evolution of Light Rail	Dianne Banks (Yarra Train) / Yohan Touzard (TfNSW)
11.30 – 11.50	A history of the Pilbara Freight Rail Network and future developments	John McLeod (Sydney Metro)
11.50 – 12.00	Discussion / Questions for all papers	David Robotham
12:00 – 12:20	Announcement of new Life Memberships	Mark Harris
12.20 – 12.25	A word from our Lunch Sponsor	Steven Johnson (Brimble Rail)
12:25 – 13.40	LUNCH (Buffet)	



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SESSION 3

Chaired by: Paul Feris
Acciona Rail



13.40 – 13.50	Intro to Acciona Rail	Paul Feris
13.50 – 14.50	Panel Session – Legends	David Spiteri (MC)
14.50 – 15.00	Endnote and Announcements	Mark Harris

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER – THE PRESENT

Sponsored by: PWI Platinum Members – John Holland, CPB, Laing O'Rourke, Acciona, JMDR.



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18.00 – 22.30	PWI 50 th Anniversary Dinner Event The Star Event Centre, Pyrmont
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Dinner Agenda:

18.00 – 19.00	Welcome Drinks (Doors open 18.40)	N/A
19.00 – 19:05	Opening	Yemi Penn (MC)
19.05 – 19.15	Welcome to Country	Yvonne Weldon (Metro LALC)
19.15 – 19.30	Keynote	Yemi Penn (MC)
19.30 – 20.00	Break (entre served)	
20.00 – 20.15	PWI President Welcome	Mark Harris
20.15 – 20.25	Announcement of PWI President's Awards	Yemi Penn (MC)
20.25 – 20.30	Close formalities	Yemi Penn (MC)



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DAY 2 EVENT – THE FUTURE

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER, 2024
The Star, Sydney

From 08.30	Registration Desk Open
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome Address: MARK HARRIS <i>PWI NSW President</i>
09.15 – 09.45	Keynote Address: CAROLYN WALSH <i>Chair, National Transport Commission</i>

SESSION 1

Chaired by: Damien Drew
JMDR



09.50 – 10.00	Intro to JMDR	Damien Drew
10.00 – 10.20	Young Achiever Award	Matt Jones
10.20 – 11.20	Panel Session – Young Achievers	Abdul Jamal (MC)
11.20 – 11.30	A word from the PWI UK	Mona Sihota, PWI President
11.30 – 12.10	MORNING TEA	

SESSION 2

Chaired by: Matt Jones
John Holland



12.10 – 12.20	Intro to John Holland	Matt Jones
12.20 – 12.40	HSR – update and next steps	Tim Parker (HSRA)
12.40 – 13.00	Successful Day 1 – Opening Automated Metro Lines	Peter Munro (MTR)
13.00 – 13.20	Earthing Systems in AC Electrified Railways: Key Considerations and Challenges	Gevik Avetian (UGL)
13.20 – 13.30	Discussion / Questions for all papers	Matt Jones
13.30 – 13.35	A word from our Lunch Sponsor	Kate Cuthbertson (RT Health)
13.35 – 15.00	LUNCH (seated)	



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SESSION 3

Chaired by: **Steve Naumovski**
PWI Committee Member



15.00 – 15.10	Intro to Session 3	Steve Naumovski
15.10 – 16.10	Panel Session – PWI Australia, The National Perspective	Steve Naumovski
16:10 – 16:25	PWI Fellowship Program	Matt Jones / Neil Hobden
16.25 – 16.30	President’s Closing Remarks	Mark Harris

POST-CONVENTION NETWORKING EVENT

16.30 – 18.30	PWI Networking Event The Star Event Centre, Pyrmont	DEGNAN
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