



Att: Chris Tritton
Qld President AHSCA

Re: AHSCA Research Foundation

2020 to 2021 AHSCA Research Foundation summary

The AHSCA Research foundation has generally been in hibernation mode for the last 12 to 18 months due mainly because of the individual state representatives having to deal with their own problems due to the virus and the associated restrictions with travel and the like and as such there hasn't been any face-to-face meetings held in the last 12 months.

The research Foundation had its online AGM on the 10th July, 2021 where I provided an update on the AHSCA Queensland chapter status.

The main on-going Research Foundation issue is the testing rig and what is to happen to it

Originally, we were advised by the University of the Sunshine Coast that we had to relocate the rig and after many months of on-going discussions, looking at options, working out costs and trying to come up with a suitable plan the original requirement to have the rig moved and now they are reconsidering this requirement and we are now working directly with Mr Luke Verstraten – Lecturer in Environment and Engineering / Research Fellow on next steps

Mr Verstraten last correspondence dated 21st October 2021 outlined a plan for getting a hydraulic testing facility at USC operational again.

USC have decided to apply for an ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities grant as a source of most of the funds needed.

The submission was made by the November 10 outlining the project in very brief detail.

USQ have requested that the AHSCA Research Foundation be a Partner organisation on the application and whether the AHSCA was aware of any other business within the AHSCA that would be interested in the facility they can be individual partner organisations as well.

USQ has also entered discussions with business and local councils that are interested in stormwater pollution reduction as partner organisations to the grant.

This hopefully will be a means to an end and the rig can be retained and used as initially intended.

Mr Terry Lucke has run one stage 1 training workshop recently which was welcomed, and a stage 2 training workshop will hopefully be in place for the early months of 2022.

Another stage 1 training workshop will be programmed if the demand from our membership is there.

There has been no additional funding request made from the Queensland Association to meet the Research Foundation running costs, however these may be forth coming once we have had the opportunity to meet.

Mr Mark Alexander has recently stood down as the Research Foundation president and at this stage there has been no action on a replacement, I have contracted all the state representatives and will report on what are the required steps to find a replacement and provide a further update once available.

The Queensland Chapter has passed on our thanks and appreciation for the work that Mark has done for our association for many years and wish him all the very best for his next endeavours.

Finally, I am happy to maintain my role as the Queensland Chapter representative with the AHSCA Research Foundation for the next twelve months and hopefully there will be more happening, and we can see a closer working relationship from all states to all our mutual benefits.

Regards

Terry McKendry

Queensland Representative AHSCA Research Foundation.

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