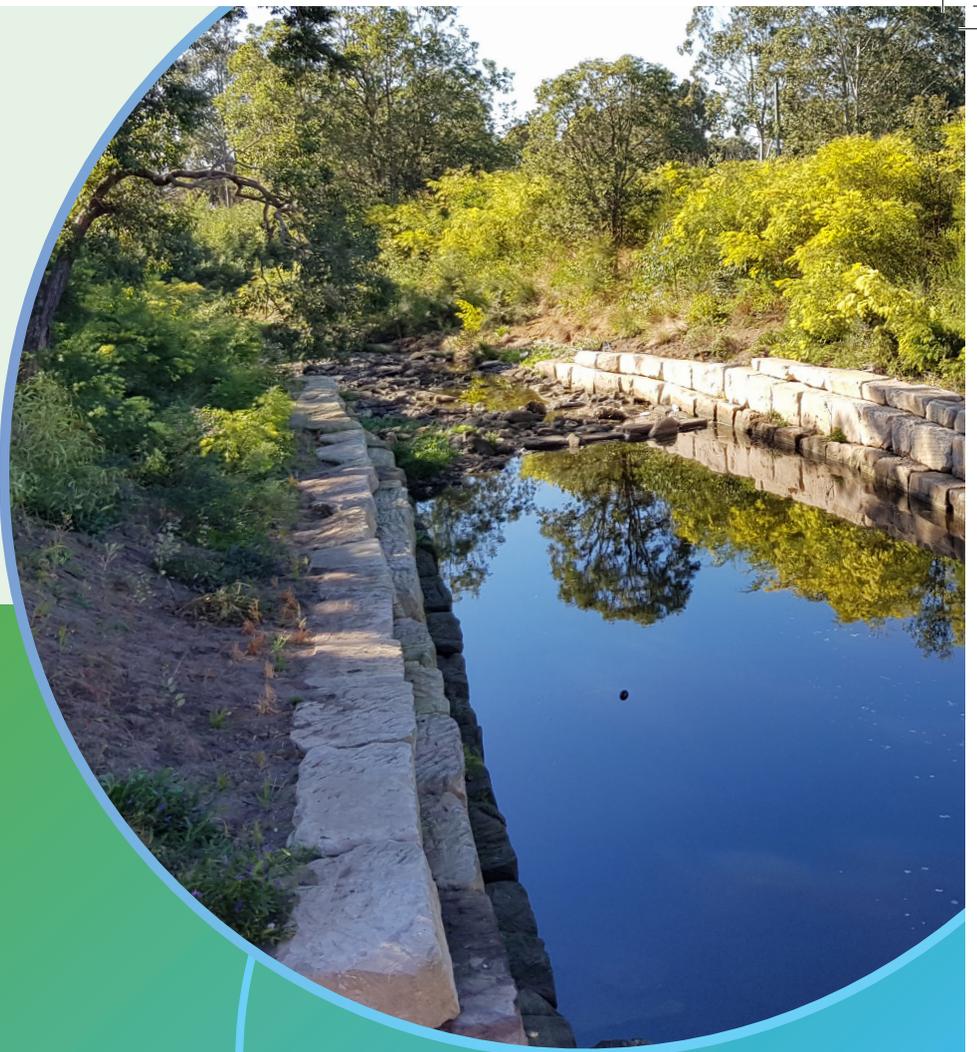


# Annual Report 2018/19



**STORMWATER**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

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# STORMWATER NEW SOUTH WALES

## Who we are

**Stormwater NSW is the preeminent professional urban water management association in the state.** We are a peak industry association with membership including the majority of councils in the Greater Sydney Region, as well as numerous consulting and manufacturing companies.

We have **over 500 corporate, institutional, government and individual members** drawn from the engineering, planning, landscape architecture, environmental management, economic management, water resource management, education and community engagement sectors.

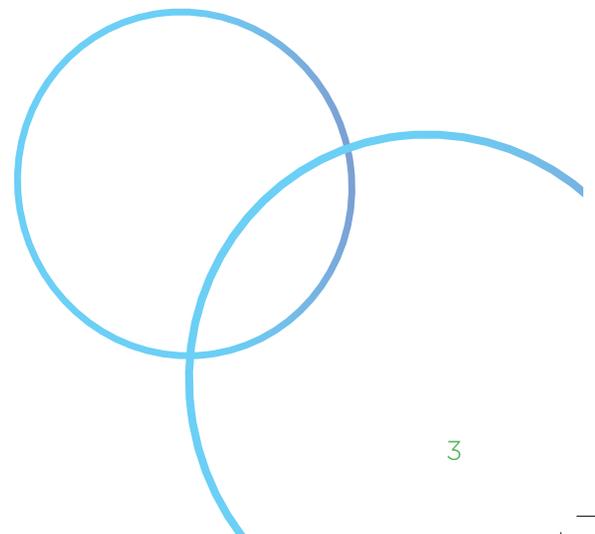
Stormwater NSW is **supported by the national association Stormwater Australia** and a strong network of state associations in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

## Our aim

To enable local practitioners and the broader community to learn about best practice and industry leading stormwater management and stormwater quality and quantity technologies.

