

# AHSCA



Association of Hydraulic Services Consultants Australia  
QUEENSLAND CHAPTER INC.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2018

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# Welcome to the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the AHSCA Queensland Chapter

As we come to the end of another year, I again get the opportunity to sit down and contemplate our achievements of the last 12 months.

I have personally found this year to be quite challenging. I believe we have achieved a great deal this year, however, I also need to earn a living and the demands of my position at Cushway Blackford & Associates have resulted in things that I had hoped to finalise for the AHSCA have gone unfulfilled. In any event, with a great Committee and an amazing Secretariat behind me, I believe we have provided to our members throughout the year a series of informative General Meetings with some excellent special guest speakers, some very good technical presentations, conferences, etc.

# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Through the AHSCA Research Foundation, we are close to running another Module 1 and two Module 2 stormwater training courses.
- We had well attended (around 70 members) bi-monthly meetings.
- We maintained our membership levels at just under 200 members.
- We continue to supply articles to the MPAQ Journal helping to increase the profile of our Association.
- AHSCA Legionella Management Advisory Group continues to meet to achieve its work plan.
- We have produced a new corporate video.
- We were represented at the World Plumbing Day breakfast in March.

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

- We worked in association with the MPAQ, IPIQ, BPAA, QGA, AMCA and NFIA to hold the bi-annual Joint Trades Industry Conference which was well attended by members.
- We held live fire training in conjunction with the QFES. We hope to offer this to our members again next year.
- We continue to work closely with SkillsTech.
- We held a graduation event for Students who had completed the Diploma in March.
- We are in the early phases of planning training seminars for gas, pumps and hot water design.

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

- Again, we sponsored the AHSCA Hydraulic Consultant of the Year award at the MPAQ Awards night. Congratulations to Karl Patton with Adam Hinze being the runner-up.
- We had a number of events organised with like-minded organisations to provide members with opportunities to pick up CPD points.
- Representation on various meetings with the State Government and other similar organisations.

# LEGIONELLA MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP SUB-COMMITTEE

- In order to expedite a draft “Design Considerations” document, the AHSCA Legionella Management Advisory Group sub-committee has been restructured. Barry Hage, Greg Beavis and myself are meeting on a more regular basis to produce a draft document that can be distributed to a wider group for comment. While we were very appreciative of the number of members that put their hand up to participate, we found a large group to be difficult to organise meetings for as well as maintaining consistency.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This year the Committee would like to recommend Life Membership to the following members:

Without the effort of our Life Members, the AHSCA in Queensland would not be where it is today.

# LONG MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

This year we have five members reaching membership milestones. They are:

- Trevor Woodward
- Andrew Cosgrave
- Craig Jones
- Anthony Freeman
- George Messinis

All of these members have reached 20 years membership. Congratulations to all of them.

If they are here, I would like to present their plaques to them.



# MEETING SPONSORS

As I say at every meeting, without the generosity of our Affiliates, it would be difficult to run this Association and maintain the profile that it has managed to reach in this industry. A number of our Affiliates went that little bit further and sponsored our meetings during the year.

Those Affiliates were:

Reece

ACO

Abey Australia

Billi

Rehau

Emerson Automation

Fox Environmental

EJ

Blucher Auspress

Hydroflow Distributors

Kingspan Environmental

I would like to again express my appreciation to those Affiliates.

# CHALLENGES FOR 2019

It would be nice to finish the year and say everything is done and the new committee can sit back and relax for the next 12 months. There are still many issues yet to be started or finalised. Some of these are:

- Working with the BPEQ to stop unqualified engineers acting as hydraulic consultants.
- Getting the QBCC to remove the \$1,100 rule.
- Working with the water utilities to streamline processes that we are all trying to deal with.
- Finalising design guidelines for the control of legionella in water services.
- Continuing our association with the MPAQ in regard to articles in their Journal as well as our involvement in the 2020 Plumbing Conference.
- Possible establishment of a New Zealand Sub-Chapter.
- Finalising and presenting training seminars.

# Thank you !

Each year I make my final words to be a huge thank you to Lorelei. Unless you are on the Committee, you really do not appreciate the effort that Lorelei puts into running this Association. She provides an incredible contribution to this Chapter. I hope that she will continue to be a part of our Chapter for many years to come.

It has been an honour and privilege to be your President for the last 8 years. In fact, I have been on the Committee for the last 25 years. This year I will not be standing for a position. It is time for me to recharge my batteries and have a little more personal time. I am also aware of the impact this role has on my paid working position.

I wish the new committee all the best !

Have a safe and happy Christmas and new year !