

# Yearbook PIANC A-NZ 2018

## PIANC Australia – New Zealand National Section

### Report from Chair A/Prof Will Glamore

2018 was an exciting year for PIANC Australia – New Zealand. Our proudest achievement was the growing involvement of local members in PIANC activities domestically and internationally. As a large and growing National Section we are pleased to have several active members leading and developing International Working Groups, attending International Commission meetings, developing local initiatives and Regional Chapters, and participating in ExCom Activities.



In the past 12 months our members have continued to be involved with working group initiatives, workshops/seminar events and outreach activities. We were also pleased to welcome new Board members and reorganise leadership roles within our National Board.

Major achievements in 2018 included:

- Providing free (to members) events in Darwin, Perth, Sydney, Auckland, Adelaide and Brisbane.
- Increasing PIANC A-NZ representation on Working Groups and International Commissions.
- Supporting member attendance at international events via the Travel Assistance Program.
- Hosting a major Port Planning Seminar at our Annual General Meeting in June.
- Supporting Young Professional networking events and the regional expansion of YPCom.
- Ensuring valuable ongoing communication via regular updates at [www.PIANC.org.au](http://www.PIANC.org.au).
- Pre-planning and organisation of the [24th Australasian Coastal and Ocean Engineering Conference](#) and the [17th](#)

[Australasian Port and Harbour Conference](#) in Hobart, Tasmania (September 2019).

- Working with PIANC International to ensure Australian and New Zealand representation on Working Groups, Commissions and at the Executive level.
- Promoting, attending and supporting members at the PIANC World Congress in Panama.
- Developing Regional Chapters to promote local decision making and involvement.

### 34<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Panama

One of the most rewarding outcomes of this year was our involvement at the 34<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Panama. I am pleased to note that this was the best attended Congress by Australian and New Zealand representatives of all time.



Our ongoing international presence ensures that Working Groups and Commissions are applicable to local conditions. These efforts were recognised with two (2) Working with Nature Certificates received at the Congress.

### Working with Nature

The PIANC 34<sup>th</sup> World Congress presented seven Working with Nature Certificates of Recognition to various trail blazing projects worldwide, including two great Australian projects which both involved restoring habitat to endangered coastal landscapes.

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Above: Phil Reid from NCIG (second left) receives his WwN Certificate at Panama: L-R Todd Bridges, PR, Will Glamore, Neil Lawson & Geoffroy Caude.

Below: Adam van Der Beeke from Fremantle Ports with his PIANC Certificate

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) and Newcastle Ports, were recognized for their [restoration of 24 ha of habitat for migratory shorebirds](#) -as part of their biodiversity offset program. The **Port of Freemantle** was also recognized for their very successful new bird sanctuary at Rous Head Industrial Park.



Significantly one of the most successful membership events held this year was our *Working with Nature* seminar held in Perth, WA, in November. Chief organiser, PIANC Secretary Joel Bailey, reported an unprecedented level of interest and over one hundred attendees.

Our Brisbane chapter also organised a successful seminar in 2018 entitled '*Management of Maintenance Dredging in Queensland's Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area Ports – A Strategy in Action*' Thanks to Kevin Kane and Scott Keane for their great work.

**Outreach to members:** In 2018, PIANC Australia & New Zealand built upon the uses of its newly created website [PIANC.org.au](http://PIANC.org.au), using it effectively for events promotion, financial and membership management, AGM seminar registrations and profile raising. The site was designed to better connect with our members and to ensure that our various activities are communicated across all platforms. The website also reflects the modern approach of the maritime and waterborne transport industry.

## AGM/ Seminar on Port Planning

Our 2018 AGM in Sydney was highlighted by a very successful two-day seminar on 'Port Planning: Trends, Issues and Hot Topics', with informative presentations from port authorities, industry, consultants, academia and regulators.

The seminar was opened by Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Port Authority of New South Wales. Over the next two days presenters from Aspec Engineering, Ausenco, Fremantle Port Authority, GHD, Mid West Port Authority, Mott Macdonald, Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, North Queensland Bulk Ports, NSW Ports, Port of Newcastle, RoyalHaskoning, and UNSW Sydney, all brought their experience and expertise to the topic.

The second day ended with PIANC Australia's 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM, where several new members were elected to the board.



At the AGM Secretary Joel Bailey reported that PIANC Australia has doubled its corporate membership in the last six years, the result of significant efforts in outreach and gives us the largest corporate membership within PIANC

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globally. Treasurer Neil Lawson reported on an excellent financial year, due to a variety of factors such as the increase in corporate membership, successful hosting of PIANC International's Annual General Assembly (AGA), and a vibrant co-hosting of the June 2017 Australasian Coasts and Ports conference in Cairns, which had a record 450 participants.

