

# PIANC Australia in 2016

## 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 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.

In 2016 the Board of PIANC Australia focused on widening membership particularly corporate membership and providing increased opportunities for our members to meet in a workshop and networking environment holding 8 events during the year.

## PIANC Australia Membership

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Individual	94	87	86	84	82	83
Corporate	34	39	43	41	44	53
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Our members come from Australia and New Zealand.

Our corporate membership increased significantly during 2016 partly from individuals converting to corporate membership and from our expansion to include our NZ colleagues.

## Board Members of the Australian National Section (as at 31 Dec 2016)

- Neil Lawson - Chairman and Treasurer
- David Anderson - Deputy Chairperson
- Joel Bailey
- Greg Britton
- Marika Calfas
- Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
- William Glamore
- Richard Hill

- Scott Keane
- Kate Panayotou
- Jason Sprott
- Michel de Vos

We welcomed 3 new Board Members during the year; Joel Bailey, Greg Britton and Michel de Vos following the retirement of Stuart Bettington, Gary Blumberg and Tim Green. The Board thanks the 3 retiring members who all made significant contributions to PIANC Australia. We welcome our NZ representative on the Board; Michel de Vos.

Our new Member Services Manager, Sally Anderson started work in February 2016 providing much needed support to the Chairman and the Board.

## 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 increase membership in tough times 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 2017. This involves recruitment in Australia and NZ across all sectors active in the ports business. This is expected to result in a further increase in membership over the next 12 months.

- **Outreach (Scott Keane)**

Following a decision in 2015 to increase benefits back to our Australian and NZ members the following events were held during 2016.

10 June 2016 – the AGM for PIANC Australia was held in Sydney.

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This was followed by a technical session with two speakers from legal and insurance backgrounds.

Marcus John (Thomas Miller Australasia), a PIANC Australia Corporate member and Jesper Martens (Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers) provided interesting and insightful presentations with plenty of case study examples.

Participants enjoyed the networking event with drinks and canapes, that followed on from the presentations (35 attendees).



Jesper Martens presenting

10 August 2016 – Sydney, PIANC YP Sundowner (36 attendees)

15 August 2016 – Sydney, PIANC/COPEP Annual One Day Seminar. ‘June 2016 Coastal Storm – event, damage, response and lessons learnt’ (110 attendees).

The June 2016 Coastal storm was a media sensation with dramatic images of damage across NSW. However, it wasn't the largest storm seen in NSW, nor was the damage entirely unexpected.

Recent advances in beach and structure monitoring together with an abundance of imagery and videography provided an unprecedented opportunity to learn from the effects of this storm.

The seminar reviewed the storm conditions, the damage observed across NSW, and the

emergency response as it happened. A panel discussion explored what can be learnt from this event to make our coastal communities safer, maritime infrastructure more resilient, and how to achieve these within conflicting stakeholder expectations.



June 2016 Storm Damage – Sydney



Panel Discussion at PIANC/COPEP Annual Seminar

8 November 2016 - Auckland, Half day workshop on Dredging (35 attendees). A number of speakers from different backgrounds discussed various dredging aspects from approvals and monitoring to planning and operations.

9 November 2016 – Melbourne – WG121 Harbour Approach Channels – Design Guidelines (55 attendees).

10 November 2016 – Perth, WG121 Harbour Approach Channels – Design Guidelines (Brendan Curtis, OMC International) and Recent Channel

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dredging in the Pilbara region (Lyle Banks, Pilbara Ports Authority) (50 attendees).

Pilbara Ports Authority encompasses the Port of Ashburton, the Port of Dampier and the Port of Port Hedland, and future ports of Anketell, Balla Balla and Cape Preston East. The presentation provided an overview of intended dredging projects within the Pilbara Region providing insight into the significant amount of work that needs to be undertaken to maximize the ports' shipping capacity whilst ensuring strict environmental and safety compliance within the current regulatory framework.



Perth- WG121 Presentation – Brendan Curtis



Perth Pilbara Ports Presentation – Lyle Banks

14 November 2016 – Brisbane, WG121 Harbour Approach Channels – Design Guidelines (34 attendees). Presented by PIANC Board member Scott Keane.

30 November 2016 – Perth, Inaugural PIANC Australia YP Sundowner (45 attendees)

One of the key objectives of the Outreach Group was the planning for the Coasts & Ports Conference to be held in Cairns in June 2017.

