



David Jellie

David Jellie is a Victorian civil engineer whose career spanned more than six decades across the Country Roads Board (CRB), the Road Construction Authority, and VicRoads. Beginning his career in 1961 in the CRB's Bridge Design branch, he contributed to major road and bridge projects across Victoria, including works on the Princes Highway (the Snowy River Bridges at Orbost), the Hume, Tullamarine, Monash, Western and the West Gate Freeways.

After returning from a mid-1960s engineering scholarship in the UK, he progressed through senior design and project-management roles before commencing international development work in 1988 with the Victorian Government-owned Overseas Projects Corporation of Victoria (OPCV), contributing to infrastructure and foreign aid programs funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UN agencies and AusAID.

Following his formal retirement from OPCV in 2001, Jellie continued as a private consultant for VicRoads and other clients and became a central figure in the VicRoads Association, serving for 23 years as President and newsletter editor. His writing, research and historical presentations — including contributions to the *VicRoads Centenary* publication — have made him one of the key custodians of Victoria's road-building heritage, preserving the stories, achievements and engineering legacy of CRB and VicRoads for future generations.