



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME – LEE JOHNSON

Welcome to the ARRO Newsletter.

The planning is well in place for the Australasian Challenge to be held in Adelaide. The enthusiasm shown by the organising team to date will ensure another top class event and I urge all agencies that are considering sending a team to watch the web site for the launch of registrations in the near future.

I note with interest what seems to be an increasing amount of interest in road safety issues by governments across Australia. ARRO may find the challenge is presented to us to embrace some broader aspects of road safety and this could open up a new area of growth for the organisation, particularly in the area of vehicle safety. Collectively, ARRO has an enormous resource to draw on for vehicle safety information and this may be our area to contribute to the national road safety strategy.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and find the information useful. Don't forget there is a directory of committee members included and you are always welcome to contact any member to raise issues that you may want discussed by the ARRO committee.

EXPANDED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Those members who attended the 2005 AGM in Hamilton, New Zealand, will recall the suggestion raised by Greg Stone for an expanded technical committee meeting to discuss a range of topics of interest to all members of ARRO and their agencies.

At the Technical Committee meeting held recently this concept was discussed further and plans are progressing well to hold such a meeting. At this stage timing is still to be finalised, but will probably be in the second half of this year at a venue to be determined. The Technical Committee plans to develop the agenda at our April full committee meeting in Adelaide. ARRO President, Lee Johnson, will then write to the heads of all rescue provider agencies to invite them to send two representatives to the meeting.

As previously advised, if you think you should attend you should be ready to contact your agency and ask them to send you.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The General Committee and Technical Committee will meet in Adelaide in April. The meeting will enable the ARRO Committee to meet with the local organizing team of the Australasian Road Rescue Challenge to be held in Adelaide in July. If you have any issues or discussion points you would like raised with the committee, please contact the appropriate person listed on the contacts list later in this newsletter, or send your comments to the Secretary.



AUSTRALASIAN CHALLENGE

The 2006 Australasian Challenge will be held in Adelaide from 20th to 23rd July at the Adelaide Showgrounds. The final details are being put together now and full registration will be available online shortly.



Please register your team's interest through the web page to make sure you get all the registration details emailed to you as soon as they are available. The event web site is www.infront.com.au/rescuechallenge/

ARRO WEBSITE

The ARRO website is currently being reviewed.

Since the new look site has been launched it has proved very popular, particularly with the ability to download technical bulletins, newsletters etc. ARRO wants to know if you are experiencing any problems with the site or if there is a feature we could add that would make the site even more useful for members.

Please drop an email to ARRO Secretary, Glen Maule, and give him any feedback you wish. We will endeavour to meet your needs but cannot guarantee we can do everything we are asked.

Glen's email is gmaule@emergency.qld.gov.au

If you haven't checked out the site for a while take a few minutes to browse and let Glen know if you have any suggestions on how we can make it even better.

ARRO SPONSORS

At the end of the newsletter you will notice a page that lists the ARRO sponsors logos. ARRO relies heavily on the generous support of our sponsors, all key players in the rescue industry.

Their support is critical to ARRO's operation and members can help us foster goodwill by letting your local contacts for each organisation know how much we value their support. If you have the chance to do so please say thanks.

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