



INTRODUCING THE NEW EIANZ BOARD

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW BOARD.

Vicki Brady FEIANZ CEnvP has been re-elected President, having served in the role since 2021 and previously as Vice-President (Australia) since 2015. Paul Keighley FEIANZ returns as Vice President (Australia) and Ian Boothroyd FEIANZ CEnvP (Ecology) joins the Board as Vice President (New Zealand). Fiona Gainsford FEIANZ CEnvP (IA plus REAP) has been appointed Secretary, having previously served as ordinary Board member, while Diane Dowdell FEIANZ has been elevated to Treasurer. Former Secretary Mark Breitfuss FEIANZ CEnvP continues to serve the Board as ordinary member. One ordinary Board member position is currently vacant.

Former Vice President (New Zealand) Isobel Oldfield MEIANZ CEnvP and Treasurer Elizabeth Stark MEIANZ both decided to step away from the Board and we thank them for their substantial contributions.

The new Board commences its two-year term on the 16 November 2023, and are excited about the Institute's future.

PRESIDENT



**Vicki Brady,
FEIANZ CEnvP**

As the President of the Institute, it is my privilege to serve EIANZ members and Certified Environmental Practitioners (CEnvP) for my final term on the Board.

As a Fellow of the EIANZ and a Certified Environmental Practitioner, I am a proud member of the Institute and have represented the organisation since 2008 at Divisional and Institute level, including several terms as Vice-President (Australia), President – SEQ Division and Deputy Chair of the Advisory Council.

Throughout this year, I have focussed on developing the EIANZ Strategic Plan for 2024-2027, which will shape our future and opportunities to expand upon the work underway to meet our mission of connecting and supporting environmental practitioners to promote a sustainable future.

As President, I am dedicated to the success of the Institute and the environment profession. I will implement our Strategic Plan through effective engagement, whilst leading the EIANZ as the champion and voice of the environment profession.

I will advocate for excellence in ethical environmental practice and strive for the Institute to be further recognised by external stakeholders. As we all work towards the Institute's 40th anniversary, I will work collaboratively to realise our vision of being a respected and valued organisation.

VICE PRESIDENT AUSTRALIA



Paul Keighley
FEIANZ

I have been an active member of the Institute for more than 20 years and have extensive governance experience within EIANZ. I served as Institute Secretary for six years and became the Vice-President (Australia) in 2021. I have also taken on various roles in Committees and Divisions. The Institute honoured me with the Simon Molesworth Award in 2020 and, shortly after, as a Fellow of the Institute.

In addition to my involvement with the EIANZ Board, I have participated in other boards and governance activities in sport and academia contexts, and am an Australian Institute of Company Directors graduate.

My professional background covers both private and public sectors. I have worked in several fields related to environmental impact assessment, policy, and regulation. Currently, I am employed by the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

I am enthusiastic about the Institute's future and the environmental profession in general. I look forward to building on the achievements of the past and taking 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



Ian Boothroyd
FEIANZ CEnvP
(Ecology)

This is an exciting yet challenging time for EIANZ, and the importance and opportunity for the Institute has never been greater. I bring leadership and governance experience to the EIANZ Board having held Board membership of professional consultancy businesses, as well holding office for several professional institutions and leadership roles within the community.

Through these experiences I have developed and successfully implemented strategies aimed at increasing membership, participation, and collaboration, as well as strengthening financial positions. I hold a deep passion for improving environmental practice and bringing greater alignment amongst practitioners and have been involved in the publication of guidance to achieve this.

I regularly organise Institute events in Auckland, and I have prepared submissions to the NZ government on environmental legislative reform.

I bring a deep understanding of the Institute having been on the NZ Chapter committee since 2013, holding various roles within the Chapter including President (2014-2016), Vice-President (twice) and as a long-term committee member. I was appointed a Fellow of EIANZ in 2020.

As Vice President for NZ, I aim to contribute to the growth of the membership and the influence of the EIANZ within the environmental sector.

SECRETARY



Fiona Gainsford,
EIANZ CEnvP
(IA specialist plus
REAP)

EIANZ has proudly been my professional home since 1996. I have been volunteering at all levels of the organisation since 2008 including the previous EIANZ Board term, on the NSW Division Committee and the Advisory Council, and on the Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) Program SEAC-IA.

Having governance qualifications as a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and current experience on the EIANZ Board Audit & Risk sub-committee is beneficial for the role of EIANZ Secretary. I was also involved in the modernisation review of the EIANZ Rules of Association in 2014.

I am passionate about supporting continuing professional development and promoting the Institute to external stakeholders. I have been working closely with the National Environmental Law Association, an EIANZ partner, on professional development opportunities and to broaden the profile of both organisations.

I am also interested in ensuring that the tertiary sector supports our graduates, and that Indigenous knowledge is recognised and included as part of environmental practice.

I have the time and energy to invest in the EIANZ Board and enjoy working as a team for the betterment of the environment profession.

TREASURER



Diane Dowdell
EIANZ

I am deeply committed to the success of EIANZ and look forward to continuing my involvement with the Institute's delivery of its mission supporting excellence in environmental practice across Australia and New Zealand.

I have been a member of EIANZ since I finished my post-graduate studies in 1998 and have been actively volunteering with the Western Australian Division since 2018. I have been active in the Policy and Standard Committee since 2021, and since 2022 I have served as an ordinary member of the EIANZ Board.

Through my involvement within the WA Division, I have been part of a highly productive committee that has considerably strengthened its financial position. This has been achieved through a mix of clear strategy to increase income-earning opportunities beyond membership fees, fiscal controls and positive engagement with WA members and broader community.

As a senior environmental professional within the private sector, I have considerable experience in financial management, budgeting, forecasting and reporting against strategic objectives. These are the skills I look forward to bringing the position of Treasurer to ensure the continued success of the Institute.

ORDINARY MEMBER



Mark Breitfuss,
FEIANZ CEnvP

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

- Chaired the Merit Awards Committee
- Contributed as a Member of the Finance Committee
- Progressed the By-law Modernisation program
- Managed a number of Disciplinary matters and interacted with the Disciplinary Committee to generate outcomes
- Contributed to a range of Board statements in response to key environmental issues
- Contributed to the Corporate Strategic Plan
- Supported the Board with various operational tasks, governance and alignment with the Institute Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, Rules of Association, By-laws and Statement of Corporate Governance

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.

I look forward to supporting the Board in an ordinary member role, advocating the importance of certification and continuing to improve governance and processes across a range of initiatives.