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FORMATION OF THE AACE AUSTRALIA SECTION

This newsletter is the first newsletter of the newly formed AACE Australian Section.

AACE involvement in Australia started in 1977 in Melbourne and expanded over the years to Perth, Sydney and Brisbane. In the 1990's we helped start the Australian Cost Engineering Society (ACES, a Society of Engineers Australia and operated jointly with then for a number of years. In 2018, an AACE constitution issue required the separation of AACE from ACES resulting in the re-establishment of the AACE Australia Section.

As a first step, the AACE Australia Section held nominations and elections in the first quarter of 2019 and announced the new AACE Australia Section Board.

Our activities to date have focused on establishing the entity and includes:

- Development of draft bylaws
- Registration with Consumer Affairs Victoria as an Incorporated Association
- Registration of Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Registration with Australian Securities & Investment Commission (ASIC) with an ARBN as a registered not-for-profit which allows us to operate across all states and territories in Australia
- Recruitment of board members
- Establishment of bank account and transfer of funds from the joint fund with ACES
- Agreed mission, vision and values
- Development of operational procedures
- Development of a website and email accounts
- Development of short-term and longer-term objectives as part of a strategic plan



Paul Harris, President, Victoria

I have been working in Project Controls for many years and have been the Director of my own company for over 20 years. Many people may know me as an author of planning and scheduling books and training courses. I am a member of AACE International, Engineers Australia, Project Management Institute and have served on several voluntary organisation boards in the past.

Yazeed Abdelhadi, Treasurer, Victoria

I am a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP), Chartered Professional Engineer (MIEAust CPEng NER) and Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) with 15+ years experience in the construction and engineering industries across the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific with experience in forensic delay analysis, project management and project controls.



Karen Chew, Secretary, Western Australia

I am a Principal Estimator and Mechanical Engineer with 24 years experience in various industries including Oil & Gas, Mining, Minerals and Metals, Chemical and Infrastructure with a variety of owner organisations, contractors and consultancies. My experience spans Project Engineering, Construction Supervision, Maintenance Engineering, Procurement and Contracts and all aspects of Project Controls.



Peter Downie, Director, Victoria

From an Electrical Engineering background (FIEAust, FAIE) I have held roles including Principal Cost Engineer, Chief Engineering Power and Acting Secretary of the SECV, Chief Estimator and Regional Manager of large electrical contractors and consulting. I have been involved in advising on contract and project formation, project management, dispute settlement and risk reviews of projects, large and small. Now retired with very occasional advisory roles.





Marcus Love, Director, Queensland

I am a Project Management professional with experience in significant green- and brownfield infrastructure projects in Mining, Industrial and Oil & Gas sectors for EPC and owner/operators in challenging environments at diverse high-dollar value projects.

I have an education in Industrial Engineering (B.Sc.) and Project Management (PMP), Planning and Scheduling Professional (PSP), Earned Value Management Professional (EVP).

Ralph Padilla, Director, Western Australia

I am an AACE Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) and a Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) with 22+ years extensive experience in a variety of industries including LNG/LPG, Oil, Gas, Chemicals, Mining and Metals as a Senior Estimator and Senior Engineer.



Louis Vidotto, Director, Queensland

I have 40+ years of project study and delivery experience as an engineer, manager and executive in Australia and internationally. I have worked on numerous projects in the mining, mineral processing, oil refining, rail and infrastructure projects in all phases of projects. I have also been active in developing and delivering Project Controls and Estimating training.



Shaun Clarke, Director, Queensland

I am a Senior Project Services Manager with 30+ years international experience in project controls management, cost engineering and quantity surveying. My experience spans studies development to mega-project delivery. I am also an Associate of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (ANZIQS), a Member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (MAIQS) and a member the Project Management Institute (PMI).