Planning is well advanced for the Conference and the interest has been so great that a sixth technical stream has been introduced.

## ➤ Young Professionals (William Glamore)

Australia's Young Professional (YP) Committee is a vital part of PIANC's future. In 2017, PIANC YP Australia is moving into its fourth year. The committee is chaired by Will Glamore, with PIANC Board members Kate Panayotou and Joel Bailey 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
- 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 94 registered Young Professionals in Australia, with YP membership continuing to grow strongly (increasing from 63 members in 2015).

Will presented YP Australia at the YPCom Asian Seminar in Manila in April 2016. During the meeting, Will led several sessions and presented twice (both on technical content and on YP Australia events).

A series of networking events were hosted by YP PIANC Australia in 2016, including events in Sydney, 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

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forward to hosting more PIANC YP networking events in 2017.

During 2016 the YP committee has been busy planning for the 6th Biennial Technical Visit (BTV), which will be held from 15 – 21 June 2017 in Australia. The 6th BTV will be held in Sydney and Cairns, highlighting recent port and harbour developments and Australia's unique marine environment. The event theme is 'Working with Nature'. The 6th BTV coincides with PIANC's Annual General Assembly and the 2017 Coasts and Ports Conference, and the event will be one of the largest gatherings of PIANC Young Professionals ever assembled with members expected from PIANC partners worldwide. We would like to take this opportunity to again invite PIANC Young Professional delegates worldwide to this unique and exciting event. For more information, please see the event website: <http://aga2017.com.au/btv/>.

## ➤ 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 around 14 participants.

In 2016 the Board accepted a recommendation from the Committee to provide part funding of travels costs for our members to attend overseas Working Group meetings.

## ➤ NZ Committee

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 and the NZ Port engineers. In November 2016, a Dredging workshop was held in Auckland on 8 October 2016. This was followed by the NZ Port Engineers Forum where the

Chairman was asked to address the group on the progress of PIANC both in Australia/NZ and internationally. The majority of ports in NZ are now members of PIANC.

## ➤ Governance & Risk Management (David Anderson)

During 2016 PIANC Australia achieved the following: -

- Continued the drive for increased New Zealand membership.
- Continued 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.
- Commenced review of our incorporation and our governance procedures

## Annual General Assembly May 2016

The AGA in Brugge was attended by the Chairman and First Delegate of PIANC Australia, Neil Lawson

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

## Annual General Assembly 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 welcome the PIANC AGA back to Australia. This time we have chosen the tropical city of Cairns, in the north east of Australia. With easy international air access, Cairns is the gateway to the World Heritage

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listed Great Barrier Reef and home to a busy cruise shipping and recreational boating industry.

In addition, we are pleased to be able to welcome the BTV (YP Biennial Technical Visit) to Cairns at the same time as the AGA.

The AGA/BTV will be held at the Hilton Hotel overlooking the harbour and marinas. Our banquet dinner will be held at the historic cruise ship terminal building adjacent to the hotel. We have prepared an interesting program around the AGA including a trip to the Outer Barrier Reef.

Whilst it is winter in Australia in June, you can expect temperatures ranging from an average minimum of 18 degrees Celsius to a maximum of 26 degrees Celsius with sea temperatures of about 24 degrees Celsius in tropical Cairns.

## Participation in Commissions and Working Groups

Our members actively participate in international working groups. In 2016 PIANC Australia was represented in six Commissions and a Permanent Task Group plus around 14 Working Groups with ambitions to further strengthen our representation where appropriate.

To strengthen participation in this critical technical work, the Board approved a Travel Assistance Policy (TAP) in 2016 – and now offers limited financial assistance for members who qualify through a selection process.

We are currently actively looking for an Australian or New Zealand representative for RecCom.

<b>YPCom</b>	William Glamore, Alternate Kate Panayotou
<b>MarCom</b>	Peter Fountain, Alternate Scott Keane
<b>FinCom</b>	Neil Lawson

## Secretariat

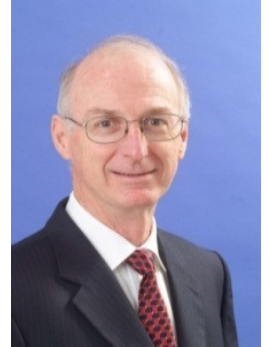
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