

Reports from the Complimentary Trafinz Registrations for the 2022 ARSC Conference

The ARSC provided valuable opportunities to learn from peers as well as be inspired by leading figures in their fields. The impact of road safety on climate change and understanding road safety outcomes for Māori were the two biggest takeaways for me. While not new concepts in my work it was great to learn more about these and I think including more content on these topics in the future would be really beneficial. We have already been talking in our teams about Simon and Dulce's presentations, particularly about not being able to electrify our way out of the problem and it taking a thousand cups of tea to build partnerships. Lastly, I want to say a big thanks to Trafinz and its members for their support to attend the conference.

Kia pai te rā,

Hugh Wilson, Transport Network Planner, Christchurch City Council

What really resonated with me was the call to action from Prof Susan Krumdieck. As practitioners we are in a privileged position to *do something* about climate change and safety. The term "Transition Engineering" really helps frame our thoughts and actions to help us break out of the status quo. Thanks to Trafinz for the complimentary registration.

Cheers

Jamie McPherson, Transportation Manager, Tasman District Council

There were so many amazing speakers and people at the conference, and it was great to read your article. Some of my most memorable quotes are below:

- Designing street (for people?)
- Prevent what is preventable
- That we don't put enough value in slow journeys

It was great to hear all the investigation work being carried out in Australia, and how that backs up and affirms what we are trying to do here in NZ.

I also came back to the office buzzing about the conference and talking to anyone who would listen, about how good it was and trying to share learnings with others who could not make it.

Thanks

Sarah Thomson, Queenstown Lakes District Council

It was reassuring to see the work we are doing also being rolled out in other countries, it really helps give you confidence in the work.

Not all presentations were directly relatable, but it was good to be able to see how different issues have been approached. From a presenting perspective it was great to be able to share the work our team does and to network.

The presentation on Road to Zero on the final day was really valuable. The information on the 'hearts and minds' promotional campaign Waka Kotahi are running hit home, reassuring that driving cultures **can** be changed, and past campaigns have been successful in changing social attitudes in Aotearoa. The fact Australia and New Zealand are aligned in their approach to road safety through Sweden's holistic approach of "vision zero" through a safe system approach. Road safety is everyone's business. Addressing each risk area in isolation is not enough to bring deaths down to zero. Counties must embrace and approach that looks at mobility systems as a whole.

Some resonating quotes:

- Dr Rod Carr, Chairman of the [Climate Change Commission](#) challenged delegates by saying "We can't electrify our way out of climate change"
- Prof Simon Kingham is also seconded to the MOT as chief science advisor – "any policy change now has to go through with a climate change lens".

The Future of Transport Panel, chaired by Simon Kingham, was interesting and it was good to hear **TDM** and its importance mentioned a number of times. I don't know if it would've been mentioned as much a few years ago.

Nicole Rosie (Waka Kotahi CEO) seemed to have a good overall understanding of the lay of the land and wouldn't be pressured into picking "just one most important thing" for Road Safety. Of course, she's right, it needs to be a combination of factors.

Lastly as a future suggestion - Perhaps, next Road Safety conference we might even feature images other than a car on a road as the main, promotional picture. Just an idea!

Thanks,

Sarah Anderson, Team Leader, Travel Demand Management, Christchurch City Council