

PIANC Australia 2017

PIANC Australia National Section

In 2017, PIANC Australia had an exciting year with significant members growth, the hosting of major events, the addition of member outreach services and exciting changes within the Board structure. Major outcomes of 2017 included:

- Hosting PIANC's 2017 Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Cairns, Queensland.
- Hosting the 6th Biennial Technical Visit (BTV) of PIANC's Young Professional Commission in Sydney and Cairns, Australia.
- Running workshops, networking events and sundowner socials across Australia and New Zealand.
- Co-organising the 23rd Australasian Coastal and Ocean Engineering Conference and the 16th Australasian Port and Harbour Conference in Cairns, Queensland (immediately following the AGA/BTV).
- Launching our new website <https://PIANC.org.au> to better communicate with members
- Transitioning the Board under new leadership and international roles
- Supporting the involvement (and attendance) of members on International Working Groups and on many PIANC Commissions.
- Helping to foster YPCom development and growth across Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region.

A brief summary of our achievements is provided below with more details provided in the following sections.

AGA/BTV: The biggest series of events for PIANC Australia occurred in June when the PIANC Australia Board hosted the International AGA and 6th BTV prior to the biannual Coasts and Ports Conference. These three events are the most important items on the PIANC Australia calendar and the Board worked tirelessly to ensure that they all were major successes. The AGA and BTV included over 150 PIANC delegates from across the globe and was the last major event for the outgoing PIANC International Chairman Louis van Schel. Importantly, our former Chairman Neil Lawson was also elected as a PIANC Vice President, the first from Australia, at the AGA (more on Neil below). The Board would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors who gave their time and funds to support the successful AGA and BTV events.

Website Launch: In 2017, PIANC Australia was proud to announce the launch of a new website. The updated site (PIANC.org.au) is designed to better connect with our members and ensures that our various activities are communicated across all platforms. The website also reflects the modern approach of the maritime and waterborne transport industry. Please take a moment to visit our new webpage and let us know your feedback.

Board Structure: After 19 impressive years as Chair, Mr Neil Lawson recently stepped down and has now been appointed as a Vice President of PIANC. This is the first Vice President appointment from Australia. Under the leadership and guidance of Neil, PIANC Australia has flourished and his dedication and commitment to PIANC is commendable. Neil remains committed to the success of PIANC Australia and will be an excellent representative as both International Vice President and Treasurer (Australia).

In September 2017, Associate Professor Will Glamore was elected as Chair of PIANC Australia. Will is a De Paepe-Willems Award Winner (2008), the inaugural Chair of YPCom Australia and YPCom

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Co-Chair of Asia-Pacific. Will has been a PIANC Australia board member for the past 10 years. Will's welcome message can be found at: <https://pianc.org.au/pianc-news/welcome-message-new-pianc-chair-associate-professor-will-glamore/>

As Chair, Dr Glamore is supported by a range of new board roles including:

- Greg Britton (Vice Chair; RecCom Rep),
- Neil Lawson (Treasurer; Vice President PIANC International),
- Joel Bailey (Secretary),
- Marika Calfas (EnviCom Rep),
- Scott Keane (Outreach Committee Rep),
- Michel de Vos (NZ Committee Rep),
- Kate Panayotou (YP Com Board Rep),
- Jason Sprott (Int'l Working Group Rep),
- Richard Hill (Outreach Rep) and,
- Ron Cox (CoCom/PTGCC Rep).

New and ongoing appointments include:

- Rodney Hancock (YPCOM Chair Australia/New Zealand),
- Tom Shand (YPCOM Asia Pacific Vice Chair)
- Chip Polen (YPCOM Rep NZ) and,
- Peter Fountain (MarCom Rep).

In 2018, we look forward to announcing exciting new initiatives and to work with our members to provide improved services. We look forward to further contributing to International Commissions and Working Groups and note that several PIANC Australia members will be attending the 30th PIANC Congress in Panama.

PIANC Australia Membership

In 2017, the Board of PIANC Australia focused on providing excellent value to our members. Corporate membership is an ideal means to

provide increased opportunities and remains a key focus moving forward.

Table 1. PIANC Australia Membership

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Individual	87	86	84	82	83	101
Corporate	39	43	41	44	53	64
Life	1	1	1	1	1	1

We gratefully welcome all new members to the PIANC community and look forward to providing ongoing support to existing members. Our members come from across Australia and New Zealand. Our corporate membership increased significantly during 2017 due to individuals converting to corporate membership, our expansion to include our NZ colleagues, and the push for membership around the AGA and Coasts and Ports Conference in Cairns.

PIANC Australia Committees

The Board of PIANC Australia meets 4 times per year. Five committees report to the Board as follows: -

➤ **Membership and Communications (Chair –Richard Hill)**

The Membership and Communications Committee has been striving to provide improved value to members through a combination of increasing value for existing members and a focussed membership drive.

A new recruitment strategy has been prepared which will be rolled out in 2018. This involves recruitment in Australia and NZ across all sectors active in the various business sectors. This is expected to result in a further increase in membership over the next 12 months.

