
ARRB-Monash 2018 Prize for Postgraduate Transport Research

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ARRB-Monash Prize in Postgraduate Transport Research

The 2018 ARRB-Monash Prize in Postgraduate Transport Research was presented at the annual Ogden Transport Lecture on Monday 19 November 2018. These awards were presented in conjunction with other awards for Monash students studying in the transport field.

The ARRB-Monash Prize is intended to enhance collaboration with the roads industry to turn knowledge into practice. The Prize was developed to promote excellence in postgraduate research in transport and to encourage transport research as a career for young professionals. In this context, transport research relates to the movement of people or freight and can consider technology, infrastructure, travel behaviour, plans or policies as well as associated economic, social or environmental impacts.

The award presentations were followed by the 2018 Ogden Transport Lecture, delivered by Professor Bart van Arem, Director, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands. Professor van Arem's lecture was entitled: 'Driverless vehicles and the future of urban transport: Beyond the Hype?'

The audience included senior staff of Transport Safety Victoria (TSV), Transport for Victoria, Bus Association of Victoria (BusVic) and Monash University as well as many industry, government and academic representatives.

The student awards presented on the night are sponsored by industry and government. The University thanks the industry sponsors including ARRB Group for their support of the awards.

ARRB-Monash Prize Winner 2018

The ARRB-Monash prize for 2018 was awarded to Dr Arooran Sounthararajah. Arooran joined Monash University, Department of Civil Engineering in 2014 to pursue his interest in sustainable infrastructure as a PhD student.

Arooran Sounthararajah recently completed his PhD in advanced characterisation and design of cement-treated bases in the Department of Civil Engineering, Monash University. Arooran has demonstrated extraordinary dedication, endless commitment, unique talent and innovation as an excellent young researcher, with a persistent effort to resolve the critical issues in current road design and construction practices in scientifically rigorous and practically effective ways.



(from right) Sponsor: Dr Mike Shackleton, Executive Manager, ARRB Academy
Prize Winner: Dr Arooran Sounthararajah