



David Hood - New Deputy President Engineers Australia

Engineers Australia's National Congress has elected Adjunct Professor David Hood as the Deputy President for 2011. At the end of next year he will succeed Merv Lindsay as the National President for 2012.

Mr Hood is currently the chair of the Australian Green Infrastructure Council. His focus for the year will be on sustainability, population growth, biodiversity as well as reinvigorating Engineers Australia's College structure.

He will also work on developing better support systems for regional engineers who are "enthusiastic but often feel unloved", he said. Engineers Australia has declared 2012 the Year of Regional Engineering. Mr. Hood knows the workings of the Institution well as he was the director for engineering practice at National Office in Canberra from 1993 to 2000.

Take the AGIC Sustainability Rating Tool Descriptor Survey

The Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC) is seeking your views on how the sustainability rating tool can be described/branded on award.

Your views are important and we would appreciate you spending a couple of minutes to share your ideas with us.

To take part in the survey please click the following link

<http://www.agic.net.RatingToolSurvey.htm>



Review of AGIC's Second Annual Conference and Breakfast

On Tuesday 26 October 2010 AGIC held its second Annual Conference for Infrastructure Sustainability - Delivering and Operating Australia's Infrastructure Sustainably - in conjunction with the fifth World Congress on Engineering Asset Management (WCEAM)



AGIC stand at the WCEAM Conference

The conference was an outstanding success with over 300 attendees, approximately 100 of whom were specifically interested in AGIC's key points of discussion; the launch of AGIC's Climate Change Adaptation Guideline, AGIC's Knowledge Hub and the AGIC Infrastructure Sustainability Quick Check.

Prior to the conference AGIC hosted a breakfast, at Rydges Hotel, sponsored by Tenix. The keynote speaker was Romilly Madew, CEO of the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), who presented on the topic 'Establishing an Industry Organisation'.



Romilly Madew presenting at the pre-conference breakfast

Conference Review Continued

Admitting that 'hindsight is a beautiful thing' Romilly brought lessons learnt and advice from the GBCA from its development over the past nine years. Her words of wisdom focused around five priorities necessary in setting up an industry organisation:

1. Creating a policy committee
2. Establishing local government task groups
3. Daily communication
4. Collaboration with similar organisations
5. Getting the government on board

AGIC would like to thank Romilly for her insight; breakfast sponsors Tenix; and those who attended the breakfast and conference. Special thanks also to the AGIC volunteers and staff who made both events possible.

As Doug Harland, CEO of AGIC, mentioned in his opening address at the breakfast "AGIC and this industry doesn't have to work this out on its own". With the advice of people such as Romilly and support of organisations like the GBCA, AGIC is looking forward to another year of learning, growth and implementation in 2011.

AGIC's Knowledge Hub and Climate Change Adaptation Guideline were also launched at the conference. The Knowledge Hub's purpose is to act as a directory of information relating to sustainability in infrastructure and is now live and looking for material from contributors.



Launch of the Knowledge Hub at the AGIC Conference

For more information on the Knowledge Hub please visit www.agic-khub.net.au and to submit material please email khub@agic.net.au.

Sustainability Rating Tool Reaches First Milestone

AGIC's Sustainability Rating Tool has reached its first milestone with five of the seven themes incorporating 20 of the 27 categories now in motion. Of the 20 categories underway the Climate Change Adaptation guideline is the first to be completed. After months of widespread discussion the definitions and boundaries of the remaining themes and categories have been refined, which will provide a framework to drive the development of sustainable rating criteria for infrastructure projects. In early December each category author will deliver authored material for the 30% milestone. The first set of draft criteria, will be used to assess infrastructure sustainability. Expert peer reviewers and a global review panel will review the material from each author as necessary for further fine tuning.

Knowledge Hub Has Officially Taken Off!

AGIC's Knowledge Hub was officially launched at our second Annual Conference on October 26th 2010. Almost three months later the Knowledge Hub now has several articles, case studies and a blog to share issues and the various views on identified topics by the industry.

The hub is a great way for organisations to demonstrate their sustainability achievements while helping to promote knowledge and innovation in the infrastructure sector. AGIC is seeking contributions from industry on good practices relating to all our categories and infrastructure projects more generally. Submitting content is easy, just [CLICK HERE](#) and follow the prompts on the fact sheet.

AGIC is also seeking experienced professionals to act as volunteer content reviewers to ensure accuracy and relevancy in all submitted material. If you are interested in volunteering your expertise please contact info@agic.net.au.

