



The Geosynthetics Interest Group (ABN 27 845 329 614), trading/known as
**Australasian Chapter of the International Geosynthetics Society
(ACIGS)**

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 10th November 2022
4:00pm Brisbane time
at TRI Australasia & via Zoom

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Opening

Administration

- > We thank TRI Environmental for the physical location
- > Attendees are asked to hold questions for a brief Q&A at the end of each agenda item
- > Zoom access is via webinar format, please raise any questions in the Q&A section



Opening

Agenda

- > President's report
- > Treasurer's report
- > Taskforce reports
 - > Events Taskforce report
 - > Young Members Taskforce report
 - > Communication Taskforce report
 - > Membership Taskforce report
 - > Technical Taskforce report
- > Voting topics
- > Any other business
- > Conclusion



President's Report

Siamak Paulson



President's Report

Content – overview of:

- > Objectives
- > Organisation
- > Activities
- > Membership
- > Elections and Officers

President's Report

Objectives

- > Acknowledge efforts and contribution of the officers & taskforces
- > Benefit from strong IGS connections; Jonathan as TC-B Chair, Preston as previous Council member - Warren as previous IGS Council member, Amir as new Council member
- > Substantial development of administrative processes
- > Records, welcome process, membership administration, electronic banking facilities, webinar capability, membership communications (bulletins, notices, etc.)
- > Engagement of professional administrative support (Igniite)
- > Gender diversity

President's Report

Executive Committee

- > ACigs bylaws define the Executive Committee of the ACIGS comprising –
 - > the four elected officer bearers plus the Immediate Past President
 - > elected for two years (2021 – 2022)



Siamak Paulson
President



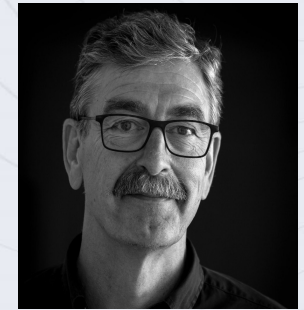
Jonathan Shamrock
Vice President



Brendan Swifte
Treasurer



Ryan Hackney
Secretary



Graham Fairhead
Past President

President's Report

Executive Committee 2023-2024



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President



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Treasurer



Jong Hao Su
Secretary



Siamak Paulson
Past President

President's Report

Taskforces

- > Bylaws allow for taskforces to support the Executive Committee
- > An Executive Committee member will lead each taskforce
- > ACigs members are invited to participate in the taskforces
- > Delegates from the taskforce may be invited to Executive Committee meetings
- > The scope, activities & targets for each taskforce can be established (shown example)

Young Members

Action Young Member items
Communicate & energise
Increase student members

Events

In-person events
Seminars, EtE, workshops etc
across NZ, Australia, PNG &
Pacific
Webinars
Forums

Membership

Individual, Student,
Company, Honorary
NZ, Australia, PNG & Pacific

Technical

Review technical content for
independence, accuracy &
relevancy for webinars, events,
case studies etc
Review Young Member projects

Communications

Coordinate
communications with
members, IGS & others

President's Report

Secretariat

- > Responsible for specific administration tasks
- > Rhiannon Lisle, Ally McCormick, Debbie Edwards

Communications

Friday Bulletin - Weekly email
Company case studies
Event registration & CPD
GNA interaction
Young Member communications
Annual photo competition

Digital

Website
LinkedIn

Membership

New membership packs
Company case studies
Maintain membership database

President's Report

Activities

> Conferences

- > GEOANZ#1 (next slide)

> Reach

- > ANZ and continued support to the Pacific Islands
- > Related organisations (ACLCA, QTG, ALGA, WMRR)

> Webinars

- > since 2019 (the first chapter running webinars)
- > Strong pipeline of quality topics and speakers
- > Policy to make available to members and non-members in support of our chapter

> Best Practice Developments

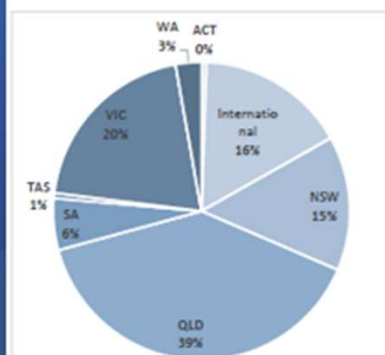
- > Site CQA Guidelines
- > Workshop with stakeholders
- > Published on the ACigs website

