

MG Lay Library

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ARRB's MG Lay Library: leading the way in land transport information

Founded in 1962, ARRB's Library today takes a lead role in national and international land transport information provision and knowledge sharing.

Our databases

The MG Lay Library is the main content provider for the Australian Transport Index (ATRI). This database of information on land transport publications:

- contains over 160,000 records and is made available to researchers via subscription through RMIT Publishing (www.rmitpublishing.com.au)
- is designed to provide users with Australian and New Zealand land transport publication details while also including information on relevant international material and grows by approximately 300 records each month
- is in regular use within road authorities and academic institutions across Australia and New Zealand
- is indexed using a specialist land transport-specific thesaurus created and regularly reviewed and updated by the Library.



The Library also maintains the Road Research Register:

- an online searchable database of Australian and New Zealand road-related research projects (www.roadresearch.com.au) which contains over 1000 current and complete project records

The Library is also developing an online resource for the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Rail Innovation. The Rail Knowledge Bank will organise electronic and hard copy items currently distributed across CRC participants and industry stakeholders into a single research and information database for the rail industry.

Our collection

- comprises over 40,000 books, reports, theses, conference proceedings and manuals
- has national and international focus, including important archival material.



Our alert services

The Library has a long history of creating and maintaining alerting and current awareness services to keep clients abreast of the latest developments

- Transport and Road Update (TARU) is a monthly electronic bulletin offering details of recent land transport publications – journal articles, conference papers, books, reports and theses.
- With many publications relevant to the transport sector published and released electronically, ARRB Library has established regular monitoring systems to ensure the currency, quality and coverage of TARU.
- There are plans to relaunch TARU as a series of RSS feeds in the near future, increasing accessibility of the service.

Our national and international coordination activities

The Library chairs the Tranzinfo network of Australian and New Zealand transport-related libraries, with around 20 active member libraries from the government, academic and private sectors. ARRB thus takes a leading role in working to improve resource and expertise sharing across member libraries, and initiatives include consortia purchasing, topic alert bulletins and coordination of teleconferences to foster professional development and information sharing. For more information on the membership and activities of Tranzinfo visit www.tranzinfo.org.

The Library also takes a leading role in international transport information service developments including:

- membership of the International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD) network, including both provision of records on Australian and New Zealand transportation research publications to the ITRD database on behalf of Australia and New Zealand and membership of the ITRD Review Committee
- member of the Library and Information Services in Transportation Committee which operates under the Transportation Research Board in the United States.

Our expertise

The Library is staffed by the full time equivalent of more than five staff that combined offer over 50 years of experience in transport information service provision.

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- VicRoads, Victoria
- Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland
- Main Roads Western Australia
- Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, South Australia
- Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Tasmania
- Department of Lands and Planning, Northern Territory.

Your access

The Library collection is regularly accessed by other libraries across Australia and overseas via document delivery, and academic researchers and members of the public by appointment.

You can contact the ARRB Library wherever you are in the world with a land transport information question and the staff will explain how we may be able to assist. The complexity of the query and restrictions on the supply of material may impact on the level of service we can offer, and whether a monetary charge will be involved.

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