



## E-Newsletter

**March 2009**

### Financial Review National Infrastructure Conference – Update

AGIC members are invited to attend the Financial Review Infrastructure Conference on 1 and 2 April, and receive a discounted registration rate of \$1,870.00 (full rate \$2,420.00).

The theme of the conference is *Building and Investing in the Future*.

Key speakers include:

- John Edwards, Chief Economist, HSBC
- Phil Garling, Global Head of Infrastructure, AMP Capital Investors
- Brendan Lyon, Executive Director, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia
- David Marchant, CEO, Australian Rail Track Corporation
- Chris Lynch, CEO, Transurban

Key topics include:

- Infrastructure - what it means for Australia, business and the economy
- The shape of transport infrastructure
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Infrastructure for the resources boom
- Public-private partnerships
- Urban congestion
- State by state priority infrastructure projects
- The role of superannuation
- Road, rail and port supply chains
- New models for private sector financing
- Skilling large infrastructure projects

AGIC Chairman, David Hood will chair the panel session on Sustainability Infrastructure and said AGIC is pleased to be involved in the event.

“The conference will focus on the role infrastructure can play in supporting economic recovery, and at the same time address issues of sustainability by looking at infrastructure as a driver for change,” Mr Hood said.

“This sustainability address is needed to ensure infrastructure is future-proofed against adverse climatic change.”

To register for the conference, visit [www.afr.com.au/events](http://www.afr.com.au/events) or call 1800 032 577.

### AGIC Internship - Joan Stimson

The Board would like to thank Joan Stimson for her contribution to AGIC.

Joan is a Master of Policy Student at the University of New South Wales and has just completed a four week AGIC internship. Joan has drafted an Ethical Filter/ Strategic Justification discussion paper to inform the development of the AGIC rating scheme.



The paper explores the basis for which infrastructure projects may be declined a rating. The proposed options identified include:

- Exclusion of the project based on the ‘need for the project’
- The assessment of ‘Strategic Justification’ of the project as part of the rating tool
- The application of an ‘Ethical Filter’ process prior to rating a project.

The draft paper will enable the Product Development and Design Working Group to further review and refine a policy to cover infrastructure projects which may not be suitable for a rating based on ethical grounds.

### AGIC Foundation Members



## AGIC Volunteer Profile – Rick Walters

**Name:** Rick Walters

**Lives:** Sydney

**Home organisation:** Worley Parsons

**Role in AGIC:** AGIC Board Director and Product Development and Design (PDD) Working Group Leader.



**How long have you been volunteering for AGIC?** 18 months.

**What motivated you to volunteer for AGIC?** Having been involved in major infrastructure projects I had sometimes pondered why we had a Green Star rating scheme for buildings but nothing for infrastructure. I jumped at the chance to help Glenn Hedges (friend and former colleague) develop AGIC and the rating tool.

**What are the challenges of your volunteer work with AGIC?** Fitting in the demands of volunteer work around a busy work schedule, especially in a consulting environment (billable hours and so on).

**Professional background?** After completing Science and Engineering degrees I spent eight years with Rio Tinto in research and operations management (aluminium smelting) in Perth and Queensland. I moved to Wollongong and had five years in copper smelting and this is where I moved into an environmental role and found the work highly motivating. I came to Sydney to work on the Lane Cove Tunnel which was a great project. After completing that project I joined Worley Parsons and now lead the Sustainability & Climate Change team which is an exciting and developing area.

**Most interesting project worked on?** Port Kembla Copper was a once in a lifetime project. The smelter had been shutdown for a number of years. We spent several hundred million dollars upgrading the plant, recruiting and training a new workforce. We commissioned the smelter and ran it for three years until economic circumstances forced us to once more shut down and close the site. While there were many difficult times and the ultimate outcome was disappointing, this project was an opportunity to see all phases of a project in just five years and make many good friends.

**Pets?** Dog called Gorgeous (its very embarrassing calling her name in the park...I didn't name her).

**Ideal holiday destination?** Snowboarding in Austria (I wonder if my grandchildren will be able to enjoy this?)

**Favourite sport/hobby?** Basketball

**Favourite food?** Thai



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## AGIC needs you!

AGIC is currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers to contribute to the four working groups (WG) that assist in the delivery and operation of AGIC.

There are currently four WGs operating:

- **The Client Needs & Marketing WG** is responsible for maintaining the AGIC website, drafting and implementing the marketing and promotional strategy and coordinating the newsletter.
- **The Governance, Administration & Finance WG** is responsible for defining the framework and secretariat duties, advising and assisting the secretariat, establishing Board member credentials and requirements and recommending the sponsor/membership framework.
- **The Product Design & Development WG** is responsible for defining and recommending to the Board the boundaries, scope and framework of the AGIC scheme and composition of the AGIC tool. The WG also appoints and works with the Tool Development Project Manager to review the AGIC tool progress and appoint Category Authors.
- **The Education & Training WG** is responsible for completing the scope and developing and implementing the training strategies and packages aligned with the pilot and launch of the rating scheme.

To find out more about these Working Groups or to register your interest, please contact the respective Group Leaders:

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- Caroline La Fontaine - Education & Training WG  
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## New AGIC Members

AGIC would like to welcome the following members who have recently joined:

- Port of Melbourne - Organisational Member
- Noel Corkery - Individual Member
- Dennis Else - Individual Member

A full list of existing AGIC organisational and individual members can be viewed at [www.agic.net.au](http://www.agic.net.au)

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