

A look back on another year for engineering in Queensland

As the year comes to a close, Engineers Australia would like to thank its members for their continued support. We look back at the achievements of the Queensland members and committee groups in 2021, and their contributions to the engineering profession and the wider community.

Our members have been integral to the progress we have made at Engineers Australia in Queensland this year and we want to thank you for being a part of Engineers Australia. Particular thanks go to the members and volunteers who have directly contributed to our events, advocacy work and STEM programs.

In 2021 Engineers Australia Queensland has been focussed on ensuring diversity on our committee and welcome the addition of Brooke Veliscek and Tara Herley for 2022. We look forward to introducing the new committee in the first edition of Engineering News in 2022.

Suzanne Burow, current Queensland Division President says, as I end my term as President I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to visit regions and meet with members to hear all the exciting engineering happening.

“I am also excited that for the first time in Queensland’s history I will be handing over to a second consecutive female president, Marie Gales,” Burow says.

2021 has been a busy year for Engineers Australia in Queensland. Following the release of the Queensland Water Policy statement we worked with members to lobby the government for improvements to the plan. We also established collaborative advocacy opportunities with other organisations for more effective outcomes that we will look at continuing in 2022.

We also formed several working groups, made up of our members and volunteers, to assist with responding to Queensland State and Regional Infrastructure Plans.

A submission was also provided, formed with member guidance, on the guidelines released for safety standards for referable dams in our state.

Looking ahead to 2022, collaboration with other affiliated associations and industry groups on areas of common interest will be a key focus for Queensland, as will continuing to engage with our regions.

We will look to advocate for an increase in engineering expertise in leadership and decision making in Government and associated entities.

We will support Government to invest in sustainable Olympic infrastructure without undermining the needs of other infrastructure investment and maintenance.

And with member feedback we will continue to support the Engineers Australia’s External Voice Project priority areas – Climate Change, Technology and Industry, Energy and Climate Change.

Engineers Australia’s holiday shutdown period will run from Monday 27 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022. During this time, our office will be closed (from COB 23 December) and there will not be any events held.

On behalf of all the Queensland team, employees, Division Committee and all our volunteers around the state, we wish you all the best over the holiday period and into the new year.