## Our purpose

To support and be a positive influence on the growth and application of sustainable water management practices across NSW.



## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Welcome to the Stormwater NSW  
2018/19 Annual Report.*

Welcome to the Stormwater NSW Annual Report and congratulations if you're not a regulator or auditor.

It's been a full year at Stormwater NSW with a new leadership team and a brand Board at Stormwater Australia. Establishing working relationship with Stormwater Australia and understanding the agenda of the new Board has consumed a large portion of our resources. I look forward to building on the foundation established this year with the hope of a constructive relationship moving forward into FY2020.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Beth Salt and Nona Ruddell for their fantastic contributions as Vice Presidents and leads for our BMAC and CANDE committees. You have been strong advocates cause and leaders for key delivery teams and both I and the Committee thank you for your efforts.

There has been a sustained effort from the team to prepare for our State Conference to be held at Coffs Harbour in August 2019. Delivering a successful conference in a regional centre is a significant challenge and the team has stepped up wholeheartedly to make sure this event is a success for our members. Thanks to you all. I'd also like to send out a big thank you to our conference and events manager, GEMS, whose experience and expertise has ensured we remain in front of all challenges.

This year has seen litter and plastic start to find a place front and centre in the media with trusted research providers stumping up the research and literature to highlight the issue. This is raising the profile of the stormwater industry and the role the association can play in preventing litter and other pollutants from reaching the marine environment. Indeed, it has already influenced one industry player to respond. I expect the continued focus on litter and plastic will bring an increased interest in stormwater treatment and hope we can leverage this interest to influence improvements in government stormwater policy and funding.

On the financial front we have had a solid year retaining a strong financial position going into FY2020. We will see a small impact on our cash reserves as the ATO has requested tax returns for the past 15 years. We have been able to respond to this request quickly thanks to a strong record of audited financial returns back to the request date. We look forward to rolling out a more comprehensive program of training, seminars and events in FY2020, with a good portion of that program based around our Operations and Maintenance Manual.

Finally, thanks again to the members of the Stormwater NSW Committee for volunteering their time and expertise in FY2020. Your efforts contribute to providing value for our members, and your efforts continue to be appreciated by the Executive and members alike.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Benson'.

**Alan Benson**  
Stormwater NSW President

# HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



# AWARDS

## Stormwater NSW 2018 Awards for Excellence

**The 2018 Stormwater NSW Awards for Excellence were held on Friday 17th August at the Hilton Sydney Hotel.**

*Awards were presented to the winners in the following categories.*

### Excellence in Integrated Stormwater Design

Joint Winner awarded to **Burwood Council, Alluvium Consulting, McGregor-Coxall, Dragonfly Environment, Glascott Landscape & Civil and Neverstop Water** for their work on Wangal Park: Where stormwater creates liveability; and **Penrith City Council, Alluvium, the Australian Government and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment** for their Extreme Wetland Makeover – multiple benefits at Mountain View Reserve, Penrith.

### Excellence in Master or Strategic Planning

Awarded to **Georges Riverkeeper and its member Councils: Bayside Council, Campbelltown City Council, City of Canterbury Bankstown, Fairfield City Council, Georges River Council, Liverpool City Council, Sutherland Shire Council, and Wollondilly Shire Council** for their Multistage Development of the Georges Riverkeeper Strategic Plan 2018-2022.



### Excellence in Policy or Education

Awarded to **MidCoast Council and Alluvium** for Improving Water Sensitive Design Development Control Plan and Guidelines through meaningful collaboration.

### Excellence in Infrastructure

Awarded to **Blacktown City Council** for their work on the Angus Creek Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Scheme.

### Excellence in Asset Management

Awarded to **Sydney Water** for their Powells Creek Naturalisation Project.

**These winners and the 2017 winners are entered into the National Stormwater Awards for Excellence, to be held as part of the 2018 Stormwater National Conference to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on 8-12 October 2018.**

*Entries that were considered of suitable merit and received a Highly Commended award were:*

### Excellence in Asset Management

**Fairfield City Council** on WSUD Device Audit and Maintenance Program.

### Excellence in Research and Innovation

**Mainstream Recycling and Total Drain Cleaning** for their work on Mainstream Recycling – Stormwater Waste Facility.

### Excellence in Policy and Education

A joint project by **Cooks River Alliance, Georges Riverkeeper, Parramatta River Catchment Group and Sydney Coastal Councils Group** in partnership with the **NSW Environmental Protection Authority and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment** for the Get the Site Right Sediment and Erosion.



