

Minutes – EIANZ Victoria Division – AGM

Zoom, 5:00 p.m. 28 August 2023

Attendees: Martin Juniper, Marion Pennicuik, Simon Leverton, Scott Watson, Dan Lim, Julia Drakopoulos, Elizabeth Stark, Lachlan Wilkinson, Jonathon Miller, Rodney van der Ree, Melody Valentine, Bronwyn Dwyer

Apologies:

Zena Helman, Aaron Harvey, Jack Krohn – proxy’s provided; Russell Tait, Neil Marshman, Min Yi Shu, Mark Nan Tie

Welcome EIANZ members and guests:

I’d firstly like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are each meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Confirmation of minutes of 2022 AGM: Moved Dan Lim, seconded Simon Leverton

President’s report – Martin Juniper:

Highlights from the Victoria Division for 2022-23 include:

- Victorian ‘aspiration’: *The peak representative body for all environmental professionals, facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing; and promoting and supporting excellence in environmental practice in Victoria.*
- Key focus areas:
 - Ecology
 - Impact Assessment
 - Sustainability/climate change
- Delivering a range of professional development and networking opportunities (**16 events in total across both professional committee and SEC**), including the following:
 - Science Communication Workshop
 - Suburban Rail Loop Digital EES seminar
 - Metro Trains Melbourne Biosites webinar
 - National Tree Planting Day
 - DELWP Risk 2.0 Project on Bushfire webinar
 - AGM with guest speaker James Rennie – Managing Director of AUAV
 - End of year networking drinks
 - EnviroDrinks (late 2022 and mid-2023) together with ALGA and ACLCA
- Providing ongoing support for student and early career practitioners through:
 - 2023 Program lawn bowls launch
 - Clifton Hill Waste Facility Tour - Local Government's role in the Circular Economy
 - Birrarung Wilam Walking Tour

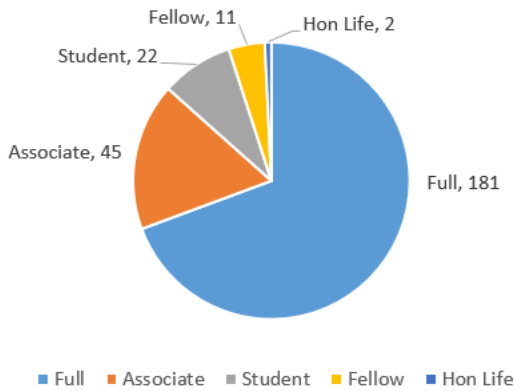
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- Early Careers Success webinar
- Students and Early Careers Wine & Cheese networking evening
- Careers Insights Panel Event
- Water Planning for a Sustainable Future - Trends and Best Practices webinar
- A sub-committee that incorporates representatives from most Victorian universities in addition to a number of young professionals.
- Continuing 8th year of a mentoring program with a training event, mid-year review and other networking activities
- Continue collaboration and membership engagement.

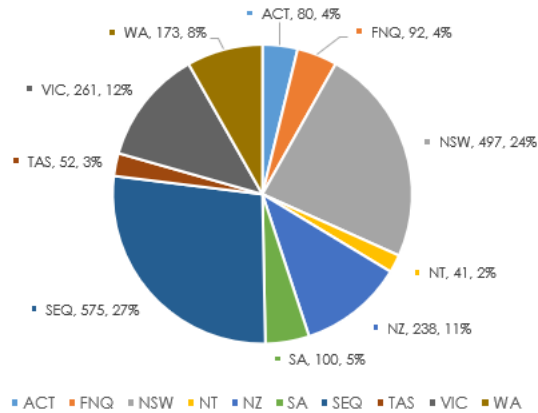
Membership:

- 261 Victorian members (down from 279 last year), from a total of 2109 across Australia-NZ at 30 June 2022 (~12% of total membership)
 - 181 Full members, 2 Honorary Life members, 11 Fellows, 45 Associate, 22 Students

VIC Membership categories 2023



Membership by division/chapter June 2023



Special thanks to:

Position	Team member(s)
President	Martin Juniper
Vice President	Marion Pennicuik
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Simon Leverton
Committee	Daniel Lim, Mark Nan Tie, Natasha Reifschneider
SEC sub-committee	Chair: Ana Spataru Deputy-Chair: Ryan Christopherson

- Narelle Mewburn for coordinating a number of events
- Central Office for continued support of the Division
- **President's report accepted:** Moved Martin Juniper, seconded Elizabeth Stark

Treasurer’s Report – Simon Leverton:

- Year-end balance sheet shows a healthy equity position (net assets) of **\$155,037** (up from \$147,739 in 2021-22)

Financial Year 2022 – 2023
Total Income - \$14,640
Total Costs - \$8,697
Net Surplus - \$7,297
(Net Surplus ₂₀₂₁₋₂₂ - \$17,843*)
<small>* Included conference share income of \$11,655</small>

Event	Income	Expenses	Net Result
AGM	0	58	(58)
Science Communication Workshop	1,200	200	1,000
End of Year Drinks & Networking	73	1,016	(943)
Suburban Rail Loop Digital EES	1,855	50	1,805
Climate Change Impacts on Coastal Wetlands	336	0	336
Metro Trains Biosites	1,264	0	1,264
Miscellaneous – EnviroDrinks (3-way profit split)	1,750	0	1,750
SEC – Career Support	1,236	1,380	(144)
SEC – Mentoring	55	166	(111)
SEC – Social	500	999	(499)
SEC - Events	1,759	509	1,250
TOTAL	10,028	4,378	5,650

- Very difficult to entice people to join face-to-face events, post COVID
- Commend the efforts of the SEC and their overall result for the year
- Thank you to the committee members
- Martin has been President for 11 years and on the committee for 13 years!
- In summary, Victoria continues to have a strong financial position going into 2023-24, providing us with a very sound basis on which to deliver the activities, services and programs that the committee can provide to the benefit of our members.
- **Treasurer’s report accepted:** Moved Simon Leverton, seconded Lachlan Wilkinson

Election of Victorian Divisional Committee 2023-24:

Position	Team member(s)
President	Marion Pennicuik
Vice President	Daniel Lim
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Committee	Mark Nan Tie, Scott Watson
SEC sub-committee	To be advised

- **Nominations accepted:** Moved Martin Juniper, seconded Elizabeth Baird
- Special thank you to Simon Leverton
- Martin stepping down too, after 13 years on the committee

General Business:

Guest Speaker: Jonathon Miller, Executive Officer, EIANZ Board

- 30 days with EIANZ
- Professional welcoming
- Background in special events, e.g., Royal Melbourne Show – panels of volunteer experts run the show events, risk management etc., Parks Victoria redesign of the Prom visitor experience - +capacity, - impact, cultural heritage
- Talking to those on the leadership team, including the Board, Divisional chairs etc. – future directions
- Conference attendance
- Q. Role of the EO beyond managing the office-based Secretariat?
 - Bigger role in supporting the volunteer members
 - Harnessing the powers that we have - ~3000 experts
 - Efficiencies
- Thank you to Martin and Simon for their work

Special Song – EIANZ Reconciliation Action Plan Facilitator: Simon Leverton, outgoing Treasurer, EIANZ Vic Division

- Neil Murray, Warumpy Band founder – *My Island Home* songwriter
- Simon sang Neil’s song, *Where My People Go* – connection to Country

Meeting closed at 5:40 p.m.