

## **Institute of Hospital Engineering Australia September 2013 IFHE Report**

On behalf of the Institute of Hospital Engineers, Australia (IHEA) this report is formally submitted to the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE) Council to be tabled during the course of Meeting 46, 10 September 2013 Kuala Lumpur. The IHEA will be represented at Meeting 46 by the National Vice President, Mr Darren Green and Immediate Past President, Mr Darryl Pitcher. The National President, Mr Mitchell Cadden has tendered his apology for the meeting due to unavoidable prior commitments but sends his best regards to fellow members and congress attendees alike.

### **IHEA Details**

- Institute of Hospital Engineering Australia (IHEA)
  - National President - Mr Mitchell Cadden
  - Vice President - Mr Darren Green
  - Immediate Past President - Mr Darryl Pitcher
  - Treasurer - Mr Peter Easson
  - Chief Executive Officer - Mr Jim Cozens.
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- Membership as at the June 2013 National Board meeting is tracking around 500 members across the five combined State and Territory Branches being:
  - New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (NSW/ACT);
  - Victoria / Tasmania (Vic/Tas);
  - Western Australia (WA);
  - South Australia /Northern Territory (SA/NT); and
  - Queensland (QLD).
- Membership details and 'A' Member Data Sheet as tendered to IFHE 2013
- IFHE Council Members – Darryl Pitcher and Darren Green additional contact Jim Cozens CEO.
- Board of Directors Portfolios include:
  - Executive Committee;
  - Professional Development & Communications;
  - Membership & Marketing;
  - Standards, Technical & Regulatory;
  - Finance & Risk; and
  - Heritage Committee.

### **Record of Activity**

- The 2012/13 year was again a challenging one for the IHEA and its members. Internally we were forced to undertake two separate rounds of recruitment for our CEO. That said we have been incredibly fortunate to have engaged Jim Cozens who has brought not only stability and great leadership to the role, Jim's extensive industry knowledge and understanding has ensured our success into the future.
- Australia wide our members have been greatly affected by what is happening in health, whether it is the many job losses through organisational restructures (nationally) or funding model which support physical assets. Through all of these changes the IHEA continues to support the membership through our nationwide network.
- Our National Conference in October 2012 at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Hobart was a great success. The conference theme "Back to Basics" provided exciting opportunities for professional development. An excellent range of speakers and industry exhibition booths provided a great back drop to the event; it also

provided an opportunity for our members old and new in Tasmania to join in. Current Planning is well underway for the upcoming Sydney Conference 9 -12 October 2013.

- To strengthen our relationship with our New Zealand (NZIHE) colleagues our President was sponsored to attend the NZ Annual Conference and Executive Meeting .
- The National Board has refocused on rebuilding the Asset Mark tool and we are eagerly awaiting it being reintroduced to the industry in a modern, streamlined and user friendly web based format.
- The IHEA Journal has also received a fairly substantial 'make over' something driven by the new CEO and that which has had the focus of the National Board as a primary member benefit and interface.
- The Heritage portfolio recently endorsed by the National Board being the IHEA Heritage Committee. The function of this committee revolves around Information collation and archiving with a strong focus on the upcoming (2014) 65th Anniversary Celebration and IHEA Journal Heritage Edition.
- The IHEA continues the decision to re-engage with IFHE and support attendance by national board members to upcoming events. National board representatives have been sponsored to attend Japan, Paris, Norway and Malaysia events and meetings over recent years.
- The IHEA Strategic Business Plan 2010 to 2013 is currently programmed for a refresh in Feb 2014. Its origins stemming from a membership survey in 2010 which provided member input to what they expect from their IHEA membership. The national board have been able to use this valuable resource in planning for the IHEA's future with some outstanding results.
- As part of our business planning there is a current review of policy and governance models of the IHEA and a planned review of the current constitution.

In summary, the IHEA has over the past year been through a time of significant change and growth, it has, and will continue to adapt and adopt policy and business process to ensure that the direct interest of IHEA members remains the primary motivation for change. The former and current Board of Directors inclusive of the Chief Executive Officer have an intent to continue with business and governance development opportunities, professional development and to create closer ties to "like" organisations including the IFHE Council and like International Peak Bodies. It is with great pleasure I present this report for Mr Mitchell Cadden on behalf of the IHEA.

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