

## Minutes Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand

South East Queensland Division

DATE	Wednesday 18 July 2018	VENUE	Jacobs, Level 7, 32 Cordelia Street
	5.30pm		South Brisbane
MEETING TYPE	Annual General Meeting	COPIES	
Chair	Scott Hanna	Apologies	Vicki Brady, David Carberry, Cr Fiona King
Recorder	Danielle Bolton		

TOPIC	ACTION	WHO
Confirmation of 2016/17 AGM Minutes	The 2017 minutes were endorsed	Moved by Jon Womersley
		Seconded by Alan Chenoweth
Acknowledgement to Country	Scott gave an acknowledgement to Country for the traditional owners of the land.	
Business arising from previous minutes	There was no business arising from the previous minutes.	
President's Report	Scott gave the President's report. He advised that the SEQ Division had over 350 attendees at our events during the past year.	
	SEQ continue to be the largest Division within Australia. There continues to be a decline in membership which has been reflective of the industry within Queensland. The Universities have seen a decline in enrolments which is also a reflection of the marketplace.	
	Queensland has the largest representation of Certified Environmental Practitioners (CEnvP) with 30% of members across Australia and New Zealand.	
	The SEQ Division had an operating loss of just over \$30k which was budgeted for last financial year. The main reason was the training for the Dept of Environment and Science. Next fiscal year aim to have a surplus of \$5 413. The Division is also increasing the Secretariat hours to allow the DES program and additional events to run.	
	The Division continued to support the Queensland Government by making submissions. We lodged a submission on the draft Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Guidelines. We also produced a white paper listing the Environmental Priorities of the EIANZ prior to the State Government elections.	
	Thanks went to Olivia and her committee for another year of excellent events.	

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	The SECP were active again this year and. Last year we had a total of 32 mentor pairs in our program and this has risen to 54 this year.	
	<ul> <li>Scott outlined the future directions for 2019. SEQ will: <ul> <li>Assist IAIA which will be held in Brisbane in May 2019</li> <li>Continue a relationship with Central Queensland University with whom we have been running events that have been held in both Townsville and Brisbane and livestreamed. This gives members who are outside the Brisbane region opportunity to attend.</li> <li>We are continuing to build our relationships with Government</li> <li>We want to increase the number of members at the level of Fellow.</li> <li>We plan to re-engage with members who have expired and encourage them back into the organisation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	The Focus of the division going forward is to:  Engage with our members  Represent our members, and  Grow our members.	
	Scott thanked the organisations that have given support to the Division throughout the year. These included Ecology and Heritage Partners, HopgoodGanim, GHD, Jacobs, Cardno, Pitt and Sherry, Central Queensland University and Aurizon.	
	Scott thanked the national representatives who give of their time to the National Organisation. These include:	
	Vicki Brady - Vice President, Australia Mark Breitfuss - Board Member, EIANZ Sophie Cowie - National SECP Chair Tor Hundloe - Climate Change SIS Chair Shaun Canning - Heritage SIS Chair Jon Womersley - QAS Champion Simon Cavendish and Bill Haylock - CEnvP Board Alan Chenoweth - CEnvP Chair	
	The Merit Award winner for 2017 for the Mary Lou Morris Award was Dr Mark Breitfuss from the SEQ Division.	
	The UQ prize winner for the highest GPA was Alex Prideaux and we are very glad to have him joining the committee.	
	This year a new system was established to not give speaker gifts but rather each speaker would be given an amount to donate to one of three charities. The chosen charities for 2018 are:	

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	<ul> <li>Indigenous Literacy Foundation</li> <li>Queensland Conservation Council</li> <li>Environmental Defenders Office</li> </ul>	
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's report was included within the President's report.	
Vote of thanks to 2017/18 Committee	Thanks was given to the Committee for 2017/18. We have been very fortunate to have such a great team. Thanks was also given to Mark Harris who resigned as President throughout the year.	
Election of 2018/19 Committee Members	The following positions were declared vacant and the nominations received were taken as accepted.  President – Graeme Milligan Vice President – Scott Hanna Treasurer – Geraldine Squires PD Chair – Olivia Williamson SECP Chair - Alex Prideaux Policy Chair - Jon Womersley General Committee Member – Martin Ross, Mel Cowlishaw and David Carberry.  The new committee for 2018/19 were welcomed.	Danielle Bolton
<ul> <li>General Business</li> <li>Old Government Training Program</li> <li>CEnvP Update</li> <li>Qualification Accreditation Scheme</li> </ul>	Alan gave an update on the DES project. After working with DES, it was determined that 5 area's from the STEPs proficiencies would be targeted for training. We have over 12 guest lecturers who will present over 6 days of training. This training will be held in 3 blocks of 2 days each. There will be 27 hours of class contact time and in addition to this a log book, a final practical assignment and pre reading are required. There is an online assessment for reach component. The training will commence next week and finish in September.  CEnvP are in their second year of moving towards a closer relationship with EIANZ, having shared an office during this time to assist the bond of the relationship. There are now 72 Site contaminated people who have come across from the Contaminated Land CRC of which Bill Haylock was instrumental in setting up. There are now 4 specialisation area's with another 2 almost ready to go and a 3rd is starting to form for Land Rehabilitation. There is a member survey currently underway and Scott encouraged everyone to participate. Funds have gone towards a research program looking at the sector for Environmental Professionals within Australia and New Zealand.  Jon gave a brief update on the Qualification Accreditation Schemes. We need to take care of those people entering the industry. This is an accreditation scheme for Environmental Science and Management programs. There are 7 Universities engaged with gaining accreditation. Griffith	

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	University were the first University to gain accreditation in a pilot last year.	
	Alan moved a vote of thanks to Mark Harris, Scott Hanna and the 2017/18 Committee for steering the way.	
	Bill Haylock moved a vote of thanks to Jacobs for hosting us tonight.	
Meeting Close	The meeting was closed at 6.43pm	