➤ **Outreach (Scott Keane)**

The Outreach Committee aims to organise events and activities for all members across Australia and

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New Zealand. The following major events were held during 2017.

- PIANC Australia AGM (Sydney)
- PIANC YPCom Sundowners (Perth, Sydney, Cairns, Melbourne)
- Fender Workshop (Brisbane)
- PIANC International Annual General Assembly (Cairns)
- PIANC YPCom 6th Biennial Technical Visit (Sydney and Cairns).

A brief description of the AGA and BTV events is provided below.

➤ **Young Professionals (Rodney Hancock, Tom Shand and William Glamore)**

Australia's Young Professional (YP) Committee is a vital part of PIANC's future. In 2017, PIANC YP Australia moved into its fourth year. Overall, the YPCom group aims to:

- Provide networking and mentoring forums for Young Professionals across Australia
- Promote and encourage Young Professionals to contribute to PIANC publications/WGs
- Play a key role in PIANC YP Asia
- Provide an opportunity for PIANC YP awards
- Liaise with PIANC's YP International
- Organise meetings and promote knowledge transfer amongst Young Professionals in Australia and globally

There are currently over 100 registered Young Professionals in Australia, with YP membership continuing to grow strongly (increasing from 63 members in 2015).

A series of networking events were hosted by YP PIANC Australia in 2017, including events in Sydney, Cairns, Perth and Melbourne. Each of these events was very successful and well attended. Those who came along enjoyed the opportunity to network with other PIANC young

professionals over a casual setting. The committee looks forward to hosting more PIANC YP networking events in 2018.

The major event for 2017 was the 6th Biennial Technical Visit (BTV), held from 15 – 21 June 2017. The 6th BTV was held in Sydney and Cairns, highlighting recent port and harbour developments and Australia's unique marine environment. The event theme was 'Working with Nature'. The 6th BTV coincided with PIANC's Annual General Assembly and the 2017 Coasts and Ports Conference. The event was one of the largest gatherings of PIANC Young Professionals ever assembled and we would like to take this opportunity to thank PIANC Young Professional, presenters and delegates worldwide for their support for this exciting event. More details can be found at: <https://pianc.org.au/pianc-news/pianc-btv-2017-summary-report/>

➤ **International Working Groups (Jason Sprott)**

The International Working Groups Committee overseas the nomination of Australian and New Zealand members to the International Working Groups. Australia/NZ has strong representation on the Working Groups with PIANC Australia and New Zealand members currently participating on many groups.

Since 2016 the PIANC Australia Board has provided part funding of travels costs for our members to attend overseas Working Group meetings. This was successful in 2017 and will be continued throughout 2018.

➤ **NZ Committee (Michel de Vos)**

The NZ committee commenced operations following the appointment of Michel de Vos to the Board in June 2016.

NZ is an expanding part of PIANC Australia thanks to the efforts of Michel, YPCom representatives and the NZ Port engineers.

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Several exciting events were hosted in New Zealand throughout 2017 and additional events are planned for 2018. We thank all our existing and new New Zealand members for their efforts.

Board Members SPOTLIGHT: Annual General Assembly and Biennial Technical Visit (June 2017)

It was in September 2002 that PIANC Australia last hosted the PIANC Annual General Assembly at Darling Harbour, Sydney, immediately before the 30th PIANC Congress.

In 2017 we welcomed the PIANC AGA back to Australia. The event was hosted in the tropical city of Cairns, in the north east of Australia. The event was co-organised with the 6th BTV (YP Biennial Technical Visit) in Sydney and Cairns.

While in Cairns, the AGA/BTV was held at the Hilton Hotel overlooking the harbour and marinas. The banquet dinner was held at the historic cruise ship terminal building in Cairns and an exciting field trip was held at the Outer Barrier Reef to inspect the Reef's maritime super highway. Various aspects of Working with Nature were discussed throughout the event.

The successful events were attended by >150 participants from 5 continents. A special part of the event was recognising PIANC Secretary General Louis Van Schel's achievements with PIANC during the banquet dinner. The event was immediately followed by the 23rd Australasian Coastal and Ocean Engineering Conference and the 16th Australasian Port and Harbour Conference with over 300 participants, including many AGA/BTV participants, supporting the event.

We wish to thank everyone who supported the event including our sponsors and volunteers.



Figure 1. Attendees at 6th BTV/AGA

Board Members of the Australian National Section (as at 31 Dec 2017)

- Assoc. Prof Will Glamore - Chair
- Greg Britton – Deputy Chair
- Joel Bailey – Secretary
- Neil Lawson - Treasurer
- Marika Calfas
- Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
- Richard Hill
- Scott Keane
- Kate Panayotou
- Jason Sprott
- Michel de Vos

Commission	Australian Representative
EnviCom	Marika Calfas, Alternate Ron Cox and member of PTGCC Ports Australia Representative – David Anderson
ProCom	Neil Lawson
CoCom	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
YPCoM	Rodney Hancock, Alternate Kate Panayotou Tom Shand (YPCoM Int'l)
MarCom	Peter Fountain, Alternate Scott Keane
FinCom	Neil Lawson