

MINUTES

EIANZ ACT Division Annual General Meeting



Environment Institute
of Australia and
New Zealand Inc.

Monday, 20th August 2025
Room 25, 480 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson
8.30am – 10.00am

1. WELCOME

a. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Chris Murphy	Kelly Lee
Alexander Garrett	Dugal McFarlane
Paul Keighley	Phillipa Marks
David Hogg	Andrey Gallagos
Jarmin Thornberry	Robert Speirs
Emma White	Dr. Maxine Cooper
Hugh Silvers	

Proxies:

Richard Sharp
Carolyn Cameron
Chris Gunton

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion: That the minutes of the EIANZ ACT Division Annual General Meeting held on 19 August 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved:	Alex Garrett	Seconded:	Andrey Gallagos	
In Favour:	All	Against:	Nil	Carried

3. ACT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Murphy presented the President's Report. He expressed thanks to the ACT Division Committee members for their various contributions over the year.

EIANZ membership – 2,511 end of financial year

- (15% increase over last financial year and 81% retention rate)
- Certified Environmental Practitioners (CEnvP) - 1,354 in June 2025 (8.5% increase over 12 months)
- Increase in ACT membership 79 in June 2024 to 83 in June 2025. Numbers have been fluctuating between the mid 80s to mid 90s during the financial year. Our highest membership at the end of a financial year was 97 in June 2019. The biggest drop off in

membership categories in the ACT has been in student numbers – from 10 in June 2020 to 2 in June 2025.

- Certified Environmental Practitioners (CEnvP) - 29 in the ACT in June 2025 of which 21 are EIANZ members.

Highlights for the financial year included discussions on Canberra Light Rail with presentation from key players in the development. And a Q&A breakfast gathering with the ACT EPA. (Kelly Lee played a key role in organising those events.) Our quarterly drinks gatherings were also popular networking events.

Richard Sharp has been representing the ACT Division in the Environmental Consultants and the Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment Working Group, which meets at least twice a year. Richard was also the key driver in organising the Insects in Crisis Symposium which was run by our National Office in July this financial year.

Another ACT Division member, Carolyn Cameron, provided significant input in EIANZ submissions on proposed changes in Federal environmental legislation.

During last financial year, three of our ACT Committee members have relinquished their positions due to work commitments or changing directions of their careers. So we are looking for new members who would like to contribute to the development of environmental professionals in Canberra.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the committee members and Paul Keighley's role, and Chris Murphy for continuing to be our president!

Upcoming events:

- Next quarterly networking drinks – October 2025
- End of year event – 4th December 2025

4. ACT TREASURER'S / FINANCE REPORT

Chris presented the financial report for the ACT Division for the 2024-2025 financial year. The ACT Division is in a very strong financial position.

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5. ELECTION OF THE ACT DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the coming year:

President: Chris Murphy

Vice-President: Phillipa Marks

Treasurer: vacant

Secretary: Kelly Lee

General Committee Members: Alexander Garrett, Robert Speirs, Andrey Gallegos, Richard Sharp, Dugal McFarlane

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- ACT does not have a representative in the Student and Early Careers Committee.
- Consider providing in a position statement or participating in a senate inquiry?

- Committee to start a Whatsapp chat group for just the ACT committee.
- Committee to discuss potential communication group for the ACT member.

Meeting preference for committee meetings:

- Monthly frequency – 8am-9am, first Tuesday of every month. Starting 2nd September 2025. Starting with a face to face meeting. **To discuss planning meeting dates plus regular ACT division meetings.**
- Each meeting now includes virtual and face-to-face meetings.
- Kelly to lead meeting set-ups/invites.

EIANZ Annual Report:

- Head office seeking contributions to the Annual Report

MEETING CLOSED 9:30am AEST