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SOUTH EAST QLD DIVISION

Minutes Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand South East Queensland Division

DATE	07/08/2025	VENUE	MS Teams
MEETING TYPE	AGM	DIAL IN	NA
Chair	Geraldine Squires	RECORDER	Jamie Reilly
APOLOGIES	Jon Womersley		
	Bonnie Barker, Alan Chenoweth, Natalia Drazek, Kaleena Fry, Stuti Govil, Claire Gronow, R. Scott Hanna, Jessica Henderson-Wilson, Michael Hewson, Alma Joglekar, Hugh Lavery, Bunlong Leng, Lara Mottee, Jamie Reilly, Jayne Rutter, Steven Sherrington, Charanpreet Soin, Geraldine Squires, Willy Vukan, Robin Wagland, Gina Whittle, Olivia Williamson, Kathy Yeo, Simon Young Berryman		

ITEM	Minutes
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement (5 mins, Chair)	Good afternoon, everyone and thank you so much for joining us at the annual general meeting of the southeast Queensland division of the environmental institute of Australia and New Zealand AI and said I'm in Meanjin Brisbane on the traditional lands the Yuggerra and Turrbal people and I pay my respect to elders past and present. In fact, I'm working from an office today not far from Bowen Hills and the RNA showgrounds. This culturally significant site search was an important indigenous camping ground and water source before colonial settlement.
2. Apologies (Chair)	Jon Womersley
3. Confirmation/Endorsement of previous minutes (2 mins, Chair)	The 2024 EIANZ SEQ Division AGM Minutes were endorsed.
4. President's report & Advisory Council update (10 mins, Geraldine Squires/ Jamie Reilly)	The SEQ Division's areas of focus are underpinned by EIANZ's Mission, Vision and Values. Regarding values for members and practitioners we achieved the following SEQ specific targets: • Maintain the ongoing financial viability of the Division • Hold relevant and appropriate professional development events • Conduct a Mentoring Program with at least 10% more mentoring pairs • Engage with students and academic staff at UQ, Griffith and USC Support • SECP networking and professional development activities However, we did not hold a collaborative professional development event with another related professional organisation. Member numbers have grown to 640 and SEQ remains the largest division, followed by NSW with 605 members. Student members are stable and I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Swastika Samanta who was the students and Early Careers Coordinator.

	I would like to acknowledge to two of South-East Queensland members the late Rod Welford FEIANZ and Joane Flint FEIANZ who received the Simon Molesworth Award and CEnvP Scheme Service Awards respectively in late 2024. Events held during the year included: • Virtual lunch - Are you interested in making a leadership contribution to the environment profession? • Virtual AGM 2024 • Virtual Writing effective reports (CSIRO) (In-person workshop) • Ethical Good Practice for Environmental Practitioners (In-person workshop) • Darling Downs get together (In-person networking) • SEQ End of Year celebration (In-person networking) • How to master your LinkedIn presence (In-person workshop) • An Introduction to environmental law with a focus on the Planning Act 2016 and the Vegetation Management Act 1999 Thanks to our presenters and hosts of these events. Regarding Students & Early Careers we continued as UQ GEMS Tier 2 Sponsor and EIANZ representatives attended the UQ GEMS Employability Skills Night and UQ GEMS Speed Networking Mentoring events. We held another successful mentoring program with 32 mentoring pairs. The program kick off was facilitated by Career Coach, Nicole Chambers who presented on Progress and Purpose in your Mentoring Partnership. We also held a virtual speed networking event. Regarding being a RESPECTED and trusted voice for the profession we met the following division targets: • Diversify engagement channels • Actively participate in QLD/SEQ-related policy and make representations • Participate in development of Institute wide policy initiatives This included making a submission regarding DETSI's Consultation Performance framework. Our final targets relate to investing funds wisely to support divisional activities and provide value to members. As is evident from the activities and undertakings we presented in the previous slides, we set clear budgets for activity striking a balance between our fiscal responsibilities in being conscious of the economic environment in particular current cost of living pressures being faced by many. Acknowledge the sponsorship and time given by the following organisations and individuals: • Umwelt • JBS&G • Carberry Environmental Consulting • Griffith University • Jon Wolmersley and Alan Chenoweth • Nicole Chambers – Worked Up Careers • Kylie Chown - Speaker, Trainer and Facilitator • Dr Chris McGrath - environmental barrister and academic • Dr Steve Danczack – CSIRO • Troy Philpot – Director, BE Power
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	I knowledge the contribution of the SEQ Division Committee for 2024/25, SEQ Mentoring Program Coordinators Robbie Johns (2024) and Hamish Manzi (2025). Thanks to Robbie for his efforts over many years. Sincere thanks to the team in EIANZ Central Office for their invaluable support.
5. Treasurer's report (5 mins, CP Soin)	Total income \$24,660 from events, membership share, sponsorship Expenditure \$11,321 Event costs, sponsorship, operating expenses Net profit \$13,339 Total equity \$106,376 *interim FY 25 results, subject to audit
6. Election of Divisional Committee (5 mins, Jamie Reilly)	The following were elected unopposed due to no other nominations: • President – Geraldine Squires • Vice President – Olivia Williamson • Treasurer – CP Soin • Secretary – Jamie Reilly The following General Committee nominations were received and accepted: Kaleena Fry, Tony Platts Baggs, Nirvana Searle, Gina Whittle. Welcome to the 2025/2026 committee.
7. General Business (5 mins)	• Nil
NEXT MEETING	
Next AGM – TBA 2026	