



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Parkes 2024

It is with pleasure that I present my annual report as President of the Environmental Development and Allied Professionals Group.

The Group can again be pleased with progress again over the 2023/24 year and the level of support provided by the Executive and the Committee. Despite the constant legislative changes around all aspects of our professions and busy work schedules, the Committee has been able to maintain a consistent level of service and varied activities of the group.

The Committee worked well in organising the Parkes Conference with special mention to Sharyn Ware, Kent GM and the Planning /Certification team from our host Council Parkes Shire. Also, Steve Campbell for the program and Alan who has again taken the registrations. Special mention to Isabel Holmes for her generous time and help with the agenda. An excellent and varied program has been developed with inclusion of the Special Activation Tour. We strive to deliver a different experience for the delegates and always try to ensure the entire group membership is served.

Nyngan Conference 2023

The Annual EDAP Conference held at Nyngan in May 2023 and was a very successful one with over 80 delegates and the range and experience of presenters exceptional. The Networking forums were outstanding giving an opportunity for delegates to mingle in great surroundings supported by excellent food and refreshments. Again, thanks to Jackson and Roz for hosting and the Thursday night dinner a highlight with a great BBQ cooked by Charlie and his band of merry men.

Special message to all delegates. Don't forget to pack your bags and put them in the car.

Committee

The Committee met during the year using both teleconference and face to face meetings. We have endeavoured to be an active group working for the benefit of EDAP members. I would like to thank the Committee for their contribution, Isabel Holmes has provided great administration support maintaining our membership records and circulating information.

The 2023/24 Committee comprised:

- Stephen Campbell – Vice President/Public Officer
- Alan Lindsay – Secretary/Treasurer
- Neil Diamond
- Murray Amos
- Mark Robertson

- Isabel Holmes

Website

The EDAP website www.edap.org.au is in use for accessing training and conference information, as is the Facebook page edited by Alan Lindsay. Updating and maintenance of the website has been carried out with further work to be undertaken.

Membership

Membership continues to be strong with more than 610 listed members. Maintaining up to date membership details requires a committed effort. Isabel Holmes at Weddin Shire Council has undertaken a great job in maintaining accurate membership records.

Partnerships

The EDAP group has developed and maintained good partnerships with related organisations such as AIBS, AAC, DEPA, EPLA NSW Health, NSW Food Authority, Western Region Dept of Planning and Environment and the Riverina Group.

Riverina Group will be conferencing in Bega this year so lets all get behind them.

We try to provide access to information for the various associated groups and following their learning opportunities.

The group is looking to host two short courses this year in Orange and Forbes at a very reduced rate. We will provide details when available but looking at Energy efficiency and Waterproofing. Keep your eyes peeled.

We have also developed a relationship with TAFE to offer Basic Plumbing Skills Inspection course in Parkes in April.

Conclusion

The year has been another active one for the EDAP group in supporting the needs of the profession in regional areas. The group strives to support Environmental Health and Building Surveyors, Planners, Environmental Engineers, and other related professions at the grass roots level. There is a great understanding as to the continued cooperation within the group and reliance on the group to keep all the professions informed, engaged and sustainable.

We again sponsored the AAC Epic Conference for emerging certifiers spanning the trainees through to new building surveyors and inspectors. Another great relationship for us to maintain.

We have also committed to AAC Conference with the President providing a history and overview of EDAP and what we do. This is in May 2024.

As we know the pressure on the availability of all professional staff and trouble recruiting has seen representations made to Dept Local Government, DPE, CWJO and its working groups in addressing the issue.

I have very much enjoyed my year as President. The advice provided by the Vice President Steven Campbell and Secretary/Treasurer Alan Lindsay and support of the Committee has been invaluable. Again, I would thank Alan Lindsay for his tireless work in co-ordinating

meetings and events and importantly, keeping members informed. I have nominated again for 2024/25 EDAP President to support the group and its committee.

The group has continued to create opportunities for learning and for members to meet socially. Please enjoy your time in Parkes for what promises to be a great EDAP Conference, and I look forward to catching up with you during the sessions or at one of the social functions. Please take time to visit and where possible support our great sponsors.

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Brendan Hayes
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