UniSA graduate and SMEC Engineer wins prestigious award

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UniSA graduate and SMEC Engineer Michael Oliver has won the prestigious 2019 AITPM Young Professional Award for South Australia.

The Young Professional Award aims to enable students or graduates to learn more about the traffic and transport profession.

Each year the Institute offers the opportunity for one first-year transport graduate, or final year student in a field of study that contains transport elements, from each state to attend the AITPM National Conference.

Michael said he relished the opportunity to meet with other young professionals from other states at the conference in July.

“Winning this award has provided networking opportunities for me to meet with a wide variety of professionals.

“The opportunity to attend the 2019 National Conference has proven beneficial in the early stage of my professional career.

“It enabled me to broaden my knowledge of the traffic and transport profession whilst being exposed to both experienced and young professionals from around the country.

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“I have a keen willingness to not only be a part of the AITPM network but to also sit on the State Branch Committee as a Young Professional representative. This involvement would allow me to be involved in building my professional network, which will help me to develop a variety of skills and gain a greater understanding of how the transport industry functions.”

Michael graduated from the University of South Australia (UniSA) in 2018 with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Transport) (Honours). He added that the award, his studies, and his time working for SMEC had provided him with the foundations of knowledge to continue his journey to becoming a professional engineer.

“I joined SMEC Australia at the beginning of 2018 as a Graduate Engineer in the Roads and Highways division.

“During my time, I have been exposed to real-world engineering projects in the transport sector, which have enabled me to broaden my technical knowledge and skills.

“This has enabled me to assist my team in delivering engineering and traffic solutions that not only benefit our clients but the wider community. “

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