> Students and Young Members

- > University Outreach
- > Meet the Professionals (job shadowing)
- > IGS Student Awards
- > Undergrad work experience



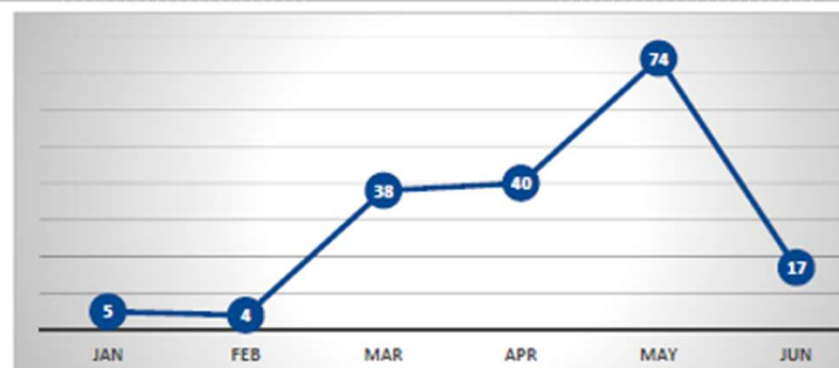
Registration Breakdown



Program Structure and Content

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Content of Presentations	0.00%	8.33%	12.50%	41.67%	37.50%
Delivery of Presentations	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	29.17%	45.83%
Relevance of Topics	0.00%	8.33%	12.50%	41.67%	37.50%

Registration Timeline



	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Conference Facilities	0.00%	0.00%	15.00%	40.00%	45.00%	0.00%
Venue Staff and Services	0.00%	0.00%	15.00%	35.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Food and Beverage	0.00%	5.00%	15.00%	35.00%	45.00%	0.00%

Overall, all feedback on the Welcome Reception was Very Good - Excellent.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Venue	0%	0%	19.05%	47.26%	28.57%	12.50%
Food & Beverages	0%	4.76%	19.05%	33.33%	38.10%	14.29%

• Overall feedback on the Conference Dinner was Very Good - Excellent.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Venue	0.00%	5.56%	16.67%	27.78%	32.89%	11.11%
Food & Beverages	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	33.33%	33.33%	11.11%

Master Class	Number of Delegates (Total)	Complimentary Ticket
Master Class 1 Advances in Design and Construction with geosynthetics for Hydraulic Structures and Environmental Containment	58	9
Master Class 2 Advances in Design and Construction with geosynthetics for Retaining Structures, Slopes, and Roadways	29	5
Master Class 3 Advances in Design and Construction with geosynthetics for Mine Tailings and Closure Applications	30	8

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Thank you to our 2022 Company Members

Platinum Company Members



Gold Company Members



Treasurer's Report

Brendan Swifte

ACigs Financial Report

1st November 2021 to 1st November 2022



Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Summary

- > 2022 saw a return to in-person events for GEOANZ conference + Sustainability seminar (hence profit for events)
- > Travel & entertainment was AGM dinner
- > 1xUSA speaker airfare from 2020 remains unused
- > IT includes Zoom, Teams, website hosting, website maintenance, survey monkey
- > At 31st October 2022, ACIGS had \$66,185 in bank (up from \$50,461 at 1st November 2021)

from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022	
Membership	\$33,978.40
Webinar sponsorship	\$985.00
Total income	\$34,963.40
Bank fees	\$185.39
Consumer Affairs	\$60.10
Email communications	\$1,416.00
Event expenses	-\$4,707.90
Insurance	\$1,369.05
Photo competition	\$1,502.46
Secretariat	\$10,157.23
Student project	\$9,000.00
Travel & entertainment	\$1,616.75
IT	\$4,167.27
Total expenses	\$24,766.35
Profit/loss	\$10,197.05

