

# Presidents Report

## presented at August 2018 AGM

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### Thanks to the Outgoing Committee

Thanks to the 17-18 committee for their valuable time, efforts, patience, and perseverance over the year. We are all volunteers, juggling work and home commitments to make a difference for environmental practitioners in SA

Vice-President	Stacey Bunn
Secretary	Stewart Duncan
Treasurer	Jack Annear
Committee Members	David Wiltshire
	Rob Langley
	Steve Milne
	Richard Lewis

Thank you also to my PA, Kate Bentley, who has assisted the committee with communications, minute taking, setting up committee meeting times and assistance with events.

Special thanks to Stacey and Jack for the immense efforts you have put into the committee tasks and taking on much of the load for organising events this year.

On behalf of the SA Division Committee I would like to thank Central Office for the ongoing support, even when they have undergone massive changes and challenges.

### **SA Membership Overview**

SA's membership at end of July was 87 (compared to 85 last year).

### **SA Division Event Calendar Overview**

The program of events has been difficult to develop, implement and achieve good attendance.

It appears that either the committee are out of touch with their membership, or there is simply no interest in EIANZ organized networking or information sessions.

In **2017:**

#### ***October***

David Cole presentation at the Rowing Club – 20 people

#### ***November***

Networking Drinks – 15 people

#### ***December***

Joint End of Year function with ALGA – Adelaide Bowls Club

Thursday 30 August 2018

In **2018:**

**March**

Cultural Heritage Awareness training provided by Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR), Department of State Development – about 30 people attended

**April**

Statoil – GAB exploration drilling update, Speaker – Terry Viser – Senior Project Advisor – about 20 people attended

**June**

CEnvP and Keynote Speaker Alex Blood and Dannielle from CEnvP head office (Melbourne), and networking drinks – about 15 people attended

**July**

Joint Envrio Drinks with ALGA – well attended with about 50 people attended.

**SA Division – EIANZ representation during 17/18**

**Presentation of the *EIANZ Award*** (free student EIANZ membership and a book voucher to the value of \$100) to the student receiving the highest grade in the topic *ENVS3742 Issues in Environmental Management* at the **Flinders University's Faculty of Science and Engineering Awards**.

**In Closing**

The year has ended similar to last years, where our events calendar had less events with smaller participation at each event.

Is it a reflection of people being time poor?

Is it that people no longer wish to have Events?

Or maybe events are not what they want to spend their time at?

Thank you to all of those who have nominated for a position on the Committee for the 2018-19 year. Volunteering your time assists SA practitioners, students and early career candidates in providing networking and professional development opportunities.

All the best for 2018-19.

**Maria Pedicini**

**SA Division President 2017-18**