



INTRODUCING THE NEW EIANZ BOARD

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW BOARD.

Vicki Brady FEIANZ CEnvP has been elected President, having served as Vice-President (Australia) since 2015. Paul Keighley FEIANZ returns to the Board as our new Vice President (Australia) and Isobel Oldfield MEIANZ CEnvP continues for another term as Vice President (New Zealand). Mark Breitfuss MEIANZ CEnvP continues as Secretary and Elizabeth Stark MEIANZ as Treasurer. We have two new Ordinary Board members – Fiona Gainsford FEIANZ CEnvP (IA plus REAP) and Richard Sharp FEIANZ CEnvP.

Bryan Jenkins FEIANZ is leaving the Board after serving as Treasurer and President for two terms each. Over this time, Bryan has made an enormous contribution and leaves an important legacy. We would like to warmly thank Alan Chenoweth HLMEIANZ CEnvP and Dan Lim MEIANZ CEnvP, who have both decided to step away from the Board, for their generous contributions.

The new Board commences its two-year term on the 17 November 2021, and we are excited about the Institute's future.

PRESIDENT



Vicki Brady,
FEIANZ CEnvP

I have been privileged to represent the EIANZ as Vice President (Australia) for three Board terms. During this time, I am very proud to have led the delivery of the Mission, Vision and Values, implementation of the Membership Strategy and the facilitation of the 2020 Annual Conference, including designing the program and preparing media statements and practitioner profiles.

As President, I will lead the EIANZ with the knowledge and passion required for us all to succeed. I will bring together student, early career, experienced and retired practitioners to grow the identity and value proposition of the Institute. Building on the existing foundations of the Corporate Plan, CEnvP and Qualifications Accreditation Schemes, I will work to achieve our mission to promote a sustainable future.

I have a detailed understanding of the mechanics of the Institute, having represented members for over 13 years. Experience at Divisional, Advisory Council, Board Committee and Board level gives me a unique perspective on the opportunities that exist within the EIANZ. As an EIANZ Fellow and CEnvP, building on my contributions to date, I will lead the profession's contributions to good environmental outcomes and realise our vision to be a credible and respected professional body.

VICE PRESIDENT AUSTRALIA



**Paul Keighley,
FEIANZ**

I have been an active member of the Institute for two decades. I have significant experience in the governance of the EIANZ, serving as Institute Secretary for six years and contributing to several committees. I have also held a variety of roles at Divisional level, most recently as President of the ACT Division. I was the recipient of the 2020 Simon Molesworth Award and was recently made a Fellow of the Institute.

In addition to my experience on the EIANZ Board, I have broader Board and governance experience, particularly in sport and academia contexts. I am also planning to complete the Australian Institute of Company Directors course within the next year.

My professional experience spans private and public sectors. I have worked across several fields, including environmental impact assessment, policy and regulation. My current role is with the Clean Energy Regulator, an Australian Government agency.

I am excited about the future for the Institute and the environmental profession more broadly. I would welcome the opportunity to build on the successes of the past, and to take the Institute forward by providing excellent services to members and engaging the profession to address the significant environmental challenges of our region.

VICE PRESIDENT NEW ZEALAND



**Isobel Oldfield,
MEIANZ CEnvP**

Isobel Oldfield has been a member of EIANZ since 2012 and a Certified Environmental Practitioner since 2019. Isobel was the New Zealand Chapter Student and Early Careers Representative (2017 – 2019) before taking on the Vice-President New Zealand role on the Institute Board (2019 – present). She was awarded the Tor Hundloe Award for young environmental practitioner of the year in 2018.

Isobel has worked in the environmental profession since 2012, first as an environmental consultant and since 2019 as a policy advisor in Central Government. Isobel is currently the Lead Policy Advisor for wastewater at Taumata Arowai.

Isobel holds a Bachelor of Environmental Management and a Master of International Nature Conservation. She is passionate about all her work, including the volunteer roles she holds and is committed to furthering the profession, including supporting emerging professionals.