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Summary YOY -

- > 2021 had \$18.7k of one-off expenses incl website upgrade (\$16.5k)

	from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022	from 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021
Membership	\$33,978.40	\$32,605.83
Webinar sponsorship	\$985.00	\$4,500.00
Total income	\$34,963.40	\$37,105.83
Bank fees	\$185.39	\$492.54
Consumer Affairs	\$60.10	\$59.20
Email communications	\$1,416.00	\$2,006.28
Event expenses	-\$4,707.90	\$107.00
Insurance	\$1,369.05	
GNA report	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Job Shadowing	\$0.00	\$49.00
Photo competition	\$1,502.46	\$1,396.00
Secretariat	\$10,157.23	\$16,205.14
Student project	\$9,000.00	\$9,134.10
Travel & entertainment	\$1,616.75	\$2,054.02
Website		\$16,780.77
IT	\$4,167.27	\$2,386.89
Total expenses	\$24,766.35	\$52,870.94
Profit/loss	\$10,197.05	-\$15,765.11

Events Taskforce

Brendan Swifte



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Events and Activities

- > The following 2022 events were undertaken –
 - > 7 webinars
 - > Sustainability seminar in 3 cities with Boyd Ramsey as keynote speaker (\$7k expense)
 - > GEOANZ #1 conference in Brisbane – circa 200 attendees, \$12k profit after all additional items included (eg keynote speaker dinner, student subsidies, post-Covid cost increases)
- > ACIGS was –
 - > unsuccessful in bidding for 2026 XIII International Conference on Geosynthetics (ICG)
 - > successful in bidding for GeoAsia 8 in mid-2025
- > ACIGS has applied for 2023 IGS funding support for Educate the Educators + Pacific Island event

Membership Taskforce

Graham Fairhead



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Membership

- > Increased individual membership
- > Trend 2019 – 96 / 2020 – 131 / 2021 – 116 / 2022 – 145
- > GEOANZ #1 provided a significant lift
- > 2023 membership campaign has commenced

Member Category	2022	2021	2020
Student	16	29	18
Individual	43	37	39
Company Gold*	49	29	44
Company Platinum	34	18	29
Honorary	3	3	-
Total	145	116	131

Platinum Company Members

ADE Group
Cooley Group
Fabtech Australia
Geofabrics Australasia
Lining Victoria
Terra Firma

Gold Company Members

Atarfil
Coletanche
ExcelPlas
GEO-Q
Global Synthetics
GPIL
Greentec
Huesker
Huitex
Merit Lining Systems
Naue
Polyfabrics
Red Earth Engineering
Solmax
Tensar
TRI

