LVR 2017; Reflections

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Reflections

• Wow!
• We are here with the permission of geology
• We under-estimate and under-appreciate the dedication and resilience of our work crews, especially in times of emergency
• “Munted”
Reflections

• We need to have plans in place to deal with emergencies, but accept they won’t cover everything. We will still rely on resources to figure things out on the fly.
• People live on roads and their concerns need to be considered during emergencies.

Reflections

• Next gen engineers
• DOC manages a lot of toilets, and by confession, manage them better than they manage their roads.
  – But they have a vision and a plan to get back to an appropriate level of service.
  – DOC roads must have a huge economic value.
Reflections

• NZ problems are different, but not unique
• Embracing new technology and using it effectively to get things done quickly
• Adopting / adapting old technologies like mag chloride and Otta seals
• The three most important pavement design parameters are drainage, drainage, drainage, drainage

Reflections

• We can put defendable economic values onto low volume roads, and the numbers will surprise decision makers
• This value increases in times of emergency
• We have to aim for “Vision Zero”
• Question specs and procedures
• “Dead Road Photographic Society”
Reflections

• Our data may not be as good as we think
• Are we spending our $$ wisely?
• Dust has many impacts, health will dominate
• Consider mobile dust collection devices?
• The press may help us deliver “the message”
• Love the traditional names

Reflections

• Transportation Research Board
  • Facilitate research, don’t do research
  • Massive volunteer organization
  • Annual meeting and conferences are a focus
  • One of the best opportunities to test yourself
    • Networking and peer review
  • Sign up at mytrb.org
  • Get involved, “friend” a committee