Rail in Northern NSW - Past, Present and Future

Hosted by: Northern Rivers Group

This talk will take a step back into history to the beginning of the rail system in Northern NSW, to go on a journey into that time and unpack some of the connection between the rail system and the communities then and since that time. We will look at how the system and its roles have changed to the present day and together look into the future of rail and new possibilities for the future of the region.

Dr Ken Doust, Southern Cross University
Ken has a broad knowledge of the transport industry and the NSW framework in which rail transport operates. He has a long-term corporate knowledge of the NSW portfolio of railway infrastructure, spanning 30 years within engineering, maintenance, asset management and regional infrastructure planning in the legacy railway agencies, including strategic planning roles within City Rail and in the private sector. Ken is now the Course Coordinator for Engineering Management at Southern Cross University and an adjunct at the UNSW Research Centre for Integrated Transport Innovation (rCITI). He also has affiliations with the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN) and is helping to facilitate the formation of a local Australian Research Hub for urban and regional centres in this field.

Ken is passionate about infrastructure systems that are sustainable. Some specific research interests include the re-engineering of existing infrastructure in both urban and regional areas, the aim being to leverage their value by applying leading technologies to suit emerging industries and rejuvenate communities & their local economies. A key part of Ken’s interest is to contribute to the wider education of up and coming graduates and graduates already in the workforce. In particular, to help empower them with emerging methodologies and tools to face the challenges to shift our communities toward more sustainable futures.

This event will also incorporate the Northern Rivers Annual Meeting. The evening is a special occasion with the opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow engineers, meet the committee members and provide input and feedback to our draft calendar of events for 2017. The Northern Rivers Group welcomes interest from any EA members wishing to join the Committee. Consider becoming more involved with this multi-disciplinary network for engineers in the Northern Rivers region, have your say in the direction of the group for 2017.

VENUE
Ballina Island Motor Inn
1 Ronan Place
West Ballina

DATE & TIME
Saturday 19 November 2016
6.30pm - Canapes
7.00pm - Annual Meeting
7.30pm - Dinner

TICKETS (incl. GST)
EA Members & Partners: $40
Student Members: $30
Non-Members: $70
(includes 2 course meal, drinks at own care)

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