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EIANZ ACT Division Annual General Meeting



Environment Institute
of Australia and
New Zealand Inc.

Wednesday, 12 August 2020

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54 McCaughey Street

Turner, ACT

5.30 – 7.00 pm

1. WELCOME

a. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Chris Murphy

David Hogg (via Zoom)

Yashi Kotnala

Emma Taylor

Kelly Lee

Nat O'Rourke

Paul Keighley

Rob Speirs

Alex Garrett

Dugal McFarlane (via
Zoom)

Mark Williamson

Proxies:

Carolyn Cameron

Richard Sharp

Apologies:

None

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion: That the minutes of the EIANZ ACT Division Annual General Meeting held on 21 July 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Emma Taylor

Seconded: Kelly Lee

In Favour: All

Against: Nil

Carried

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Paul Keighley presented Mark Williamson with his Fellowship of the Institute, which had recently been bestowed. Paul thanked Mark on behalf of the Institute for his service to the profession.

4. ACT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Paul Keighley presented the President's Report. He expressed thanks to the ACT Division Committee members for their various contributions over the year. Paul noted that while the past 12 months have clearly not gone to plan, there were some great highlights for the year:

- The National Biodiversity Offsets Conference in August 2019. This was a highly successful conference that generated significant funds for the Division.

- Dugal McFarlane was awarded the 2019 Mary-Lou Morris award for outstanding service to the Institute at the Divisional level.
- Launch of the ACT Women in Environment network.
- Heritage 'first aid' event.
- ACT Division members contributed strongly to Institute-wide activities, including:
 - EPBC Review, including webinars and developing the Institute's position (Carolyn Cameron and Chris Murphy).
 - Ecology Special Interest Section (Richard Sharp).
 - Advisory Council and Board Committees (Paul Keighley).

Paul also noted that ACT membership and certification numbers are down slightly:

- 88 members and 26 CEnvPs as at 30 June 2020.

5. ACT TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Keighley presented the financial report for the ACT Division for the 2019-20 financial year.

The ACT Division is in a very strong financial position. For the year, the general activities for the Division were roughly break-even. The National Biodiversity Offsets Conference in August 2019 generated about \$30K for the ACT Division. As a result, the Division ended the financial year with equity of ~\$44K, compared with ~\$13K the previous year. This provides the Division with sufficient funds to confidently invest in future initiatives.

6. ELECTION OF THE ACT DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the coming year:

President: Paul Keighley

Vice-President: vacant

Treasurer: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Members: Carolyn Cameron, Yashi Kotnala, Kelly Lee, Emma Taylor, Chris Murphy, Alex Garrett

MEETING CLOSED 6.00 pm AEDT