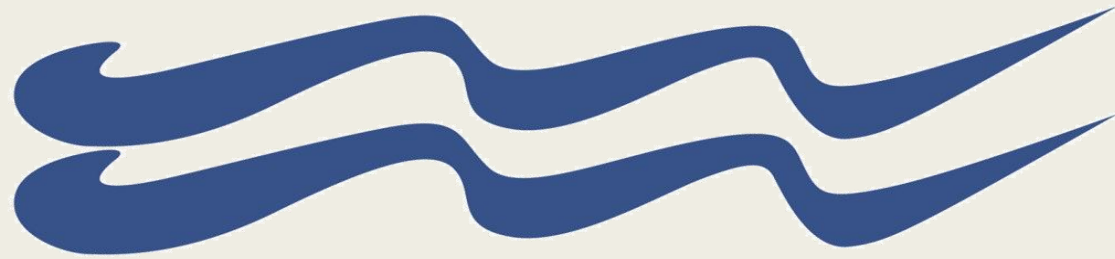


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Association of Hydraulic Services Consultants Australia
QUEENSLAND CHAPTER INC.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

Chris Tritton

Welcome to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the AHSCA Queensland Chapter

2020 has certainly been a challenge for everyone and probably a year that we will all like to forget. However, whenever there has been adversity, the human race adapts and continues. Over the last 9 months, things that we may never have considered have quickly become commonplace.

In our own little way, the AHSCA Queensland have made changes this year, initially that were forced on us, but ultimately and in the long term, will improve what we offer to all members. A large part of this has been the inclusion of Webinars that I will hope will continue in conjunction with our face to face meetings.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- We had national meetings to discuss educational issues. David Mitmannsgruber was instrumental on not just a state basis, but also from a national perspective.
- We had state and national meetings to discuss the ABCB educational requirements
- We met with the MPAQ and other industry partners to discuss the Bi-annual Conference, Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards, etc.
- We instigated a series of Webinars
- We continued our representation on Australian standards (albeit at a reduced level)
- We had meetings with various Councils
- We maintained our membership levels at just under 200
- We provided articles to the MPAQ Journal

VALE

We are all saddened to hear of the passing
of Tom Cooper.

He was a life member of our association
and one of the founding fathers of the
Queensland Chapter.

We wish his beloved wife Judy every
happiness in the future.

He will be sorely missed.



WEBINARS

As noted previously, we instigated a series of Webinars to keep members informed while out normal face-to-face meetings could not be held. We ran 5 Webinars during the year. These included:

02/06/2020 – Guest presenters Anthony Tabe (BCC), Howard Lovitt (BCC), and Affiliate presenter Rehau.

30/06/2020 – Guest presenter Charles Cheesman (Bion Systems) and Affiliate presenter Viega.

10/07/2020 – Guest presenter QFES and Affiliate presenter Saniflo (followed by a general discussion on the ABCB's minimum education proposal)

06/10/2020 – Guest presenter Geoff Woodall (GCCC) and Affiliate presenter MM Kembla.

05/11/2020 – Guest presenter Lindsay Wauker (DHPW) and Affiliate presenter All Valve Industries.

AHSCA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

With COVID-19, the efforts of the Research Foundation have been somewhat curtailed. However, we have had teleconferences to discuss issues of mutual interest amongst all Chapters, such as the ABCB education requirements, the relocation of the Test Read, and a general overview of the current financial situation of the Foundation.

Late last year, a number of members completed Module 1 and 2 of the stormwater training course and tonight I have their certificates here to present.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

- Terry McKendry
- Trevor Woodward
- Bruce Williamson

We would like to thank Terry, Trevor and Bruce for their long association with the AHSCA and trust they will continue to be regular attendees at our meetings. They will always be welcomed at our meetings.

LONG MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

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

- Ken Buckle
- Simon Lynch
- Justin Sweet
- Colin Wheat
- Raymond Smith

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 two face to face meetings during the year.

Those Affiliates were:

4 February General Meeting

- MM Kembla
- Storm Plastics

19 November Annual General Meeting

- EJ

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

CHALLENGES FOR 2021

We have already identified a number of challenges that need to be prioritised for 2021. Some of these issues are as follows:

- Finalising our responses to the ABCB in relation to minimum education levels of hydraulic consultants
- Getting a reactive soils course up and running and ratifying it with the QBCC and those councils that require RPEQ sign off on articulated jointing
- Maintaining good quality Webinars (as has been the case for our 2020 series)
- Providing CPD opportunities for our members
- Working with the MPAQ and other affiliated industry groups on the Plumbing Conference, the Plumbing Industry and Gas Awards, and other similar events that occur annually

Thank you !

As always, 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.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and new year !