



President's Address

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Welcome to another exciting year with the PWI Qld. I'd like to start by extending a sincere thank you to all our members—your ongoing support is what makes our organisation thrive. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the PWI, we appreciate your involvement and look forward to another year of growth, learning, and collaboration.

This year, we have an excellent lineup of technical presentations planned in both Brisbane and regional centres of Mackay and Rockhampton, covering key projects, innovations, and challenges within the rail industry. These events provide valuable opportunities to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and stay informed about the latest developments. I encourage you all to attend and take full advantage of these sessions.

We also have an exciting lineup of social events planned, providing great opportunities to connect with colleagues and industry peers. Our annual Golf Day will return, offering a relaxed and enjoyable day on the course. We are also planning a Rail Study Tour, giving members the chance to explore local and historical rail sites as well as enjoy a few local wineries. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome back our Mid-Year Dinner, where members and their partners can come together for an evening of good food, great company, and networking.

The PWI Qld would like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors for their continued support. Their contributions help us deliver quality events and initiatives for our members, and we greatly appreciate their commitment to the industry.

We are currently seeking nominations for the PWI Committee. If you are passionate about rail and would like to play a role in shaping the direction of the PWI Qld, we would love to have you involved. Fresh perspectives and ideas are always welcome, so please consider putting your name forward. The new committee will be voted in at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on the 23rd April.

Finally, we are always looking for new speakers for our technical sessions. If you have insights or experiences to share, or know someone who does, we encourage you to reach out. These presentations are a fantastic way to contribute to the industry and engage with fellow professionals.

I look forward to seeing you at the next PWI event, bring a friend along and enjoy the night.

Robin Stevens

PWI President



Annual General Meeting

Join us for the PWI Annual General Meeting on April 23rd, a key event in our calendar where industry professionals come together to connect, reflect on the year, and celebrate achievements through our annual awards.

This year, we are pleased to welcome Genevieve De Michele (Project Director – Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line) and Brendan Cassels (Rail Engineering Lead – Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line) as our guest speakers. They will be discussing progress on the Direct Sunshine Coast Project, providing key insights into its developments and future impact.



We encourage all members to attend in what promises to be an informative session. Tables are always in high demand, so we encourage you to secure your spot early. Formal invitations will be sent out soon.

As part of our Annual General Meeting, we will be running our prestigious PWI Qld annual awards, including:

- The Rail Industry Step Forward Award
 - The Step Forward Award is for an individual /group/company who have made a tangible sustainable step forward for the rail industry, preferably in Queensland.
- The Women in Rail Industry Award
 - The Plasser Australia Women in Rail Award, championed by PWI Queensland, is a distinguished honour that shines a light on the exceptional women propelling Queensland's rail industry forward. This award recognises those who bring innovation, excellence, and a deep commitment to their work within the rail sector.
- The Rail Welders Award (revamped format)
 - An award for a Queensland based track welder (individual) with a focus on safe and successful delivery of track construction projects.

Nominations are now open, so if you or a colleague may be worthy of industry recognition and prizes, we encourage you to apply: <https://pwiqlld.org.au/awards>

We are seeking nominations for PWI Committee members. This is a great opportunity to get involved, contribute to the direction of the organisation, and help support the rail industry community. If you are passionate about the industry and keen to play a role in shaping PWI Qld activities, we encourage you to nominate.

We look forward to seeing you there.



2024 Technical Events

Our 2024 technical events have been a great success, bringing together industry professionals to share knowledge, discuss innovations, and tackle key challenges in rail infrastructure. From insightful presentations to engaging discussions, these sessions have provided valuable learning and networking opportunities for all who attended. A big thank you to our speakers and attendees for their contributions—we look forward to continuing these important conversations at our upcoming events.

