



ARISO Rail Safety Conference

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19 – 20 MAY 2026

PULLMAN MELBOURNE ON THE PARK

THE NEW STANDARDS ERA

CELEBRATE THE CONFERENCE AWARDS
DINNER | TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026



NEW TO 2026

- THE GREAT DEBATE
- GAME CHANGER LOUNGE
- NEXT GENERATION AWARD
- RAIL SAFETY THINK TANK



KEY TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE:

- Governance and Leadership
- Network Integration
- Safety Excellence and Standards in Action
- Future-Ready Safety



PROGRAM FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Victorian Ministerial Keynote Address
- CEO Keynotes
- ETCS & Interoperability Updates
- Industry Panels

ARISO Rail Safety Conference

The New Standards Era

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026

WELCOME RECEPTION | PULLMAN MELBOURNE ON THE PARK

NEW TO 2026

6:00 – 7:30pm

Welcome | Alan Fedda, CEO, ARISO

Networking is at the heart of innovation and collaboration and kick things off with a Speed Networking Session during Monday's Rail Safety Welcome Reception. Then dive into the action at our interactive Game Changer Lounge and enjoy a variety of engaging stage activities throughout the event.

Attendance at the Rail Safety Welcome Reception is included in all conference registrations.



TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026

ARISO RAIL SAFETY CONFERENCE AWARDS DINNER | PULLMAN MELBOURNE ON THE PARK

6:30pm Pre-dinner drinks | 7:00pm Awards Dinner starts

Join us to celebrate industry's achievements and commitment to safety, excellence and innovation.

The ARISO Rail Safety Awards are designed to recognise and celebrate individual and company safety achievements in the rail industry and promote diverse thinking, excellence and innovation for the betterment of rail. Established in 2022, RISSB Rail Safety Awards are open to any individual working in the rail industry, or an organisation operating in, or affiliated with, rail in Australia and New Zealand.

DINNER MC | Sharon Tang

2026 AWARD CATEGORIES:

- TrackSAFE Frontline Worker Safety Award
- Advancing Safety and Productivity Award
- Industry Safety Professional of the Year
- Next Generation Award

Visit the Awards website for more information, including nominations -

www.ariso.org.au/awards/

Nominations close – Friday 17 April 2026



NEXT GENERATION CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP + AWARD

Are you ready to shape the future of rail safety in Australia?

Share your groundbreaking idea and win 1 of 10 exclusive scholarships to attend the ARISO Rail Safety 2026 Conference & Awards Dinner and become the inaugural Next Generation Award Winner.

We're calling on all rail sector professionals aged 30 and under to submit their innovative concepts for enhancing rail safety and productivity. Whether it's a bold new approach, a technological breakthrough, or a fresh perspective on industry challenges, we want to hear your vision for a safer, more efficient rail network.

NEW FOR 2026

Accelerate Your Scholarship with Priority Entrance to the 'Next Generation' Award

This year, we're taking the scholarship program to the next level. The 10 selected scholarship recipients will exclusively qualify for the 'Next Generation Award' to be presented at the 2026 Awards Dinner. A judging panel will evaluate the scholarship winners to identify the standout leader driving innovation and excellence in rail safety.

Submit your entry today and take the first step toward becoming a rail safety trailblazer!

How to Apply: Visit the event website to submit in 200–300 words, describe your idea, concept, or hypothetical solution. Highlight the benefits and positive impact your proposal could have on the rail industry.

Deadline: 2 April, 2026

Scholarship Winners announced: mid-April, 2026

Next Generation Winner announced: 19 May at the ARISO Rail Safety Conference Awards Dinner



ARISO Rail Safety Conference

Tuesday 19 May 2026

DAY 1

8:00 Registration and morning coffee/tea

8:45 **Welcome to Country**

8:55 **Safety Briefing**

9:00 **OPENING | Chair & ARISO Welcome**

Alan Fedda, *CEO, ARISO*

OPENING KEYNOTES

9:15 **MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP, *Minister for Transport and Public, Minister for Active Transport, Victorian Government*

9:35 **The National Rail Action Plan: Building a Safer, More Productive National Rail System**

Michael Hopkins, *CEO, NTC*

9:55 **Driving the Future of Rail Safety Regulation: Innovation, Technology, and Collaboration in a Changing Landscape**

Dr Natalie Pelham, *CEO, ONRSR*

10:20 **Productivity and Rail Reform**

Stay tuned for further announcements

10:45 **TRACKSIDE CHAT | Collaboration, Innovation and Productivity in the New Standards Era**

Facilitator: Tony Braxton-Smith, *Independent Director, ARISO*

Alan Fedda, *CEO, ARISO*

Dr Natalie Pelham, *CEO, ONRSR*

Michael Hopkins, *CEO, NTC*

More panellists to be announced

11:05 Morning tea and networking break

11:35 **Transforming Regional Rail Safety: Leadership, Innovation, and Resilience for a Sustainable Future**

