

EIANZ – WA DIVISION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 30 August 2023

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: River Room, WA Rowing Club

Attendance: Isabelle Bannerman
Ian Baxter
Mitali Chaudhari
Melissa Harrison
Sarah Melville-Maguire
Vicki-Lee Morrison
Liesl Rohl
Rudi Seebach
Tom Rose
Rudi Seebach
Scott Thompson
Kate Thomson
Carel van der Westhuizen
Casey Visher
Katrina Cooper
Stephen Vlahos
Tahlia Walsh
Belinda Bastow
Mitt Ramgobin
Rupert Duckworth
Vanja Sekizovic
Sophie Monaco

Apologies:
Lorna Davies
Animesh Gain
Brett Loney
Garry Middle
Diane Dowdell
Sarah Thomas
John Ottaway

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1. Formal meeting opened at 17:40 Acknowledgement of country - BB Quorum achieved with 22 attendees in Perth (present and online) AGM shown on Zoom to allow for members who can't attend in Perth.	
2. Acceptance of 2022 AGM minutes. 2022 minutes accepted by Tom Rose and Mitt Ramgobin	
3. President's report. Available prior to the meeting via email and printed out. Key points from the Presidents Report: The priorities for the year were to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a voice to influence environmental practice and policy within Western Australia and have a member on the National Policy and Advocacy Committee. • Participate in governmental and non-governmental reference groups – EPA, Waste Reform, DWER, CRC Time, DBCA. • Provide our membership with the opportunity to maintain and grow their professional knowledge, networks and experiences. • Re-engage with University and students to promote the Institute and contribute to students being ready for the workforce. • Work with the Board, other divisions, chapter and SIS to support the 	

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<p>Institute move into its next phase of its evolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the year the WA Division ran nine professional development events, with participation ranging from 6 to 157 participants. • The two events with the largest participation were the EP Act Part V Regulator Reform event in November (157 participants of which 111 were non-members) and the Biannual Environmental Practitioners Symposium in September (80 participants of which 57 were non-members). • The Division has commenced discussions with Circular Economy WA to run a ½ day event in March. <p>Over the last year, representatives from the WA Division also participated in the following national committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division/Chapter/SIS Board Advisory Committee • Indigenous Engagement Working Group • RAP Implementation Committee • Audit and Risk Committee • Policy & Standards Committee <p>The WA Division continued to take an active role in contributing to Policy and Regulatory Reform in WA. A total of eight submissions were made on policy and other legislative developments by WA government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Procedure for environmental offsets metric inputs (the Draft Procedure) (Department of Water and Environmental Regulation) • Draft Environmental Factor Guideline – Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)) • Discussion paper Environmental regulation reform – a strategic view of regulation delivery and fees for industry regulation (Department of Water and Environmental Regulations (DWER)) • Draft Forest Management Plan 2024 – 2033 (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)) • Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022 (Department of Mines, Industry Regulation, and Safety (DMIRS)) • Draft Programme of Work (PoW) Guidance, Exploration Rehabilitation Guidance and Eligible Mining Activity Framework (DMIRS) • Discussion Paper – Environmental Protection Amendment Regulations 2022 (DWER) • Discussion Paper - Mining Development and Closure Proposals (MDCP) and Approvals Statements Under the Mining Amendment Act 2022 (DMIRS) <p>We continued attending the Environmental Protection Authority – Stakeholder Reference Group meetings and have collaborated with national EIANZ members on federal EPBC Act reform.</p> <p>We also had a meeting with the Minister for Environment, the Hon. Reece Whitby. EIANZ continues to participate in the Waste Reform Advisory Group (WRAG).</p> <p>Presidents Report accepted by Vicki-Lee Morrison, Mitt Ramgobin, Mel Harrison</p> <p>Mentoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mentoring program entered its fifth year, with the program revised to include participation from Sustainability, Heritage and Social Impact 	

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<p>practitioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This change resulted in the establishment of 20 mentoring pairs. • Mentor and mentee matching was conducted by the EIANZ WA Committee after preferences were provided by mentees based on mentor profiles. This is a change from previous years where matching was done via a “Speed matching” • The 2023 program will conclude in December and is mostly being delivered online, with in person events offered where possible. • The mid program check in event included the opportunity for mentors and mentees to work together to present on a topic of their choice. <p>SECC</p> <p>During the year the SECC committee undertook the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIANZ and SEC received a presentation from the EIANZ 2022 student award winner – Patrick Armstrong. • Panel discussion event with Notre Dame. • Building relationships with university careers centres. • Identified opportunities and topics for future events with a focus on student and early career professionals. • Made progress in identifying barriers to students attending events and obtaining membership. • Year of change with SEC committee members moving on in their careers. • Continuing ongoing consultation with universities to maintain relationship. • EIANZ 2023 award has received a good field of applicants with ten submissions – undergraduate and post graduate applications. The 2023 winner is Isabelle Bannerman and her research on 'The Greater Stick-Nest Rat (GSNR). <p>Events</p> <p>Five face to face events were held during FY22-23 and they included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM & Sundowner (24 participants) • Biannual Environmental Practitioners symposium (80 participants) • Joint DWER Webinar on EP Act Reforms (157 participants) • Christmas Party (28 participants) • 2023 Welcome Drinks (35 participants) • Ethics and Environmental Practice (38 participants) • More effective Impact assessment: Tools for a Stronger Argument and clearer writing (16 participants) • Building proficiency in organised reasoning (6 participants). <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of the end of June we have 209 (increase from 185) members comprising of 137 full members, 31 associate members, 35 students, seven corporate and seven fellows. • We have 187 followers on Facebook and 153 on LinkedIn. • We continue to provide a quarterly newsletter to engage our audience and promotes our events <p>Thanks to committee members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belinda Bastow • Rupert Duckworth • Mitt Ramgobin • Tahlia Walsh • Diane Dowdell 	

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<p>4. Treasurer's report.</p> <p>Treasurer's report attached.</p> <p>The report reflects this FY against last three years FY.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 financials were slightly better than 2022 • The EPNWA event was well attended and contributed to the years financial success. • Total income was made up of membership fees, sponsorship and event income (\$37,440.21 gross profit) although its important to note that the main revenue comes from events (not membership) We are now in a good position to offer awards and donations. • Key expenses were made up of event costs (\$27,926.29) • Net profit was \$9513.92 • Current equity is at \$67,086.53 minus \$1000 EPNWA seed funding retained for future event. <p>Tom Rose and Ian Baxter moved to accept Treasurer's report.</p>	
<p>5. Election of 2023-2024 WA Division Committee</p>	
<p>A) All 2022-2023 WA Division Committee positions declared vacant.</p> <p>B) 2023-2024 WA Division Committee Nominations:</p> <p><u>Executive</u></p> <p>President - Belinda Bastow, elected unopposed</p> <p>Vice President - Rupert Duckworth, elected unopposed</p> <p>Treasurer - Mitt Ramgobin, elected unopposed</p> <p>Secretary - Tahlia Walsh, elected unopposed</p> <p><u>Sub Committee Champions</u></p> <p>Early Career – Rupert Duckworth/Sophie Monaco</p> <p>Events – All</p> <p>Communications – All</p> <p>Advocacy – Rob Karelse</p> <p>Mentoring – Mel Harrison</p> <p>General Member - Diane Dowdell, Josh Matthews, Kate Thomson</p> <p>Thank you to the 2022-2023 members and their contributions.</p>	
<p>Other business</p>	
<p>Formal meeting close 16:10</p>	