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BOARD STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Board Positions:

- **President** – Paul Harris
- **Vice President** – **Vacant**
- **Treasurer** – Yazeed Abdelhadi
- **Secretary** – Karen Chew
- **Directors**
 - Peter Downie
 - Marcus Love
 - Ralph Padilla
 - Louis Vidotto
 - Shaun Clarke

Board Facilitating Roles:

- **Membership Secretary** – Karen Chew
- **Reporting Coordinator** – Peter Downie
- **Website & Social Media Coordinator** – Ralph Padilla
- **Training & Development Coordinator** – **Vacant**
- **Events Coordinator** – **Vacant**
- **Sponsorships & Alliances Coordinator** – **Vacant**

Regional Subcommittees:

- **New South Wales and ACT**
- **Vacant**
- **Victoria and Tasmania**
- Yazeed Abdelhadi
- **Queensland**
- Marcus Love
- **Western Australia**
- **Vacant**
- **South Australia**
- **Vacant**
- **Northern Territory**
- **Vacant**

The board is operating under a draft bylaws as an incorporated association with Consumer Affairs Victoria and is registered with ASIC to operate in all states and territories in Australia. The finalised bylaws will be ratified by members at the inaugural annual general meeting planned for August 2020.

Interested in being involved in AAACE Australia Section? We are actively seeking members who are interested in joining either the board in one of the vacant positions or one of the regional subcommittees as well as members who are able to present at one of our regular technical presentations. Contact Paul Harris by email at info@aaacei.org.au or 0414 293 004

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STRATEGIC PLANS

Short term objectives to be achieved by June 2020

- Website published and operational
- Publication of monthly newsletter
- All board positions and roles filled
- Regional subcommittees in operation with regular meetings
- Establish accounting record system and financial reporting procedures
- Reporting procedures in place for statutory and AAACE International reporting
- Strategy and annual budget established for remaining 2020 financial year
- Inaugural Annual General Meeting planning completed for August 2020

Long term objectives post June 2020:

- Regular virtual events for members (during COVID 19 restrictions)
- Regular events in major cities (post COVID 19 restrictions)
- Engage with existing and potential AAACE Corporate members
- Develop a strategy and policy for Training and Development to offer the opportunity for members to take AAACE certification exams and other opportunities via AAACE
- Develop alliances with other PM organisation including PMI, AIPM and ACES for shared training & development and event opportunities
- Develop Sponsorship opportunities with industry partners

UNDERSTANDING THE TECHNIQUES TO UPDATE A SCHEDULE

Presenter: Paul Harris
Organisation: AACE Australia
Venue: Online using Zoom

Paul Harris presented this paper at the AACE Conference in San Diego in 2018 and will be giving a presentation of the paper to AACE members in Australia.

Abstract:

Microsoft Project, Oracle Primavera P6 and Asta Powerproject are three commonly used software packages in the building and construction industry. There are many techniques used to update a schedule and the selected technique is influenced by many factors including:

- The software package being used;
- The user's knowledge and skill in the software package; and
- Contract requirements

This paper identifies and introduces three different principle techniques used in the building and construction industry to update a schedule. The aims are to outline:

- The three techniques that are currently used to update a schedule;
- The advantages and disadvantages of each technique; and
- How each software package supports the three techniques.

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18:30 AEST
18:00 ACST
16:30 AWST

Information on how to join this presentation will be sent out to members soon



We currently have 152 members of the AACE Australia Section but there are 543 AACE members residing in Australia. If you are an AACE member in Australia it would be great if you can register as an AACE Australia member so that you can receive our newsletters and information about future section events. You can do this easily by updating your profile online at web.aacei.org

To update your profile:

- Click **Sign In** at the top right hand corner
- Enter your username and password

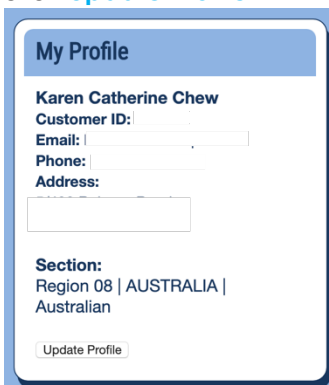
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- Click **My Profile** at the top right hand corner
- In the "My Profile" section you can check what section you belong to. If you want to join our section click **Update Profile**



- Click **Edit**
- Scroll to Section and select Region 08 | Australia | Australian

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 Region 08 | AUSTRALIA | Australian

- While you are there why not update all your information particularly your state and city so that we can target future events in your area

If you are having any difficulty don't hesitate to contact your membership secretary at info@aacei.org.au or 0435 187 548.

We are looking at the best way to provide a great service to members. So we would love to hear from you? Do you have some ideas for events? Are you working in a remote area and would like a way to be more involved? Get in contact with us at info@aacei.org.au