Welcome to the spring edition of the SMART Infrastructure Update. In this edition we celebrate the official opening of our building by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport as well as hearing from our new Chairman of the Advisory Council Dr Ken Henry AC. And to reflect our growth you will meet our new academic appointments, Professor of Infrastructure Governance Geoff Cohen and Director Rail Logistics, Andrew McCusker.

Dr Henry brings exceptional experience and unique insights into the Australian economy and its place in the world. His knowledge will play a key role in our planning and engagement with government and industry.

The University is honoured by Dr Henry’s decision to be Chairman. By choosing SMART, Dr Henry brings an important national recognition to SMART’s role in championing integrated infrastructure planning.

Attracting a world leading rail expert of Andrew McCusker’s calibre to SMART means there is support for rail research to better champion the role of the customer in transport infrastructure.

Geoff Cohen has extensive experience as a senior development and project manager across all facets of major property development. Geoff is focused on ensuring his research promotes educational and professional development of the public sector to strengthen Australia’s infrastructure market.

Garry Bowditch
CEO, SMART Infrastructure Facility.

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MINISTER PREDICTS SMART TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON AUSTRALIA

The SMART Infrastructure Facility will play a vital role in Australia’s future, Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese said at the official opening of the Facility on 11 November 2011.
KEN HENRY HEADS UP SMART ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr Ken Henry AC, is the former Secretary of the Australian Treasury (2005-2011) and in June 2011 was appointed Special Adviser to the Australian Prime Minister. In October 2011 he accepted appointment to the role of Chairman of the Advisory Council for the SMART Infrastructure Facility at the University of Wollongong.

In this video he covers numerous topics including: why a new discipline of integrated infrastructure planning and management is essential to our society; superannuation funds and infrastructure investment; the impact of mining booms on demands for infrastructure; and what an infrastructure dashboard could look like.

To watch the video click here.

INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE

Professor of Infrastructure Governance at the SMART Infrastructure Facility, Geoff Cohen, is interviewed and discusses “What is infrastructure governance?” This conversation extends into the key elements of governance such as transparency, organisational learning, and best practice.

To watch the video click here.

RAIL RESEARCH ARRIVES AT SMART

SMART Infrastructure Facility’s newly appointed Director of Rail Logistics, Andrew McCusker, speaks of his experience as Director of Rail Operations at Hong Kong’s world leading MTR Corporation and the importance of benchmarking, customer service, continuous learning, and asset life cycle management for developing world leading rail organisations and service.

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SMART ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER, TONY SHEPHERD, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

The Business Council of Australia elected Tony Shepherd as its new president for a term of two years effective from Friday 11 November 2011. Mr Shepherd is one of Australia’s most highly respected business leaders and is a foundation member of SMART’s Advisory Council.

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