Previous technical events have included:

Date	Technical Presentation
Feb 2025	Ms Clara Owen, National Service Lead Asset Management, Arcadis Digital innovations in Asset Management: Automating data Collection and Refining Industry Standards
Nov 2024	Mr Peter Bodetti, Senior Design Manager, GHD Asset Management on a Tourist and Heritage Railway, the Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway experience
Oct 2024	<u>Rockhampton Regional Event</u> Paul Radman, Managing Director Group, Thermit Australia Thermit Welding Past, Present and Future Kendyll Currin & Andrew Rogerson, Senior Business Analyst & Capital and Reporting Officer, Aurizon Network Digitising Quality Assurance Documentation Hari Radhakrishnan, Civil Engineer, Aurizon Network Importance of Data for Track Engineers and Analysing Track Events
Oct 2024	Mr Kaushik Mondal, Engineering Manager, Aarvee Transforming Railways: Aarvee's Impact in India and Beyond
Sept 2024	Mr Rafid Morshedi, Associate Data Scientist/Engineer, WSP Efficiency through automation: Automated alignment optimiser
Aug 2024	Mr Jefferson Fern, Technical Lead & Head of Vossloh Fastening Systems Australia Melbourne Metro Tunnel Project Track System
June 2024	Mr Robin Stevens, Manager Track and Alignment Design, Queensland Rail The Blackboy Creek Story
April 2024	<u>Mackay Regional Event</u> Dulamini Senevirathna, Civil Engineer, Sterling Infrastructure Our 10 year journey with Aurizon Andrew Doe, Principal Geotechnical Engineer, BGC Engineering Rail, Change and Earthworks Kelly Cooke & Adam Butcher, Managing Director & CQC Operations Manager, GLH Specialised equipment for rail maintenance and construction tasks



Social

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for last year's Golf Day at Wolston Park Golf Club—it was a fantastic event. Congratulations to all the winners Paul Robertson, Col Bridge, Joshua Jamesion and Merv McFarlane (Left to Right).

We look forward to another great day on the course this year on the 5th October.

The PWI and members would like to extend special thanks our sponsors as well as the hole sponsors which helped make this event possible.



Upcoming Events

Please find below, confirmed and upcoming events for your diary. Please remember PWI events require members and guest participation to keep these events continuing:

Date	Type	Event
19 March	PWI Technical Event	Bill Bolton – Queensland Rail
23 April	PWI AGM	PWI Annual General Meeting
6 May	PWI Technical Event	John Paff - WSP
28 May	Networking (ARA)	Queensland Rail Industry Networking Lunch
25 June	Networking (ARA)	Annual Queensland Rail Industry Dinner
8 July	PWI Technical Event	Phil Imrie - Plateway
18 July	Social	PWI QLD Annual Dinner (Location TBC)
5 August	PWI Technical Event	SMEC
12-14 August	Conference (RTSA)	Conference on Railway Excellence (CORE) (Auckland)
Late August	Social	PWI Rail Study Tour (TBC)
9 September	PWI Technical Event	Interface Rail Engineering
5 October	Social	PWI Golf Day
11 November	PWI Technical Event	TBC
25-28 November	Conference (ARA)	AusRail Plus (Melbourne)

Sponsorship Opportunities

We're excited to offer sponsorship opportunities for companies and individuals looking to support the Permanent Way Institution (PWI) and our upcoming social events. Sponsorship is a fantastic way to showcase your brand, engage with industry professionals, and contribute to the continued success of our technical and networking gatherings. If you're interested in getting involved or would like more details, please email Tony Dunn at anthony.dunn@smec.com



Membership

A big thank you to all our members—your support is what keeps the PWI running! We couldn't do it without you. If you haven't already, please ensure your membership is up to date. And if you know someone who would be interested in joining, please refer them to [our website](#) or encourage them to get in touch with our committee. We appreciate your continued support!

Call for Presenters

We are always looking for passionate and knowledgeable speakers to present at our upcoming technical events. If you have insights, projects, or innovations to share with the PWI Qld, we'd love to hear from you. Presenting is a great opportunity to showcase your expertise, spark discussions, and contribute to professional development within the industry. If you're interested or know someone who would be a great fit, please reach out to our committee.

Did You Know

The PWI UK division now provides their quarterly technical journal online and free of charge. Please click on the link below for the current journal or the knowledge hub for previous versions of the journals. Great for light bedtime reading and will earn you valuable CPD hours:

<https://www.thepwi.org/the-journal/>

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Editors Mystery Image

Please email robin.stevens@qr.com.au and name the mystery Queensland railway image to obtain a prize!





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If you have any interesting news or events that may be of interest to the PWI Qld Chapter, please forward to myself for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Thanks

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