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE

Stormwater NSW has been actively advocating to see changes made to the **Stormwater Management Services Charge (SMSC)** (also known as the Stormwater Levy), to increase funding for Councils for stormwater maintenance and other core sustainable stormwater related works. For the past 13 years the SMSC has not increased, as it's not linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI). This has left councils with limited funds to meet stormwater operational requirements as our cities and towns grow.

The current SMSC structure dates back to 2005, when Stormwater NSW worked with the NSW EPA to change legislation and regulations, imparting to councils the power to impose a SMSC to properties. Stormwater NSW continues to liaise with

the Minister for Local Government's office to improve the administration of the SMSC. While no agreement has at this stage been reached to correct the SMSC for CPI, the minister's door has been left open for Stormwater NSW to continue to approach them for future discussions.

Stormwater NSW also continues to research how Councils within NSW implement the SMSC, what items and projects they spend the funds on, how they report the outcomes and the backlog of work due to be undertaken to inadequate funding. With this information Stormwater NSW plans to approach the Minister's office with a clearer understanding of how the charge is being used, and to encourage Councils without the SMSC to invest the time required to implement the charge.

## GUIDELINES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER TREATMENT MEASURES

The 'Guidelines for the Maintenance of Stormwater Treatment Measures' being produced by Stormwater NSW is an example of our commitment to providing resources to support stormwater professional achieve the best outcomes from existing and future treatment devices.

The Guideline has a strong focus on the cleaning of primary treatment devices. With Data Sheets, Cleaning Specifications and how to the continued high performance of our gross pollutant trap (GPT) models. The Guideline will be able to be referenced by GPT cleaning contract tenders by Council and private industry, as well as used as a training tool for all people that undertake maintenance of primary treatment devices.



# 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Committee is of the view that Stormwater NSW (SNSW) is sound financially and continues to successfully trade and meet its statutory obligations.

Since FY11 GEMS have provided secretariat services including financial services to Stormwater NSW. These services continued in FY19 and continue to be provided to SNSW in a highly professional manner. GEMS is commended for the timely, detailed and accurate financial reporting that the Committee continues to receive. The accounts have been audited and the auditor report is attached.

Over the last 12 years, SNSW's equity increased until FY10, then decreased in FY11 and then progressively increased each subsequent year to its highest level in FY18. In FY19 our equity declined due in part to funding an IWC Leadership Scholarship and funding of the preparation of O&M guidelines but remained higher than our FY17 equity.

The major sources of income disclose the following trends:

- ④ Individual memberships for FY19 were static in comparison to FY18;
- ④ The corporate memberships for FY19 increased slightly in comparison to FY18;
- ④ Overall the membership income increased slightly by \$428 (0.8% increase);
- ④ Stormwater NSW did not receive any grants in FY19.

Membership dues remain the single greatest source of income (72% of overall income). Maintaining this level of income requires a level of effort by GEMS including the timely issuing of membership renewals and effort in following up the renewals.

Another trend has been the fluctuating income from conferences and events as a major source of income which is a reflection of the challenges in attracting attendees to our conference and events in an increasingly crowded calendar, the financial constraints faced by some members and the extended time it can take to finalise conference accounts and disburse any surplus income.

The major expenses disclose the following trends:

- ④ The National Levy remains a significant ongoing expense;
- ④ The cost of secretariat services was lower than FY18 (15% reduction).

Other major expenses included:

- ④ Consultant fees in relation to the preparation of O&M guidelines
- ④ Stormwater NSW sponsorship of an IWC Leadership Scholarship

The Stormwater NSW financial reserves include two separate accounts as follows.

Account 50256892 - Balance as at 30 June 2018 of \$38,446.

Account 50248913 - Balance as at 30 June 2019 of \$58,844.

The financial challenges for Stormwater NSW in the coming financial year include:

- ④ Through demonstrated benefits to increase our membership;
- ④ To grow Stormwater NSW Seminars as an ongoing source of income;
- ④ To identify and implement initiatives which income from non-traditional sources or activities;
- ④ Stormwater NSW is planning to continue fund several initiatives in FY20 which means that it may partially draw down its financial reserves in a controlled and sustainable manner in FY20. This is on the basis that these initiatives will support the delivery of valued services to our members and will further enhance the standing of Stormwater NSW.



**Dr Brett C Phillips**

Treasurer, Stormwater Industry Association of NSW Inc.

