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New Zealand Inc.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

MICHAEL JAMES CHILCOTT
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Michael Chilcott has made an enormous contribution to the Institute over a period exceeding 30 years. Michael is currently a Commissioner in the NSW Land & Environment Court, having spent his professional career as an environmental scientist in various roles, including consulting, government and the not-for-profit sector.

Michael has degree qualifications in science and natural resources management and has over 30 years experience around the world in the environmental arena. He has been a Director and board member of various specialist environmental consulting practices and prior to that had a successful 14 year career with World Wildlife Fund for Nature, including as Director of WWF International in Switzerland.

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The following presents a summary of Michael's involvement and contribution to EIANZ:

General

1. Summary of EIANZ Contributions 1987 to 2020

Founding member of EIANZ in 1987.

- EIANZ membership continuity for 33 years.
- CEnvP since 2010.

EIANZ NSW Division

An active member of the EIANZ NSW Division since 1994.

- Membership of the NSW Divisional Committee from 1996 to 2007.
- President, EIANZ NSW Division (2001-2002)

EIANZ Board

Joined the EIANZ Board and Council as Treasurer (casual vacancy) July 2008 to Oct 2009.

- Elected Treasurer. Oct 2009-Oct 2011
- Elected President, EIANZ Oct 2011-Oct 2013
- Immediate Past President, EIANZ Board, Oct 2013 – Sept 2014
- EIANZ Board Member, Sept 2014-Oct 2015
- Recipient (2014)– EIANZ Simon Molesworth Award for outstanding contribution to EIANZ at whole of Institute level
- Elected President, Oct 2015-Oct 2017

Total period of continual service on EIANZ Board of 9 years, 3 months

2. Specific contributions at NSW Division level

As a member of the NSW Division Committee

- Organised and supported the delivery of numerous professional development events across a 10-year period.

As NSW Division President

- Established the basis for NSW Division culture of sound financial planning and management of its CPD events.
- Established the basis for growth of NSW Divisional financial base, which now sees it with the strongest divisional balance sheet in the Institute.
- Led many CDP events planning and delivery, including the innovative Face to Face sessions where the Directors General of key NSW agencies (Environment, Planning and Lands Depts) came together with the profession to provide updates on the direction of policy within NSW.

3. Contributions to EIANZ at whole of Institute level

As Treasurer of EIANZ

- Arrived at a time of significant financial difficulty for the EIANZ.
- Guided the organisation through period of financial difficulty to successful recovery
- Introduced sound budgeting and vigilant financial management to EIANZ Board culture.
- Established a sustainable financial base for EIANZ operations.
- Reported financial surplus outcomes for EIANZ, including for EIANZ Central Office, in every year as Treasurer.



As President of EIANZ

Continued to strengthen the governance and financial management of EIANZ, and its delivery of continuing professional development to members.

Governance contribution

- Initiated discussions with, and secured agreement of, the previous 17-person EIANZ Council (as it was) to change the governance of EIANZ from the larger Council structure to a more efficient governance structure. This commenced a process of governance review which concluded when the EIANZ Council recommended to members that it be replaced by a smaller, elected, 7-member Board, supported by an 10-member advisory body.
- Oversaw the revision of EIANZ's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.
- Chaired the EIANZ AGM in 2012 at which the revised Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct was adopted at the 2012 AGM in Sydney.
- Led the development of EIANZ's corporate strategy 2012-2017 to guide EIANZ development across a five year period.
- Oversaw implementation of EIANZ's corporate plan in 2012-13 and then in 2015-2017, including:
 - transfer of EIANZ's central office (CO) into professional office space, initially in Camberwell and now in Balwyn, improving the professionalism of EIANZ CO operations.
 - integration of the CEnvP program team into shared office space with EIANZ Central Office to facilitate integration of the work of CEnvP into the EIANZ CO team.
- Negotiated, and oversaw, the integration of contaminated land practitioners from the Site Contamination Practitioners Australia (SCPA) into the EIANZ's CEnvP program specialist certification, which resulted in unification of certification of site contamination practitioners in Australia and NZ under one body – CEnvP.
- As part of SCPA transition to CEnvP, conceived and established governance arrangements for a CEnvP sub-Board advisory body to provide technical input to specialist certification schemes. This became the model for the Specialist Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) structure that CEnvP now expanded to include SEACs for Site Contamination, Impact Assessment and Ecology specialist certifications.
- Initiated the provision of budget line items for EIANZ SIS bodies within the EIANZ CO budget, to support work of SIS bodies.
- Facilitated investment of EIANZ CO funds into the work of the Students and Early Career (SEC) Committee, to support annual face to face meetings.
- Supported the delivery of the first SEC Congress as part of an EIANZ Annual Conference.
- Established tradition of the SEC Congress attendees joining conference attendees for Conference Welcome Function to strengthen intergenerational engagement within EIANZ.
- Established the AJEM publishing relationship with Taylor and Francis, removing risk and costs associated with production and distribution of AJEM from the EIANZ finances.
- Established the New Initiatives Fund for EIANZ CO investment of surplus funds generated by EIANZ CO activities, such as the EIANZ Annual Conference, into innovative initiatives proposed by Divisions and Committees, including the work of the SEC Committee.



Professional development contribution

- Championed the EIANZ Annual Conference as the signature annual professional development initiative of the EIANZ.
- Contributed to the delivery and success of EIANZ Annual Conferences across 8 years, while Treasurer and President.
- Made substantial contributions to the program and financial success of two EIANZ Annual Conferences held in Sydney (2012 – as Conference Chair - and 2018 – as Chair of the Organising Committee). These were the two most well attended and financially successful conferences in EIANZ’s history generating together more than \$120K in additional financial resources for EIANZ, providing EIANZ with models for successful conference delivery
- Facilitated framework for the expansion of the EIANZ NSW Division ‘Learning to Adapt’
- climate change training program to the broader Institute.
- Negotiated and oversaw delivery of training in Commonwealth Biodiversity Offsets program, in partnership with Commonwealth Environment Department, including securing venues for this training in locations across Australia. The program successfully expanded professional development outcomes delivered by EIANZ to members across the Institute and generated a financial surplus for EIANZ.

Financial management contribution

- As Treasurer in 2008, led the management of EIANZ’s Central Office out of a position of financial difficulty to a position of recovery in 2010.
- As Treasurer and President from 2010-2013, led EIANZ through a period of financial consolidation, onto one of growth, and into a position of balance sheet strength at the end of 2013.
- As President from 2015-2017, re-established EIANZ finances to a position of significant strength at the conclusion of his term as President in late 2017.
- Improved the consistency and effectiveness of financial reporting at EIANZ Board meetings.
- Oversaw the implementation of a single banking entity for EIANZ and its sub-entities, including CEnvP, to facilitate more effective governance oversight of EIANZ’s operations across Australia and NZ, in real time, by the EIANZ Board.
- As Treasurer and then President, only ever reported financial surplus outcomes for EIANZ, including for EIANZ Central Office, at AGMs over which he presided.
- Over a period of almost a decade on the EIANZ Board, contributed to a legacy of balance and strength for EIANZ, underpinning the Institute’s long-term financial resilience.