

RAIL TRACK ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA CONFERENCES, DISPLAYS & MEETINGS									
CONFERENCE DATE & TITLE	VENUE	OFFICIAL WELCOME	OPENING ADDRESS	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	THEME	CONFERENCE PROGRAM	ORGANISING COMMITTEE	DELEGATES	NETWORK MEETINGS
August 13-17, 1973 First International Rail Sleeper Conference	Sydney, N.S.W	Brooks C. Wilson, Conference Chairman, Managing Director, Koppers		Allen L. Sams, Vice-President and Chief Engineer, Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - Railroads of Tomorrow and Their Needs - A View from the U.S.	This conference centred on Sleepers	Conference Dinner at the Wentworth Hotel	Koppers Australia Pty Ltd working as a Steering Committee organised the Conference with representatives from the Rail Division of the N.S.W Public Transport Commission and the Forestry Commission of N.S.W with assistance in drawing up the Conference program and in the writing of papers by other Australian rail and forestry groups. John Foxton was the Conference Convener.	145 incl. 12 from overseas	
August 9 - 13, 1976 Second International Rail Sleeper Conference	Sheraton Hotel, Perth	Mr R. (Jim) Pascoe, Conference Chairman, Western Australian Government Railways	The Hon. R.J. O'Connor, M.L.A. W.A Minister for Transport	Irwin C. Newman, General Manager Mt. Newman Mining Co. Pty. Ltd.	Again this conference mainly concentrated on Sleepers	Ladies' Program Cocktail Party Convention Dinner	Rail Sleeper Association (Australia) Continence Committee and Conference Chairman: R.J. Pascoe, Commissioner, W.A. Minister for Transport WA Organising Committee Chairman, Ron Trainor	207 incl. 16 from overseas	
September 24 - 28 1979 Third International Rail Sleeper Conference	Lennons Plaza, Brisbane, Queensland	Mr. Percy J. Goldston, Commissioner for Railways, Queensland Railways	The Hon. K.B. Tomkins, M.L.A. Transport Minister & Member for Roma	John H. Lloyd, Vice-Chairman, Missouri Pacific Railroad - The Challenge of Managing a Rail System to Make Profits	Shift of focus from Sleepers to the complete track structure		Rail Sleeper Association (Australia) and Queensland Timber Board and The Department of Forestry assisted in organising the conference while Koppers Australia Pty Ltd provided the principal administration facilities and the services of the Conference Convener (John Moss)	248 incl. 19 from overseas	
September 13 - 17 1981 Fourth International Rail Track & Sleeper Conference	Adelaide Oberoi Hotel Adelaide, South Australia	Dr. D.G. Williams, GM, Australian National, Conference Chairman	The Hon. David Tonkin, M.P. Premier South Australia	Dr. J.G.H. Loubser, Director General, South African Railways	Applied Rail Track Developments	Ladies' Program Australian National Railways Reception & Buffet Meal Conference Banquet	Rail Track & Sleeper Association Conference host: K.A. Smith, Chairman Australian National Railways Commission	354 incl. 28 from overseas Many Delegates accompanied by their wives	
September 12 - 18 1983 Fifth International Rail Track Conference	Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle, N.S.W	Mr. Neville Walker, President RTAA	Bill Farrands, BHP GM Marketing Steel Division	K.V. Smith OBE Managing Director TRANSMARK London	What's Happening in Rail Track	Lunch/Reception Conference Field Tours	Rail Track Association together with State Rail Authority NSW Broken Hill P/L, Hunter Valley Research Foundation and State Rail Authority of NSW arranging tours	310 incl. 30 from overseas	
March 17 - 19 1986 Sixth International Rail Track Conference	Melbourne, Victoria		Mr. Neville Walker, President RTAA	Dr. Stuart Jay	The Challenge of the Future	Cocktail Function Official Dinner Conference Tour	Rail Track Association together with State Transport Authority Victoria - hosts and Broken Hill P/L - major sponsor D.C. Gillett of BHP - Conference Convener	318 incl. 22 from overseas	
