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What prompted you to join EIANZ?

With a pure science education background, I was looking for some form of recognition of my focus and experience as an environmental consultant. I'm also a strong believer of being personally accountable for maintaining CPD and the need for unwavering ethical conduct, both of which are core requirements of CEnvPs and EIANZ members.

What do you value most about being a member?

Being a member of EIANZ reminds and helps me to keep up the CPD and remain current in my knowledge. The journal provides me with an avenue for learning about environmental issues beyond contaminated land and groundwater.

Has being a member helped you develop mentoring relationships and/or extend your professional networks? Can you tell us about the impact these relationships have had on your career development?

By chairing numerous CEnvP and Contaminated Land specialist category interviews, I have met quite a few practitioners with whom I wouldn't normally cross paths, including working with former colleagues from the distant past, which has been very enjoyable.

What do you find most rewarding about a career in the environment sector?

Problem solving and seeing legacy pollution issues mitigated and managed during urban renewal projects.

What advice would you give to recent graduates just starting out in the environment sector?

Attend lots of industry forums, read and keep abreast of the key regulations and guidance documents in the field of work you'd like to focus on, and position yourself to work on a range of projects to acquire depth of experience. Don't be concerned about spending lots of time on-site and in the field - hands on practical experience is invaluable later in your career.