

Annual Report

2010-11

SEQ EIANZ Professional Development Sub-Committee

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Professional Development Sub-Committee –

The aim of the professional development committee is to provide opportunities for members and environmental professionals to gain knowledge, better understanding and up-to-date best practice for professional and personal development in accordance with the vision and mission of EIANZ.

Formation and Membership

At the start of 2010-11, there were two executive committee and two professional development subcommittee members. Both motivated committee members through their motivation and enthusiasm received roles outside of Queensland and left the committee.

The regularly participating membership of the subcommittee from April now stands at eight, with fourteen others having expressed interest in being involved. Active membership depends on the topic of the submission. Members who have nominated for regular participation are:

- Sheri Fitton
- Howard Briggs
- Lindi Bowen
- Laura Canevari
- Andrew Dickson
- Joyce Law
- Teenon Liamsuwan
- Danielle Bolton

Committee Members who have also made contributions when possible throughout the year include:

- Marina D'Amico
- Mark O'Neill
- Georgina Davis
- Robin Wagland- unable to attend all meetings due to work commitments in 2010-11.
- Dan Morgan- withdrawn due to work commitments and travel requirements
- Paulette Jones- withdrawn due to work commitments

Executive Attendees to the PD Committee on occasions over the 2010-11 period included:

- David Carberry
- Jon Womersley
- Mark Williamson
- Susan Malone
- Vicki Low
- Lindi Bowen

Achievements in 2010-11

Sub-committee meetings were held:

- Monday 22 November 2010
- Friday 4 February 2011
- Friday 1 April 2011
- Thursday 12 May 2011
- Thursday 23 June 2011
- Tuesday 19 July 2011

Meetings were not held in December due to Christmas period or following the January floods. March was dedicated to the post flood Sediment and Erosion Forum with resources utilised for this purpose.

Professional Development Events

SEQ members are invited to participate in the coordinated SEQ EIANZ submissions through email newsletters. All submission responses are framed in the context of the published EIANZ Position Statements. The following Professional Development events were prepared or hosted by the PD Committee during 2010-11:

- Ten Years to Transition - Conversations about Risks and Rewards for Queensland's Economic Sectors under Climate Change (18 October 2010)
- After the Floods - Erosion and Sediment Observations and Rehabilitation Planning (24 February 2011)
- Code of Ethics Forum- Ethics in Environmental Decision-making(Wednesday 15 June 2011- 2.5 CPD points)
- EIANZ - Code of Ethics Review, Member's luncheon (Friday 24 June 2011- 1.5CPD points)
- XXXX Brewery and Environmental Tour- Beer and the Environment (7 July 2011)
- Waste Futures Forum – (Friday 29 July 2011- 6CPD points)
- IECA Best Practice Sediment and Erosion Control roadshow- SEQ Division host partner event (Brisbane 3-4 August 2 day event, Gold Coast 9 August 1 day event, Sunshine Coast 11 August, Toowoomba 15 August)
- EIANZ Annual Conference- planned to host Professional Development stream "Future Directions" and Expert Witness Master Class Sessions in September

Event Sponsors

The essential work of the Professional Development committee is dependent on the support of our sponsors and partners which assist us to host events including in 2011:

- ARUP
- DERM

Plans for 2011-12

1. November/December EIANZ Christmas Event planning in next meeting
2. February 2012 Population Growth Event
3. March 2012- Biodiversity and Offsets
4. Social events-
 - a. member suggestion Golf Day,
 - b. Merthyr Bowls Club networking and social function
5. Master class evening event- noted as potential future event or series
6. Invitation for PD Committee to co-ordinate PD Sessions at the Annual Conference
7. Professional Development 2-3 sessions incorporating aspects of the STEP program
8. Expert Witness – John Haydon

Strategic Work for 2011-12

The PD Committee now has the standing and membership to progress to a higher level of delivery and Face the Future for the environmental profession with standing and a clearer intent on direction. With the support and assistance of the Executive, former Chairs, Secretariat and PD committee members such as Alan and Howard we also have the history to move forward in a more confident position and develop the new and emerging professionals. We also need to continue to nurture the Students and Young Professionals in the industry through alignment and co-support to the SYP committee as it is one of the toughest areas to cover with a generational shift, high turnover and a very competitive PD market.

With so many changes occurring it is an exciting time. The chair has also spoken with other representative organisations regarding their PD Programs and potential cross- promotion or event planning suggestions- *What works well for them? What is not being covered - Niche delivery for EIANZ?*

There is also an opportunity to align with the Prospectus Partners for delivery of key events in the coming year.

Current Reactive Opportunities for the coming year

SEQ EIANZ has been invited by the SEQ NRM Regional Working Group to:

- Host a Natural Resource Management Forum on the new SEQ Regional Targets

There is a longer term thought of more influence for the Policy Committee which needs to be documented by those considering any changes or particular direction for further comment and explanation and consideration.

How to get involved

Just contact a member of the Professional Sub-Committee.

Note of Appreciation

The Professional Development Chairperson, Sheri Fitton, thanks the sub-committee members for their contributions and the volunteer coordinator, Laura Canevari and Danielle Bolton for identifying and forwarding contact information for potentially interested participants and Secretariat and support staff for their ongoing contribution in supporting delivery and planning of events.

Thanks also to Howard Briggs for key role in co-ordination across the institute committees and SEQ President David Carberry for bringing enthusiasm and new directions to the committee. Lindi Bowen has also played an integration across the Policy and Professional Development areas.

The involvement of the event day and function volunteers is also acknowledged as an ongoing important contribution to the institute and the PD Committee functions.

Sheri Fitton

Chairperson, Professional Development Sub-committee 2010-11