# EIANZ VICTORIAN DIVISION 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
## MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday 2 September 2015  
**TIME:** 06:45 pm  
**VENUE:** Word Warehouse, 14 Goldie Place, Melbourne

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| 1.0  | Present/ Apologies  
Present:  
Members: Martin Juniper (MJ), Aaron Troy (AT) Tim Richards (TR), Mohammed Angawi (MA), Elizabeth Stark (ES), Geoffrey Carr (GC), Simon Leverton (SL), Kristy Hall (KH), Aaron Harvey (AH), Zena Helman (ZH), Richard Hoy (RH), Phil Hughes (PH), Jack Krohn (JK), Wayne Lynch (WL), Zara Marais (ZM), Mark Nan Tie (MNT), Andrew Tytherleigh (ATy), John Zillman (JZ), David Smith (DS), and Hugh Kirkman (HK), David Pond (DP), and Helen Weston (HW)  
EIANZ Central Office staff: Narelle Mewburn (NM), Nicole Brown (NB)  
Observers (non-members): Jo Cuttler (JC), David Taylor (DT), Belinda Kolek (BK), Steve Mathews (SM), Reiner Kammler (RK), Mel Barter (MB), Jacquie White (JW)  
Apologies: Chad Browning (CB), Jill Bunnel (JB), Ines Carvalho (IC), Ian Davies (ID), Melody Valentine (MV), Simon Molesworth (SM) |
| 2.0  | Presentation: MJ announced Richard Hoy as EIANZ Fellow  
RH has been a member of the EIANZ since 1993, actively participating as member of the Policy and Practice Committee, and taking on the role as Chair for the past 10 years. |
| 3.0  | Minutes of Previous Meeting - Ratification  
HK proposed that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM held 21-Aug-14 be accepted, seconded by ES |
| 4.0  | Annual Report from the Divisional President - MJ  
MJ thanked the committee members and advisors:  
- President: Martin Juniper  
- Vice President: Aaron Troy  
- Secretary: Chad Browning  
- Treasurer: Tim Richards  
- Students and Early Careers representative: Zara Marais  
- Committee: Simon Leverton, Melody Valentine, Mark Nan Tie, Elizabeth Stark, Gordon Young, Sarah James, Michael Sale |
Key events and highlights for the year (Since July-14):

- Delivering a range of professional development and networking opportunities, including the following:
  - Making EIAs work seminar
  - Grenades, Grasslands and Groundwater - Seminar on the approval of Ravenhall Prison (jointly delivered with the Australian Contaminated Land Consultants Association)
  - Evolution of the environmental practitioner (Assoc. Professor Ian Thomas – RMIT) at the 2014 AGM
  - End of year networking drinks
- Facilitating the Victorian Election Environmental Expert Policy Review forum, featuring a panel of five environmental experts reviewing the environment policies offered by the three major parties in the lead up to the 2014 Victorian State Election. An election policy statement was also developed with member input and released in the lead up to the forum.
- Supporting the EIANZ Climate Change SIS in delivering the Learning to Adapt climate change adaptation training program in Melbourne.
- Providing ongoing support for student and early career practitioners through presentations at a number of events in partnership with universities and representation on RMIT and Monash university course advisory committees.
- Communicating local EIANZ and other environmentally related professional development and networking activities, environmental policy and regulatory submissions and other industry news to members in a monthly email bulletin 'Enviro-List Victoria'.

Future events planned

- Native vegetation seminar – date TBA (later in 2015)
- Meet the Environment Minister seminar – date TBA (later in 2015)
- Renewable Energy seminar – date TBA (later in 2015)
- Expert Witness training – date TBA (later in 2015)
- Launch of a mentoring program (breakfast Dec 2015)
- Environmental students careers forum (Oct/Nov 2015)

Special thanks to:

- Citypower/Powercor for providing committee meeting venues over the last year
- Herbert Smith Freehills for providing sponsorship and venue of Making EIAs work seminar
- JW for coordinating the AGM
- Central office for their ongoing assistance with event coordination

Acceptance of the Divisional President’s Annual Report seconded by AT

5.0 Treasures Report – TR

TR provided the financial update, key points include:

- Equity for the next period is approximately $26,000.00, which puts the
committee in a good position to organise events and investigate new initiatives to benefit institute members

- Profit from the previous period was approximately $3,485.00, with net income sourced from event fees and membership renewals.

TR proposed that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted, seconded by MNT

6.0 Declaration of Officers - ES

President: MJ (nominated by ES, seconded by AT)
Vice President: AT (nominated by Rohan Simkin, seconded by AH)
Treasurer: SL (nominated ES, seconded by AT)
Secretary: CB (nominated Andrew Hill, seconded by MJ)

Committee Members:
- MA (nominated MJ, seconded by ES)
- KH (nominated MJ, seconded by AT)
- MNT (nominated MJ, seconded by AH)
- ES (nominated ES, seconded by AT)
- TR (nominated by ES, seconded by MJ)
- ZM (nominated by ES, seconded by MJ)

Appointments accepted by MJ and seconded by AT

7.0 General Business

- Question was raised as to whether Victorian membership is stable.
  - MJ, NB and NM - Vic membership is around 290-300, and is steadily increasing by 3-4%. In terms of comparison, we are the third largest division behind SEQ and NSW.
  - AH – SEQ strength may be attributed to aggressive marketing, full time event coordinator, and collaboration with government agencies to promote certification/membership.
  - NB – Vic also faces challenge of strong competitors (e.g. VEPLA) – joint events may be a useful way of bridging that gap. SEQ also tap into young professional network well – this brings members in early.
  - MJ – Vic division can learn from the SEQ model, and should consider collaboration as opposed to competition with associations such as VEPLA.

- HK raised the possibility of better aligning with the Australian Marine Sciences Association (AMSA) and potentially coordinating a joint event.
  - MJ – explored options for having an EIANZ stall at the last AMSA conference but costs were too high at the time. Vic division should continue to look for opportunities to collaborate with AMSA in other ways.

- ATy mentioned that he is an active member of the Agricultural Institute Australia, and that there would be opportunities for collaboration between the EIANZ and the AIA.

8.0 Meeting Close 07:15pm