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**2018 AUSTRALASIA BUS CONFERENCE**

**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER**

**MONDAY 0830**

**ARE WE IN A TRANSPORT STORM?**

**ARE WE AHEAD OF THE STORM?**

**IS THERE IN FACT A TRANSPORT STORM AT ALL?**

**ARE WE JUST SEEING MOBILITY EVOLVE AS IT HAS ALWAYS  
DONE AS TECHNOLOGY CHANGES.**

**FROM HORSE AND CARRIAGE TO TRAIN TO CAR – IS IT NEW  
OR JUST MORE OF THE SAME AND THE TERM DISRUPTION  
IS JUST A FANCY WAY TO SAY CHANGE AND ADAPT AS  
BUSINESSES ALWAYS DO.**

**WELL LET'S FIND OUT OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS**

**THIS YEARS CONFERENCE THEME IS MOVING PEOPLE  
CENTURY 21, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT 18 YEARS AGO IT  
WAS THE YEAR 2000 AND WE WERE ALL CONCERNED THAT  
COMPUTERS WERE GOING TO CRASH AS THE CLOCK AND  
DATE TURNED OVER AT MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 31, 1999.**

**A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE FIRST 18 YEARS OF THE 2000'S  
AND LOOKING FORWARD IF YOU BELIEVE IN AUTONOMOUS  
VEHICLES BECOMING THE NORM IN 30 YEARS OR SO, THEN**

**WE ARE ALREADY AT 2048, TIME AND THINGS SEEM TO MOVE MUCH FASTER THESE DAYS**

**WE ARE ALREADY HAVING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY NOW ABOUT THE USE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND TRIALS UNDERWAY.**

**SO WE HAVE TO BE AHEAD OF THE GAME, AHEAD OF THE STORM AND CREATE A BUSINESS SPACE FOR THE BUS AND COACH INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE MOBILITY BUSINESS, WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE.**

**HOPEFULLY AGAIN THIS YEAR THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE SOME INSIGHTS AND TRENDS, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION, PROJECTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES THAT WILL ALLOW BUS OPERATOR AND SUPPLIERS TO GET A GLIMPSE INTO THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE FUTURE AND THE RISKS AND REWARDS FOR TODAY**

**GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE AND ESPECIALLY OUR KIWI COLLEAGUES WELCOME EVERYONE TO NORTH QUEENSLAND.**

**AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM THE PROGRAM, IT IS FULL ON.**

**WE HAVE ATTRACTED HIGH QUALITY SPEAKERS TO PRESENT TO YOU FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS.**

**WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION AND THE PROGRAM VERY MUCH REFLECTS THAT.**



**SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TODAY TO PUT THE TIME IN TO THE SESSIONS WE HAVE ORGANISED.**

**I WOULD KNOW CALL WAYNE PATCH WHO WAS RE-ELECTED AS BIC CHAIRMAN FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO THE PODIUM.**