



# Environmental Development and Allied Professionals

## Autumn 2024 Newsletter

### Environmental & Development Industry News

#### Artificial Intelligence Trial for NSW Planning System

The NSW Government has been looking for new and innovative ways to support councils and speed up development assessment times.

The AI in NSW Planning project was tasked with identifying areas of the development application assessment that were causing unnecessary delays and would benefit from the implementation of AI. In a significant opportunity, councils collaborating on joint grant applications could receive up to \$500,000, while single council applications could be eligible for up to \$200,000 to trial the identified technologies.

This funding will allow councils to trial recommended AI technologies and encourage innovative ways to accelerate DA assessments.

Grant applications close on 22 May 2024.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/news/nsw-government-bringing-planning-21st-century>

#### AAC Technical Committee Update

The AAC committee reviews the regulatory and technical challenges in Class 2-9 building certification. The Committee's goal is to provide clear guidance to members, to develop Member guidelines and best practices, and to align, where practicable, certification processes for our members. An overview of the Committee's activities can be found on the link below.

<https://aacertifiers.com.au/Public/News/AAC-Member-News/Techtalk-Newsletter-March-2024.aspx>

#### Issues arising from interactions between development consents and s68 approvals

Where a development is only permissible with a development consent under the EP&A Act 1979 and is also an activity under s68 of the LG Act 1993, uncertainty often arises as to the interaction between the EP&A Act and the LG Act, and how the proposal is required to be assessed.

The relationship between development consents and approvals under s68 of the LG Act is explored on the link below, with a particular focus on caravans, tents and moveable dwellings and the complex issues that can arise.

[https://www.lindsaytaylorlawyers.com.au/in\\_focus/issues-and-difficulties-arising-from-the-interaction-between-development-consents-and-approvals-under-s68-of-the-local-government-act/](https://www.lindsaytaylorlawyers.com.au/in_focus/issues-and-difficulties-arising-from-the-interaction-between-development-consents-and-approvals-under-s68-of-the-local-government-act/)



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## EDAP Annual Regional Conference – Parkes 2024

The EDAP Annual Regional Conference was held in Parkes on 10-12 April 2024 and all delegates had a smashing time! The Conference attracted 125 delegates and featured a variety of high-quality speakers addressing industry issues.

*Below left: David Blackett presents on behalf of AAC training to delegates on Compliance & Certification - Health Care Buildings, Fire Safety Upgrades- Community & Industry Expectations & Accessibility – Upgrades to existing buildings*

*Below right: EDAP President Brendan Hayes addresses the EDAP Conference Dinner with help from the King*





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**Above:** NSW Food Authority's Ruth Endicott presents to the Western Food Groups Meeting. Please excuse the finger of EDAP's official photographer Alan Lindsay.

**Below:** Catching up at the Railway Hotel, Parkes





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### **The Future of EDAP**

The EDAP Executive would like to attract new members to the EDAP Committee. The purpose of this is to mentor younger members and ensure that the EDAP Committee remains strong moving forward. Being part of the EDAP Committee is an enjoyable and rewarding experience which allows members to have meaningful input into the future direction of EDAP.

If you are interested please reach out to us.

*Below: Good times at the EDAP Annual General Meeting 2024 in Parkes! Be there in 2025.*





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### Golf

Some delegates found time to hit the Parkes golf course. One particular matchup saw prominent certifiers Tim O'Reilly and Dave Delchau outplayed by the Moree boys. Dave took this defeat well, as seen below.



*Below: Moree Plains Shire Council's Dwayne Singh watches on as his ball finds the lake*





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