Will Tieppo, *CEO, V/Line*

ETCS & INTEROPERABILITY

12:00 **Driving Digital Transformation in Rail: Lessons from the UK's ETCS Rollout and Data Interoperability Framework**

Tom Lee, *Director of Standards, RSSB, UK*

12:10 **Australia's First Mandatory Rail Standards: Supporting the rollout of ETCS on the National Network for Interoperability**

Stephen Lemon, *Executive Director Rail Systems & Operations Reform, NTC*

12:35 **Train Control Interoperability: The ARTC Perspective**

Brad Moorhouse, *Group Executive Safety and Systems, ARTC*

1:00 Lunch and networking break

2:00 **CASE STUDY | The Journey of ETCS Integration**

2:25 **CASE STUDY | Safety Assurance for KiwiRail's Freight ETCS Project in Auckland**

Gabriella Solti, *Systems Assurance Manager, KiwiRail, NZ*

RAIL SAFETY CASE STUDIES

2:50 **Integration of TMACS Electronic Movement Authorities with an Onboard Automatic Train Protection System**

Mark Wood, *Chief Technology Officer, 4Tel and 4AI Systems*

3:15 **Overcoming the Technical and Commercial Barriers Preventing Successful Safety Assurance Integration**

Zoltan David, *Managing Director and Collin Song, Senior Safety Assurance Consultant, Mage Consulting*

3:40 Afternoon tea and networking break

4:10 **Quantification of eBike Battery F&LS Hazards**

Klaus Clemens, *Chair, ARISO Battery Safety Operations Group*

RAIL SAFETY

4:30 **PANEL | Operational Safety and Interoperability: Leadership in Driving Transformational Change**

— Leveraging emerging technologies and hazards: What could go wrong and how to prevent it

Facilitator: Sudha Niles, *General Manager Products and Innovation, ARISO*

Panellists: Adrian Teaha, *Chief Interoperability and Development Officer, ARTC*

Jamie McDonald, *Head of Safety Risk and Assurance Chief Risk Officer, Sydney Trains*

Corrie Summers, *Risk & Compliance Principal, Safety, Health & Environment, TasRail*

Jesse Baker, *Head of Safety, Compliance and Risk, Rail First*

Ben Fountain, *Head of Safety Health Environment & Learning, Aurizon*

5:10 Summary and End of Conference Day One

6:30 **ARISO RAIL SAFETY CONFERENCE AWARDS DINNER**

This is separately bookable.

While attendees must register to attend the conference as well, this is a great opportunity to book a table for the team to celebrate industry's champions and achievements!

VENUE DETAILS

Pullman Melbourne on the Park

192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

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Wednesday 20 May 2026

DAY 2

9:00 Safety briefing & welcome

PEOPLE

9:05 **PANEL | Empowering People and Communities: Setting New Standards for Safety and Resilience**

- Building a culture of operational excellence
- Skills and workforce development
- Resilience and recovery

Panellists: Kylie Pearse, *HSEQ&R Manager, ARISO Industry Safety Professional of the Year – 2025*

Joe Le, *Chief Health, Safety and Sustainability Officer, Yarra Trams*

Carly Grigg, *Industry Engagement Manager, Industry Skills Australia*

More panellists to be announced

COMPETENCY

9:45 **Competency in the Rail Industry**

Kerry Russell, *Director Investigations, Rail & Metro* and Marty Meles, *Senior Transport Safety Investigator, OTSI*

10:10 **The Evolution of Safety Investigation from Training to Competence**

Ann Tomlinson, *Director, Alium Works + ARISO Industry Safety Professional of the Year, 2024*

10:35 Morning tea and networking break

LEARNINGS FROM RAIL SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS

11:00 **How No-blame Safety Investigations Fits into the Rail Safety Ecosystem**

Peta Nisbet, *Manager Transport Safety - Rail Team, ATSB*

11:35 **What Are SPADs Trying to Teach Us? A Systems View of Signal Passed at Danger Investigations**

Professor Anjum Naweed, *Professor of Human Factors and Operational Readiness at the Appleton Institute, CQUniversity Australia*

LEVEL CROSSINGS

11:50 **Supporting Level Crossing Safety Innovation through a Human Factors Integration Toolkit**

Professor Gemma Read, *Director of the Centre for Human Factors and Systems Science, University of the Sunshine Coast*

LIGHT RAIL

12:15 **PANEL | Light on Rail but Heavy on Safety**

Cherie Lee, *Chief Engineering Officer, Yarra Trams*

More panellists to be announced

12:55 Lunch and networking break

NETWORK INTEGRATION

1:50 **PANEL | Chief Engineers: Tracking Forward to Greater Productivity**

Facilitator: Dr Tim Kuypers, *Independent Director, ARISO*

Panellists: Dr Christian Christodoulou, *Director Engineering, Transport for NSW*

Amy Lezala, *Chief Engineer – Rail, Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria*

Melanie Mackie, *General Manager, Technical Services and Assurance, ARTC*

Anshul Bajpai, *Engineering & Asset Management Manager, Public Transport Authority WA*

Phil Ellingworth, *Chief Engineer, Metro Trains Melbourne*

2:30 **Operational Readiness: Melbourne Metro Tunnel Case Study**

Pete Gleeson, *Executive Director Network Assets, Metro Trains Melbourne*

THE GREAT DEBATE

2:55 **Driverless systems are the only way forward for rail safety**

Moderator: Alan Fedda, *CEO, ARISO*

Join top industry experts as they present compelling arguments, challenge perspectives, and spark a lively exchange of ideas.