Communications Taskforce

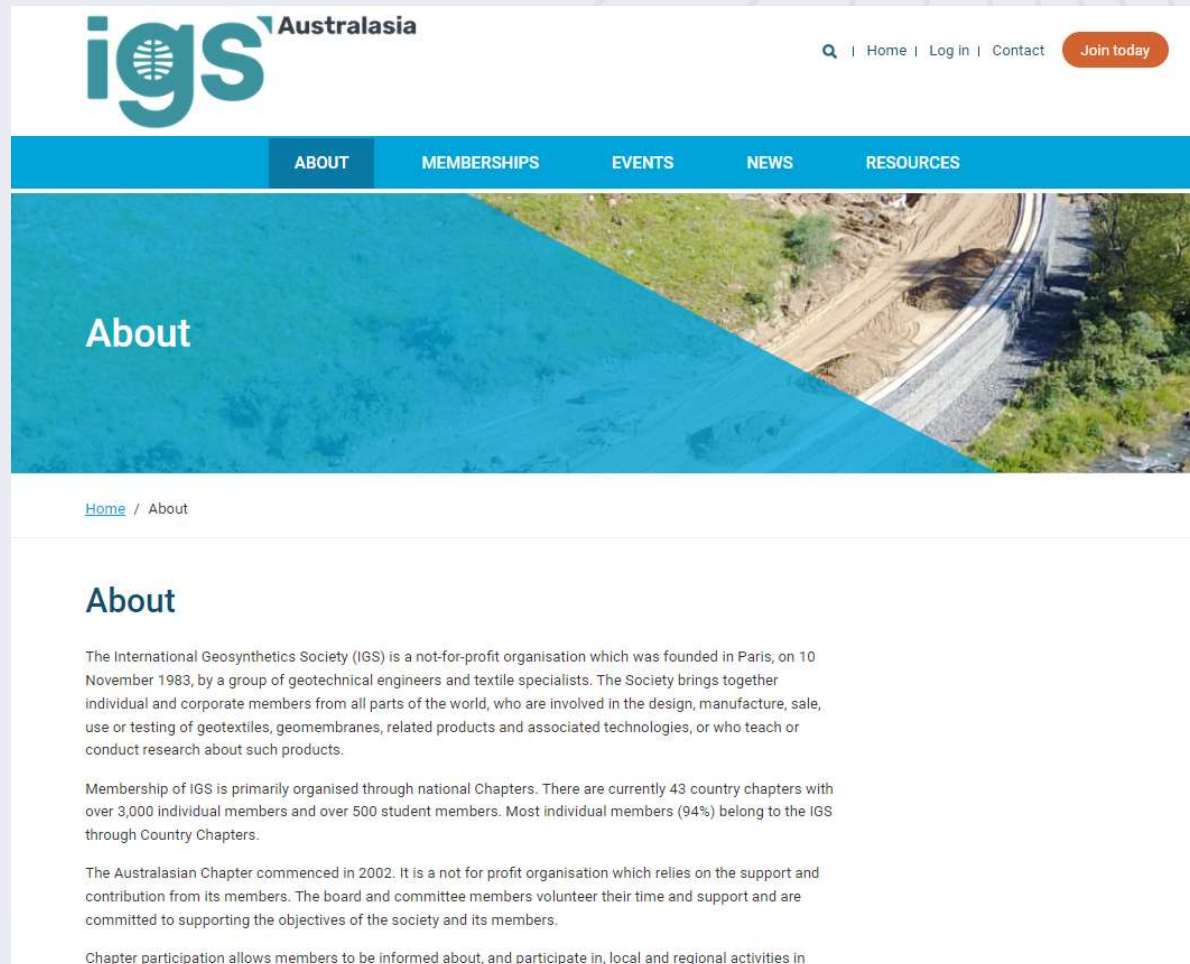
Ryan Hackney



Communications

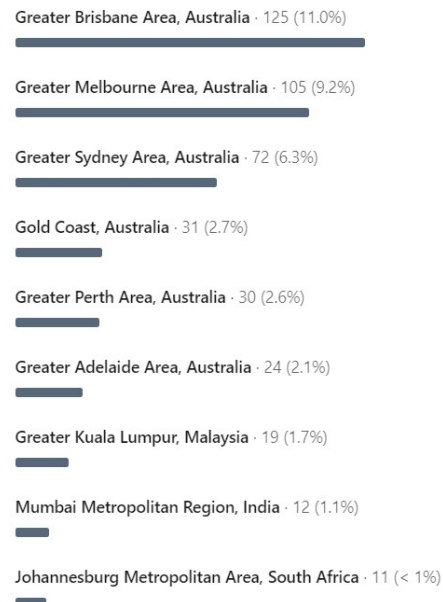
> Website

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Communications

- > LinkedIn
- > 458 followers at the start of 2021 term, now up to 1,138



Communications

> Weekly Bulletin

Campaigns sent

57

Emails sent

65,978

Delivery rate

99.2% + 1.3%

Open rate

28.6% + 5.7%

18739 opened

Click rate

4% + 0.9%

2632 clicks

Unsubscribe rate

0.1% - 0.5%

74 unsubscribed

Bounce rate

0.8% - 1.3%

525 bounced

Communications

2022 Photo Comp

- > 28 entries received
- > Top 10 to be announced tomorrow
- > 4-week membership vote for the winners
 - > Grand Winner will receive a gift voucher valued at \$500 AUD
 - > Second Place will receive a gift voucher valued at \$250 AUD
 - > Third Place will receive a gift voucher valued at \$125 AUD
 - > All other finalists in the Top 10 will receive a gift voucher valued at \$50 AUD

Technical Taskforce

Jonathan Shamrock



Technical Taskforce

- > Technical review committee was responsible for reviewing content for independence, accuracy and relevance presented in webinars, technical forums, Friday bulletins, case studies etc. Thanks to those that are assisting with this process:
- > Malek Bouazza
- > Mike Sadlier
- > Attila Marta
- > Fred Gassner
- > Su Jong Hoa
- > Rajesh Bhavsar
- > Chris Brockliss