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Chairman's Report 2010



The year 2010 has seen strong growth in AGIC membership and activities. It was a great relief, when in July with funding secured from the Commonwealth, the AGIC Board approved the commencement of contracts to author the category assessment methodologies in five of our seven theme areas for the AGIC Sustainability Rating Scheme. Alongside this decision came the release of our Quick Check guide to the Scheme, the launch of the AGIC Knowledge Hub, and the release of the AGIC Guideline to Climate Change Adaptation for infrastructure projects.

These AGIC products were brought to the attention of industry in Australia and the world asset management community through our second successful conference, in October, which we hosted together with the World Congress on Engineering Management in Brisbane. This international exposure was reinforced through the participation in the conference of Professor Roger Venables, CEO of the UK CEEQUAL rating scheme for civil engineering, as our keynote speaker. Roger and his wife Jean, the Immediate Past President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, then toured Australia as Engineers Australia's Eminent Speakers, further promoting the work of AGIC.

There is no doubt that a consideration of sustainability outcomes is now taking a significantly higher profile in the planning, design and construction of our infrastructure compared to five years ago. AGIC's presence in the industry is assisting organisations with an understanding of the benefits of sustainability, and will provide the guidelines and tools to further improve infrastructure sustainability. The productivity gains by having a nationally consistent assessment framework for measuring sustainability in the delivery of infrastructure is recognised by the Commonwealth, and is now being demonstrated to our State Governments in

an effort to secure their support for the completion, trialling, and launch of our rating scheme.

In the area of infrastructure operations, I am delighted that we have formed a partnership with the CRC for Infrastructure and Engineering Asset Management (CIEAM) to deliver research that will support the assessment of sustainability over the whole operational life of infrastructure projects. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated efforts of an amazing group of volunteers, a focused Board and our staff; congratulations to all. Stay with us as we move to a bright and sustainable future.

David Hood
Chairman

Latest Foundation Members

AGIC would like to recognise two new Foundation Members, MWH (Montgomery Watson Harza) and Clayton Utz.

To achieve Foundation Membership, members registered for in kind contributions to Foundation Membership must complete the process by 31st December 2010 or the balance is to be paid out in cash.

The Foundation Membership option officially closes on 31 December 2010

MWH has been recognised as a Foundation Member for their contribution to a number of AGIC activities and tasks including:

- Updating and maintenance of the AGIC Stakeholder Register from February 2009 to December 2010
- Preparation for and facilitation of AGIC's 2010 Business Planning Workshop
- Printing of logo sheets and application forms
- Sponsorship of the Perth function 2009

Clayton Utz has been recognised as a Foundation Member for contributing to the preparation of legal documents relating to AGIC activities such as the Rating Tool.

AGIC Welcomes Kirsty McInnes

Kirsty is a chartered professional civil/environmental engineer who has worked in civil, environmental, coastal, and structural engineering for the last sixteen years. She has recently joined AGIC as Network Coordinator in the Northern Territory.



Kirsty has worked on a wide range of projects providing her with multidisciplinary experience across mining, government, heavy and private industries, which has enabled her to assist in organisational strategic development and systems development.

Most recently Kirsty and her partner Ewan Hall began UNO Management Services (UNOMS); a new consultancy in Darwin founded on the principle of sustainability. UNOMS provides services in project management, engineering, design, environment, systems management, and consultation and communication.

Kirsty hopes by being part of AGIC that she will be able to come closer to her career goal of 'working in a third world country to assist leaders in better understanding sustainable development so that they utilise their natural resources more effectively and can do more with less; leaving a future for their children.'

Making News

AGIC is making news! Click on the links below to read more:

[Seed Funding- WME Magazine, August 2010](#)

[Time For a Check-Up?- WME Magazine September 2010](#)

AGIC Out & About

The events at which AGIC has presented from October include:

- Construction Materials Industry Conference 2010 Gold Coast.
- (WFEO) World Federation of Engineering Organizations Buenos Aeries 16 October
- World Engineering Congress – Buenos Aeries Argentina 18 October
- Engineers Australia /USQ Darling Downs video presentation 20 October 2010
- 23 November AWA Conference, Sydney
- December 1st, 2nd, 3rd Manidis Roberts Functions with guest speaker Dan Epstien.

Christmas Function

The silly season is upon us and AGIC would like to remind all members and volunteers of our upcoming Christmas function.



You are invited !!

On behalf of the Chairman and Board of AGIC, please come and help AGIC celebrate a fantastic and sustainable year! This is AGIC's opportunity to say - Thanks, well done, good on you, cheers, ta.

When: 16 December 2010

Where: Cicada Cafe Restaurant Bar, Corner of Adelaide and George Sts Brisbane

Time: 5.30pm—7.30pm

RSVP: 14 December 2010

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NEW AGIC MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to AGIC.



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AGIC would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a safe and restful holiday and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2011!

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