Cast your vote to decide the winning team in this dynamic and thought-provoking session.

Stay tuned for team announcements!



3:25 Closing Remarks – End of Conference

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION RATE

Visit the event website for instructions and further details to claim the special venue rate from \$305 per room per night for conference attendees.

RAIL TRAVEL

Conveniently located in East Melbourne, the venue offers stunning views of the iconic MCG, Melbourne Park, and the picturesque Fitzroy Gardens, while providing easy access to nearby rail connections.

– **Jolimont Station** is directly across the road: Accessible via the **Mernda** and **Hurstbridge** train lines.

– **Wellington Parade**: Serviced by tram routes **48** and **75**, which stop near the MCG.

General Myki card information: Transport Victoria - Myki
<https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki>



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The 2026 ARISO Rail Safety Conference arrives at a critical time for advancing the nation's strategic approach to rail safety standards, productivity, harmonization and interoperability. Now in its 26th year, the Conference will bring together government bodies, railway operators, engineers, project managers and industry experts and stakeholders from across the rail safety spectrum.

To showcase your services, expertise and product to the rail safety professionals and decision makers to this established industry gathering, contact **Sarah Ingram, Sponsorship & Exhibition Sales Manager**, Sarah.Ingram@informa.com or +61 406 530 043.

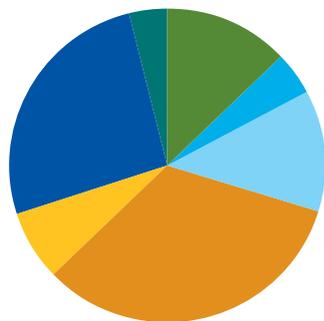
AVAILABLE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Welcome Reception
- Awards Dinner
- Lanyard
- Event App
- Coffee Cart
- Lunch Break

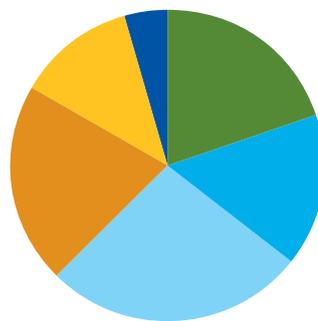


AUDIENCE PROFILE

ORGANISATIONS



JOB ROLE TYPES



Consulting Firms	12.8%
Research	4.6%
Government Agencies	12.5%
Rail Operators	33.0%
Training Providers	7.2%
Railway Equipment & Maintenance Providers	26.1%
Other	3.8%

Executive Leadership Roles	20.0%
Engineering Roles	15.7%
Safety Roles	27.0%
Managerial Roles	20.9%
Specialist Roles	12.2%
Operational/Support Roles	4.3%

EVENT IN NUMBERS

91%

Indicated they would likely return

86%

Attend to gain industry knowledge and insights

89%

Agree the event is important to maintain competitive intelligence

72%

Attend to build new business connections

47

Net Promoter Score

85+

organisations attended in 2025

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Easy Ways to Register

- 1 Web**
www.railsafetyconference.com.au
- 2 Telephone**
+61 (0)2 9080 4307 – Quoting P26M04
- 3 Email**
info@informa.com.au – Quoting P26M04

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Pricing Details

Conference Package	PRICE	GST	TOTAL
Two day conference	\$2,795.00	\$279.50	\$3,074.50
ARISO Member Rate (20% Discount)	\$2,236.00	\$223.60	\$2,459.60
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION (UNDER 35)			
	PRICE	GST	TOTAL
Two day conference	\$1,397.50	\$139.75	\$1,537.25
ARISO Member Rate (20% Discount)	\$1,118.00	\$111.80	\$1,229.80
CONFERENCE DINNER			
	PRICE	GST	TOTAL
Single Ticket	\$275.00	\$27.50	\$302.50
Table of 10	\$2,750.00	\$275.00	\$3,025.00
ARISO Member - Single Ticket	\$220.00	\$22.00	\$242.00
ARISO Member - Table of 10	\$2,200.00	\$220.00	\$2,420.00

Visit the website for virtual rates

For full terms and conditions, please visit: www.railsafetyconference.com.au

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20% ARISO MEMBERS DISCOUNT

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50% YOUNG RAIL PROFESSIONALS DISCOUNT

Informa are delighted to offer subsidised conference registration fees to young rail professionals, aged 35 years old and under on 19 May 2026, to attend this year's conference.

Note: You will be required to provide ID on the day of the event.

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Bring along the team to enjoy the learnings, information and networking opportunities available. Conference registration discounts start from groups of 5 or more people.

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