Technical Taskforce

- > The GeoANZ#1 conference presented a significant challenge for the Technical Taskforce this year, as we received over 70 abstracts for 40 presentation slots. The abstracts were reviewed by a committee comprising volunteers from the wider geosynthetics industry, to whom we are very grateful for the time they invested in this process.
- > The submitted presentations were then also reviewed, to ensure consistency of template use and non-commercialism, as well as an overall professional tone to the conference.
- > Thanks to those that contributed to this process:
 - > Malek Bouazza
 - > Johan Cowland
 - > Attila Marta
 - > Tim Stark
 - > Erol Tutumluer
 - > Siamak Paulson
 - > Warren Hornsey
 - > Boyd Ramsey
 - > Craig Benson
 - > Yolanda Thorp

Young Members Report

Trinity Schabe



Young Members

SUMMARY OF WORK:

Undergraduate Summer Program

- 3 x Awards

Job Shadowing Program

GEOANZ # 1 Conference

- 8 x Student Scholarships for Domestic & International Students
- Student discounts
- Multiple Networking Opportunities for both Students & Young Professionals

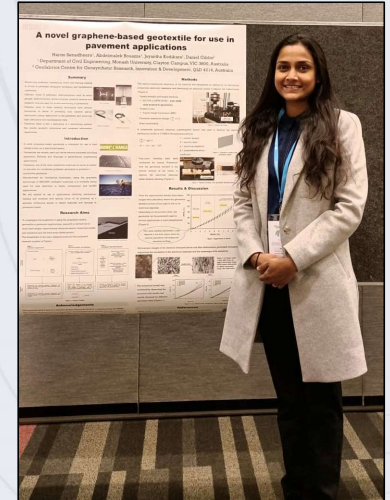
IGS Student Award 2022

- GeoAsia 7 (Nov 31 – Oct 4)
- Young Engineers Conference

16 Student Members

Increased ACIGS Young Members presence across News Bulletins & LinkedIn

Expansion of Young Members Taskforce across Australia



Harini Senadheera
IGS Student Award
Winner!



Young Members Outlook & Upcoming Events:

- Ongoing Experiential Learning Programs
 - Job Shadowing – Ongoing Funding From IGS Foundation
 - New Funded Undergraduate Summer Program for 2023
 - Welcoming Expressions of Interest from Corporate Members & Student Applications
- Back to Uni – Video commercial under works
- Meet the Professionals
- IGS Student Award – Winner to attend Regional Conference
- Future Collaboration with other societies (Engineers Without Borders, etc.)
- Student member renewal campaign

Image: Moses Boko (PNG Student – Summer Program 2021-22)

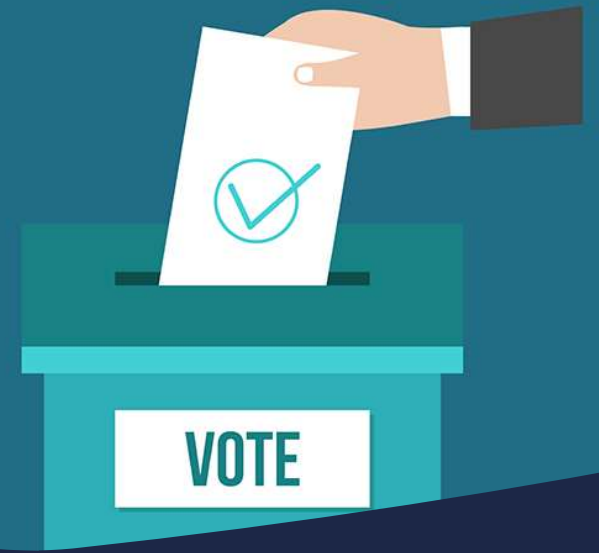
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Voting Topics

Ryan Hackney



Voting

Motion 1

- > The accounts are to be approved

Motion 2

- > The reports from the office bearers are to be approved

Motion 3

- > The annual membership fee increase to \$150 per person per year from 2023



Thank you for attending

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