SECRETARY



**Mark Breitfuss,
MEIANZ CEnvP**

For the past two years, I have served the Institute as Secretary, where I have:

- Chaired the Joint Marketing and Communications Committee
- Chaired the Merit Awards Committee
- Contributed as a Member of the Finance Committee
- Contributed as a Member of the Policy and Standards Committee
- Established the By-law Modernisation program
- Contributed to a range of Board statements regarding EPBC Act Review, response to key environmental issues
- Established stronger working relationship with the CEnvP Board
- Contributed to the Corporate Strategic Plan
- Assisted with employing new Central Office staff
- Supported the Board with various operational tasks

Previously, I have served as a Divisional President and Chair of the Advisory Council where I retained operational and financial responsibility, ensuring delivery of member-related services and sound governance practices.

In my role as Secretary, I provide the Board with practical advice on governance and alignment with the Institute Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, Rules of Association, By-laws and Statement of Corporate Governance. Further, I work closely with Central Office to manage delivery of Board operations and prioritise activities.

I am keen to continue to advocate the importance of certification and will devote time to my involvement on CEnvP panel assessments and government liaison.

TREASURER



**Elizabeth Stark,
MEIANZ**

I would be proud to serve the EIANZ for a final term as Board Treasurer (following on from the last two terms).

Despite the challenges of 2020-21 we have been able to progress the finance strategy and sustain rapid but mindful management of the Institute through Covid. I remain committed to ensuring every dollar spent results in true value for members, practitioners and the broader profession. I have been an advocate for clear business processes, ethical spending and transparent decision making. I'm excited about our opportunities and want to continue working as Treasurer to oversee the strategy implementation.

A little about me – I'm a data scientist who focuses on applications to support good environmental management. My vocation is to use computers and maths to help put data in the hands of people managing complex environmental situations. I've been a business owner and consultant for nearly 20 years. This gives me a broad knowledge of financial and legal governance, alongside working knowledge of how to grow big things with small, dedicated teams.

I'd appreciate the opportunity to apply these skills as Treasurer for the next two years.

ORDINARY MEMBER



**Fiona Gainsford,
FEIANZ CEnvP
(IA specialist plus
REAP)**

EIANZ has proudly been my professional home since 1996. I now have time and energy to invest in the EIANZ Board, underpinned by extensive experience on the EIANZ NSW Division and Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Program committees, as well governance and financial literacy skills.

Currently I am a member of the EIANZ Board Ethics Sub-Committee, and the Chair of CEnvP's Specialist Environmental Advisory Committee - Impact Assessment (SEAC-IA). I am still actively involved with the NSW Division Committee supporting the current executive with corporate knowledge as a former NSW Division President, facilitating the L2A Climate Change professional development series, and advocating for the recognition of certified impact assessment practitioners to be recognised by the NSW Government. The latter has culminated in CEnvP-IA being recognised as an accredited scheme in July 2021.

I am passionate about supporting continuing professional development, consolidating governance practices, and promoting the Institute to external stakeholders. I would draw on my expertise as a consulting environmental scientist, excellent communicator, and my large professional network to support these goals on the EIANZ Board.

ORDINARY MEMBER



**Richard Sharp,
FEIANZ CEnvP**

I became a full member of the Environment Institute of Australia in 1990, several years before the organisation expanded to become the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. I joined the Institute because I wanted to be part of a vital and respected professional association for environmental practitioners.

Since joining in 1990, I have helped to contribute to the broad success of the Institute from participating in annual conferences to being part of team of enthusiastic members who collectively contributed to the establishment of the Certified Environmental Practitioner Scheme.

Being a long-standing and active member of the Institute, I've also undertaken various high-level roles which has included chairing committees such as the following: External Relations Committee (1996); Policy and Practice Committee (1998); Special Projects Taskforce (1999); Annual Conference Organising Committee (2001 & 2009); Fellowship Review Committee (2006-2013); Heritage Special Interest Section Management Committee (2016-2018); and the Ecology Special Interest Section Management Committee (2018-2021).

I'm nominating for a Board position because I want the Institute to continue to support environmental practitioners, promote independent and interdisciplinary discussion on environmental issues, advocate environmental knowledge and awareness, and advance ethical and competent environmental practice.