October 18 - 21 1988 Seventh International Rail Track Conference	Kingsgate Conference Centre Auckland, New Zealand	Dame Catherine Tizard Lady Mayor of Auckland	Hon. Richard Prebble, Minister for Railways	Mr. Martin Reynolds, Permanent Way Engineer, British Rail London	Sharing Today's Experience, Seeking Tomorrow's Solutions	Cocktail Function Ladies' Program Official Dinner Conference Tour	RTAA with W.I. Jones, Chief Civil Engineer, N.Z. Railways Corporation, Conference Chairman and John F. Wobley, Regional Freight Manager, Auckland of N.Z. Railways Corporation, Joint Conference Co-ordinator as well as John Foxton and John Moss from Sydney	167 delegates	
October 22 - 25 1990 Eighth International Rail Track Conference	Hilton International Hotel Sydney, N.S.W	Mr Dennis Dobson - President RTAA	The Hon. Bruce Baird, M.P. Minister for Transport	Mr. Ross Sayers Chief Executive, S.R.A. of N.S.W.	Resources for Courses - On Track for 2000	Official Cocktail Welcome Ladies' Program Gala Dinner Conference Field Tour	Rail Track Association Australia together with State Rail Authority of NSW	210 delegates	
October 25 - 29 1992 Ninth International Rail Track Conference	Hyatt Regency Hotel Perth W.A.	Mr Dennis Dobson - President RTAA	Mr Dennis Dobson - President RTAA	Mr. Vince Graham, Chief Executive, N.R.C	Permanent Ways and Effective Means	Welcome Cocktail Function Official Conference Dinner Post Conference Tour	RTAA together with Railways of Western Australia, Sydney - Dennis Dobson, Dave Hassall, Laurie Mills, Ken Moore, Perth - D. Pearce, John Syers, Norm Geddes, Ben Lombardo, J. Kelderman, Bob Vanselow, Brian Andrews	231 delegates	
September 11 - 14 1994 Tenth International Rail Track Conference	The Brisbane Sheraton & Towers, Brisbane, Qld	Steve Maxwell - President RTAA	A Summary of RTAA Conferences 1 - 9 by Don Archer. A Summary of RTAA Conferences 6 - 9 by Michael D. O'Rourke Rail Track - The Future by Brian G. Buckle	The Hon. David Hammill, Minister for Transport, Queensland	Coming of Age, Australian Rail Track Past, Present and Future	Welcome Cocktail Function Official Conference Dinner Field Trip Post Conference Tour	Rail Track Association Australia together with Queensland Rail Sydney - Dave Hassall, Laurie Mills, Brisbane - Frank Bell, Brian Haganan, S. Laing, Mike Garrett, Graham Stephens, Barry Renaud, P. Hoffman, Robin Walpole, A. Haganan, M. Powell,	194 delegates	
October 27 - 30 1996 Eleventh International Rail Track Conference	Stamford Grand Hotel Adelaide, South Australia	Steve Maxwell - President RTAA	Senator the Hon. Grant Tambling, Parliamentary Secretary, Transport & Regional Development	Leon Welsby, Manager Track Access Australia	Maintenance & Construction - The New Era	Welcome Cocktail Reception Conference Dinner Technical Tour Post Conference Tour Partners Program	Rail Track Association Australia together with Australian National & BHP Rail Products Sydney - Dave Hassall, Laurie Mills, Lou Bonomi, John Durnith, Adelaide - Harry Olsen, P. Colaghan, Rob Schwager, Peter Milton, B. Olson	318 delegates	
May 9 - 12 1999 Twelfth International Rail Track Conference	Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne, Victoria	Russell Trevaskis - President RTAA	Hon. Robin Cooper, Victorian Minister for Transport	Andrew Ne-Esil, Public Transport Directorate	Rail Track - What Now for the Industry?	Welcome Cocktail Reception Official Conference Dinner (Bow ties provided for delegates attending the dinner) Steve Maxwell Premium Wine Pack Gift	Rail Track Association Australia together with PTC Victoria Conference Organiser: Dave Hassall, Local Committee Chairman: Nick Williams, Local Committee: Russell Trevaskis, Warwick Kinscher, Lou Bonomi, Editor: Laurie Mills	Approx. 180 delegates	
November 11 - 14 2001 Thirteenth International Rail Track Conference	National Convention Centre Canberra ACT	Russell Trevaskis - President RTAA		Russell J. Black, Project Director MTR Corporation Ltd	The Impact of Competition Policy - How Much Further Can We Push The Asset?	Welcome Cocktail Reception Official Conference Dinner (Three different coloured ties with train logos provided for delegates) Partner's Program	Conference Organiser: Dave Hassall, Local Committee Chairman: Allan Logan, Local Committee: David Ball, Barry Hedley, John Kuchler, John Daranti, Editor: Laurie Mills	155 delegates	

