

# PIANC Australia in 2015

The Board of PIANC Australia was unchanged in 2015 following a change to our Rules and Regulations to allow 2 years of membership to provide more stability and maintenance of corporate knowledge.

The PIANC Australia Board 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 striving to increase membership in tough times through a combination of increasing value for existing members and a focussed membership drive.

The biennial Coasts and Ports Conference was held in Auckland in 2015, providing an opportunity for PIANC Australia to present PIANC to the waterway professionals of New Zealand.



*Board Members Richard Hill, Stuart Bettington, Neil Lawson, Jason Sprott and Ron Cox at Coasts and Ports Auckland 2015*

This opportunity was taken to display the extensive range and calibre of PIANC Working Group Publications. This was followed up with a presentation by Neil Lawson (Chairman) to the New Zealand Ports Annual Engineers Forum. During discussions numerous organisations and individuals expressed a desire to join PIANC

## PIANC Australia National Section

PIANC Australia's vision is to be recognised as the regional organisation that is the source of leading edge international knowledge for waterborne transport in the 21st century.

PIANC Australia actively supports:-

1. Regional representation on the Technical Working Groups
2. Participation in the relevant Commissions of PIANC and
3. The provision of quality workshops, seminars, conferences and other networking events in our Region.

## PIANC Australia Membership

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Individual	86	94	87	86	84	82
Corporate	28	34	39	43	41	44
Life	1	1	1	1	1	1

There was a small increase in membership numbers in 2015 mainly resulting from additional focus on converting individual members to corporates as well as new corporates. The Board has developed strategies to more aggressively address recruitment in 2016 when we expect to see a return to stronger 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

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Australia and the impact of this membership drive is expected to be seen in 2016 memberships.

The value to members was seen through a range of technical and social events that allowed members and potential members to see the network of professionals that PIANC includes.

A series of workshops titled 'Sustainable Dredging and Sediment Management: Assessing and Managing Environmental Effects and Benefits' run by Todd Bridges were conducted in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, in collaboration with Engineers Australia were particularly well received (see image below).



A number of technical workshops were held in Sydney and Perth in collaboration with the Engineers Australia.

## ➤ Outreach (Scott Keane)

One of the key objectives of the Outreach Group was the Coasts & Ports Conference which in 2015 was held in Auckland with PIANC Australia participating in the organising committee and providing the Keynote Speaker (Todd Bridges).

The Outreach Working Group has been looking to work closely with PIANC Commission WG representatives in preparing Australian technical programs focussed on the application of newly released WG Guidelines. In 2015 some workshops that had been planned needed to be rescheduled due to difficulty in obtaining information from the WG Committees. For 2016 there is a new program being planned with presentations and workshops

in most capital cities, with Australian PIANC members generally presenting material released by PIANC WGs and based on local case studies. Many of these events are being planned in cooperation with YP activities.

PIANC Australia, through the Outreach Committee, remains a strong supporter of the Pacific Islands through our collaboration with the Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance (PMTA). In 2015 Scott Keane attended the PMTA Conference, held in Papua New Guinea.



For 2016 the Outreach Committee is working closely with Ron Cox and CoCom to hold an event tailored to Pacific member Port representatives and to be held in Fiji where PMTA has Secretariat support.

## ➤ Young Professionals (William Glamore)

Australia's Young Professional (YP) Working Group is a vital part of PIANC's future. In 2016, PIANC YP Australia is moving into its third year. The group is chaired by Dr William Glamore, with PIANC Board members Dr Kate Panayotou and Mr Tim Green nominated delegates and actively involved.

Overall, the YP 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

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- 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 63 registered Young Professionals in Australia, with YP membership rapidly growing.

In 2015 the PIANC YP award was announced at the Coast and Ports Conference (Auckland) and presented to Shaun Denehy (Paper Title: Restricted water effects on berthed ship - passing ship interaction).



At the same conference a successful YP networking event was held with over 50 people attending.

YP Australia was represented at the YPCom International meetings in Brussels (including the 5<sup>th</sup> BTV) and in Buenos Aires. We are actively involved in international events through Will's role as Co-Chair of YP-Com. Locally, we hosted the inaugural YP Australia Committee meeting.

A sundowner for YP's was also held in Perth in March 2015 and this was a well-attended event promoting the activities of PIANC.

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Proposed activities in 2016 include assisting in the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PIANC Asian YP-Com meeting to be held in Manila in April 2016, running networking events across Australia, developing national chapters, liaising with PIANC International, assigning YP nominees to international PIANC Working Groups, promoting award submissions, and distributing technical information for our industry.

In addition to the above activities, 2016 will be a busy year for PIANC YP in the lead up to hosting the 6th BTV (Biennial Technical Visit) in June 2017 in Cairns, Australia. To learn more or get involved, join the conversation on PIANC Australia YP's LinkedIn site.



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

## Annual General Assembly May 2015

The AGA in Porto was attended by the Chairman of PIANC Australia, Neil Lawson and PIANC Australia member Glen Pikor.

Neil Lawson presented the case for travelling to Cairns, Australia for the occasion of the 2017 AGA. Associated with the AGA will be the biennial Coasts and Ports Conference and the YP BTV. Held in June it is expected that participants will be able to enjoy the warm winter weather of northern Australia.

## Participation in Commissions and Working Groups

In 2015 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
<b>EnviCom</b>	Marika Calfas, Alternate Ron Cox and member of <b>PTGCC</b> Ports Australia Representative – David Anderson
<b>RecCom</b>	Brad Saunders
<b>CoCom</b>	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
<b>YPCoM</b>	William Glamore, Alternate Kate Panayotou
<b>MarCom</b>	Peter Fountain, Alternate Scot
<b>FinCom</b>	Neil Lawson

## Secretariat

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## ➤ Governance and Operations (Neil Lawson)

During 2015 PIANC Australia was able to achieve the following:-

- Commenced the drive for increased New Zealand membership.
- Commenced planning for the AGA, Coasts and Ports Conference and YP BTV for June 2017 in Cairns
- Maintained 4 YP eligible Board Members.
- Maintained a balanced Board with representation from 4 of the 8 Australian States and Territories.
- Active participation on the Commissions of PIANC.
- Maintained a vigorous Board with high attendance levels and good engagement.

## Other Australian WG Achievements

### COPEP/PIANC Australia & Engineers Australia Half Day Workshop - Beyond the detail: How do we ensure good outcomes for all through the planning and delivery of maritime and coastal projects?, 17 August 2015, Sydney

PIANC Australia and COPEP organised a successful half-day seminar. Australian maritime and coastal projects don't exist in isolation and projects are not just about the engineering detail but sit within a broader context which includes the strategic need, economic markets, the community, stakeholder interests, environment and many other considerations. The Seminar considered how we ensure that engineering solutions consider these broad factors and so ensure best delivery and outcomes for all

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

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