

## Rail Alliance and BCRRE to join forces

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*Photo: Colin Flack, Rail Alliance Chairman with Alex Burrows, Managing Director, BCRRE following the signing of the MoU at yesterday's Rail Alliance AGM (photo credit, Eli Rees-King, Rail Alliance)*

**Rail business-to-business membership organisation, Rail Alliance, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BCRRE.** The agreement aims to strengthen links between the two organisations and build on connections with the wider railway sector. Not only will this ensure that research and teaching draws on real-world situations it will further reinforce relationships with SMEs for the benefit of the railway supply chain.

With a membership base that spans the entire rail supply chain from civils and infrastructure to rolling stock right through to digital product and service suppliers, the Rail Alliance perfectly aligns with BCRRE's vision to support the railway of the future through R&D and innovation as a result of collaboration taking place between industry and academia.

Colin Flack, Chairman at the Rail Alliance commenting on the MoU and what it means for members and the sector as whole said, "The Rail Alliance is now in its eleventh year of trading and is highly respected by its members and the wider industry. It has a proven capability in supporting the rail supply chain and BCRRE is the obvious and most natural partner to go forward with to connect industry, innovation and academia

together in a meaningful and effective way.

“This means that members not only gain value and benefits from membership as it stands today, but in addition to this there will also be the opportunity to gain direct access to leading-edge rail research resources and education with the option to further utilise test and trial facilities at QRTC. The Rail Alliance team is primed and ready to take the next step – it is natural development and we are thrilled to be formally working with such a prestigious and highly regarded facility as BCRRE.

Alex Burrows, Managing Director, BCRRE said, “We are delighted to announce that we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rail Alliance. Talks are underway with a view of working with the Rail Alliance to support some of the membership activities including guiding and supporting structures for members, building a sound network connecting members with new technologies and delivering advice necessary to grow effectively and develop member organisations successfully, encouraging excellence and profitability. BCRRE will benefit from Rail Alliance’s expertise and many years of experience in this area.”