

PIANC Australia in 2014

PIANC Australia National Section

PIANC Australia's vision is to be the recognised leader in establishing best practice and standards of excellence in the sustainable development of infrastructure and operations of Australasian ports and waterways.

PIANC Australia Membership

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Individual	86	94	87	86	84
Corporate	28	34	39	43	41
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There was a small drop in membership numbers in 2014 mainly resulting from mergers and government restructures. The Board has developed strategies to more aggressively address recruitment in 2015 when we expect to see a return to growth.

Board Members of the Australian National Section

- Neil Lawson - Chairman and Treasurer
- David Anderson - Deputy Chairperson
- Stuart Bettington
- Gary Blumberg
- Marika Calfas
- Assoc Prof Ron Cox
- William Glamore
- Tim Green
- Richard Hill
- Scott Keane
- Kate Panayotou
- Jason Sprott

Three long standing Board members, Peter Fountain, Lex Nielsen and Alan Betts stepped down during the year and three new members were elected to the Board.

The PIANC Australia Board now has 4 members with eligible YP status.

PIANC Australia Working Groups

The Board of PIANC Australia meets 4 times per year. Four working groups report to the Board as follows:-

➤ Membership and Communications (Chair –Stuart Bettington)

The Membership and Communications Working Group has seen increased efforts to ensure members appreciate the value PIANC brings to our professional community. This has included increased levels of communication and a technical workshop held in collaboration with the Engineers Australia's NSW Coastal Ocean and Port Engineering Panel (COPEP).

Our Website is now more active with regular posts advising members and non-members alike of the latest PIANC Reports, Working Groups seeking input and events that have been organised.

The efforts of the Board of PIANC Australia has seen a solid result in membership numbers with our corporate members (41) and individual professional members (84) remaining high despite tough economic conditions.

➤ Outreach (Scott Keane)

The Outreach Working Group was active during 2014 with the following activities:-

- Coasts and Ports Auckland 2015

Planning continued for the conference in Auckland in Sept 2015. Todd Bridges has been offered a Keynote Speaker role as the PIANC representative.

- PMTA 2014 - The Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance (PMTA) conference was attended in Niue from 28 October – 1 November 2014 by Scott Keane representing PIANC Australia.

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Scott's presentation focussed on recent involvement through PIANC in a Manila based workshop, and the offer to hold a similar event for PMTA, perhaps based in Suva.



developing national chapters; liaising with PIANC International; promoting award submissions; assigning YP nominees to working groups, and; distributing technical information.

The group is chaired by Dr William Glamore with PIANC Board members Dr Kate Panayotou and Mr Tim Green actively involved. To learn more, join the conversation at [Linkedin](#) (PIANC Australia YP).

➤ Governance and Operations (Neil Lawson)

During 2014 PIANC Australia was able to achieve the following:-

- Awarded the National Section of the Year Award at the San Francisco AGA
- Introduced additional YP members to the Board of PIANC with 4 of the 12 members with eligible YP status
- Balanced the Board with representation from 4 of the Australian States.
- Australia now have members of 6 Commissions and one Task Group with Australian members attending at least one meeting per year
- Maintained a vigorous Board with high attendance levels and good engagement.

Achievements in 2014

COPEP/PIANC Australia & Engineers Australia Half Day Workshop - "Future Directions for Coastal, Ocean and Port Management in NSW", 18 August 2014, Sydney

PIANC Australia and COPEP organised a successful half-day seminar on 'Construction in the coastal and marine environment', a highly challenging

➤ Young Professionals (William Glamore)

Australia's Young Professional (YP) Working Group is an important part of PIANC's future. Active since 2013, the YP group aims to:

- Provide networking and mentoring forums for young professionals
- Promote and encourage young professionals to contribute to PIANC publications
- Liaise with PIANC's YP International
- Organise meetings and promote knowledge transfer amongst young professionals.

There are currently over 40 Australian Young Professionals with YP membership growing quickly. Proposed activities in 2015 include networking events across Australia and at the 2015 Coasts and Ports Conference;

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and specialised industry. Through a series of case studies of both large and small projects, this seminar provided insight into a range of aspects involving construction and maintenance of coastal and maritime infrastructure with presentations by Australian experts.

About 100 attended the seminar including local Council staff, State Government agencies, coastal and maritime engineers, maritime contractors,



geotechnical engineers, coastal/marine asset owners and marine scientists.

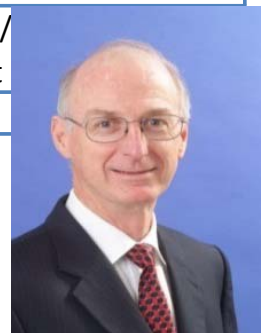
Annual General Assembly May 2014

The AGA in San Francisco was attended by the Chairman of PIANC Australia, Neil Lawson and Board Member Assoc Prof Ron Cox at which Australia was awarded the National Section of the Year Award.

Participation in Commissions and Working Groups

In 2014 PIANC Australia was represented in six Commissions and a Permanent Task Group plus a significant number of Working Groups with ambitions to further strengthen our representation where appropriate.

Commission	Australian Representative
EnviCom	Marika Calfas / Alternate Ron Cox Ports Australia Rep – David Anderson
RecCom	Brad Saunders
CoCom	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
PTGCC	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
YPCoM	William Glamore
MarCom	Peter Fountain/ Alternate Scott
FinCom	Neil Lawson



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