## PIANC Board and Commission Members

The Board of PIANC Australia meets 4 times per year. Each meeting has a different focus. Annual plan – tracking and performance/ AGM/Strategic Planning/ Budget and Financial Review.

### Board Members of the Australian National Section (as at 31 Dec 2018)

- Assoc. Prof Will Glamore - Chair
- Greg Britton – Deputy Chair
- Joel Bailey – Secretary
- Neil Lawson – Treasurer
- Luke Campbell
- Chris Carboon
- Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
- Katrina Dodd
- Peter Engelen
- Richard Hill
- Kevin Kane
- Scott Keane
- Kate Panayotou
- Michel de Vos

Commission	Australian Representative
<b>CoCom</b>	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
<b>EnviCom</b>	Marika Calfas, Alternate Ron Cox
<b>ExCom</b>	Neil Lawson
<b>FinCom</b>	Neil Lawson
<b>MarCom</b>	Peter Fountain, Alternate Scott Keane
<b>ProCom</b>	Neil Lawson
<b>PTGCC</b>	Assoc. Prof. Ron Cox
<b>RecCom</b>	Greg Britton
<b>YPCom</b>	Rodney Hancock, (A-NZ Chair) Tom Shand (Asia Pacific Vice Chair)

## Strategic Planning Day

In November the Board held an all-day strategic planning session which identified the Board's priority in 2019 to be 'increasing regular, meaningful interactions with members.'

The key components to achieve that goal were identified as establishing and growing regional chapters, delivering events in each region; developing our comms strategy, and increasing communications to members, and other key enablers such as online meetings functionality, developing a new sponsorship policy, and setting clear frameworks for roles and responsibilities of regional Chapters.



*Board strategy session: Katrina Dodd, Michel de Vos, Ron Cox, Neil Lawson & Joel Bailey.*

A reconfiguration of some board responsibilities had ensued, with new Board members being allocated various roles, including Luke Campbell as Board member responsible for liaising with Regional Chapter chairs; Peter Engelen responsible for comms and Katrina Dodd for membership management.

Joel Bailey will take leadership on Governance & Risk, Neil Lawson remains at Finance, Greg Britton responsible for IWGs, with Chair Will Glamore responsible for International Commissions, Board operations and accountability.



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## Australia & New Zealand Membership

In 2018, the Board of PIANC A-NZ continued to focus on providing excellent value to our members. Corporate membership is an ideal means to provide increased opportunities and remains a key focus moving forward.

### PIANC Australia & New Zealand Membership

	2013	14	15	16	17	18
Individual	86	84	82	83	101	90
Corporate	43	41	44	53	64	73
Life	1	1	1	1	1	1

NZ is an expanding part of PIANC A-NZ thanks to the efforts of Michel de Vos, YP-Com representatives and the NZ Port engineers, and Dr Tom Shand, YPCom Co-chair. We gratefully welcome all new members to the PIANC community and look forward to providing ongoing support to existing members.

## Travel assistance policy TAP

PIANC A-NZ has strong representation on the International Working Groups with members currently participating on many groups. Since 2016 the Board has provided part funding of travels costs for our members to attend overseas Working Group meetings. This was successfully continued throughout 2018.

## Young Professionals

The Young Professional (YP) Committee is a vital part of PIANC's future. In 2018, PIANC YP Australia & New Zealand moved into its fifth year, with Rodney Hancock as A-NZ Chair and Dr Tom Shand as Vice-Chair for the YP Asia-Pacific region. There are currently over 100 registered Young Professionals in A-NZ, with YP membership continuing to grow strongly (increasing from 63 members in 2015).

A series of networking events were hosted by YP PIANC A-NZ in 2018, including events in Adelaide, Auckland, Darwin, and Sydney. Participants 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 2019.

Another major YP event for 2018 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> YP Asia-Pacific seminar held in Korea Oct 29- Nov 1.



Dr Tom Shand, YP-Com Vice-Chair for the Asia-Pacific Region, was there to represent PIANC Australia-New Zealand. Tom found the seminar to be "excellent in terms of its technical content, interesting site visits and opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with young professional delegates from across the region."

## First Australian Vice President for PIANC

After 18 years as Chair of PIANC ANZ, Neil Lawson was appointed a Vice President of PIANC International in 2017, the first Australian in the role since PIANC's founding in 1885.



Neil brings to the international stage his reputation and skills as a brilliant national promoter and builder. Under his leadership, ANZ has been the fastest growing National Section with an emphasis on increasing corporate membership. This successful Australian model will continue to be discussed at ProCom and ExCom in an effort to increase PIANC's global footprint.