21 August 2019

# PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

2019

## Income

Interest Income		1371
Events & Seminars & Conference Income		
Member Profit	13,416	
Non Member Profit	5,984	19,400
Miscellaneous Income		127
Membership Revenue		
Corporate Membership	41,237	
Individual Membership	13,156	54,393
		<b>75,291</b>

## Expenses

Accounting Fees		1,450
Artwork		4,230
Bank Charges		1
Committee Expenses		364
Conference & Event Expenses		21,573
Consultant Fees		8,500
Filing Fees		299
Insurance		2,664
Interest Expenses - ATO		19
Leadership Program		11,500
Legal Advice		750
Marketing Expenses		1,364
Meeting Expenses		-
Printing, Postage and Stationery		740
Secretariat Fees		21,171
SIA National Levy		11,021
SIA National Project Contribution		7,173
Storage		2,026
Telephone		96
Web Design and Maintenance		78
		<b>95,019</b>

Net Profit	-	19,728
Less Income Tax Expense		-
<b>NET INCOME FOR YEAR</b>		<b>- \$19,728</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

### AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

2019

#### Equity

Opening Balance	162,715
Add Adjustment from Prior Years	2,028
Less Net Income Tax Expense	3,302
Net Income for year	- 19,728

**141,713**

#### Represented by:

#### Current Assets

Accounts Recievable	- 85
NAB Business Account (**257)	10,000
CBA Term Deposit 50248913	58,844
CBA Term Deposit 50256892	38,446
SIA NSW Operating Account	18,690
Integrated Client Account - ATO	15,732
GST Refundable	3,388
Income Tax Refundable	820

**145,835**

#### Non Current Assets

Office Equipments - iPad, etc	1,003
Less Provision for Depreciation	1,003 -

#### Total Assets

**145,835**

#### Less Current Liabilities

Income Tax Payable	4,122
Accounts Payable	-

#### Total Liabilities

4,122

#### NET ASSETS

**\$141,713**

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards and the disclosure requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. The accounts of the Association have been prepared on an accrual basis, with the exception of membership and conference income, which are recorded as income when billed, and are in accordance with conventional historical cost principles.

The Association is not a reporting Association because, in the Committee's opinion, there is unlikely to exist users of the accounts who are dependent on general-purpose financial reports of the Association for information. These accounts are therefore a "Special Purpose Financial Report" prepared so as to comply with the requirements of the Constitution and to provide information required by the members. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies, adopted by the Association in the preparation of the accounts, which have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Income tax

Stormwater Industry Association of NSW is a not for profit membership organisation and the income tax is determined by the Mutuality Principle. It is based on the proposition that an organisation cannot derive income from itself. The principle provides that where a number of persons contribute to common fund created and controlled by them for a common purpose, any surplus arising from the use of that fund for the common purpose is not income. This principle does not extend to include income that is derived from sources outside that group. Therefore the income from sources outside the group and the associated expenses are used to determine the tax liability.

#### (b) Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE)

Plant and equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

#### (c) Cash and cash equivalent

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of six months or less.

#### (d) Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### (e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

### 2. LEVY PAYABLE TO NATIONAL STORMWATER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

In accordance with Clause 23 of the "Protocol for the linking of the SIA Associations", SIA (NSW) must forward an annual subsidy levy per membership to the National SIA Association based on the number of financial members registered each quarter.

### 3. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no contracts entered into for future capital expenditure in the current financial year.

### 4. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

No contingent liabilities existed as at 30 June 2019.

### 5. MORTGAGES, CHARGES AND SECURITIES

At 30 June 2019 there were no mortgages, charges, or securities of any description affecting any of the property.

### 6. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There are no items or events of a material or unusual nature that have occurred since 30 June 2019 which should be disclosed.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STORMWATER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF NSW

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Stormwater Industry Association of NSW. (the "Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2019, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion of the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion*

The nature of the activities of the incorporated entity is such that income received from membership, sponsorship and public events conducted during the year, representing a significant source of revenue for the Association, is recorded on a cash basis. The committee has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash sponsorships and public event receipts prior to their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on whether all receipts have been properly recognised.

#### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

*Qualified*

*Auditor's Opinion*

Subject to the above reservation, in our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Stormwater Industry Association of NSW as at 30 June 2019 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).

*Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Stormwater Industry Association of NSW to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

7 day of August 2019



**ENG HWA TAN**  
PARTNER  
E H TAN & CO  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



**ALAN BENSON**  
ACTING PRESIDENT



**DR BRETT C PHILLIPS**  
TREASURER

## SECRETARIAT

GEMS Event Management Australia has once again provided excellent secretariat services to Stormwater NSW. They have provided support services, above and beyond the usual requirements, to allow committee members to focus on business plan activities over this past year. They continue to anticipate our requirements and ensure we continue using best practice as an industry association.

They have especially assisted the committee by:

- Providing support for the bi-monthly committee meetings, managing association memberships and managing the financial accounts of the Association
- Secretariat for the 2018 National Conference, 2019 State Conference and Awards; and
- Maintaining the website.

**Thank you to the GEMS team for supporting the committee, and all your hard work**

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Council / Organisation	Attendance
<b>Executive Committee:</b>		
Alan Benson (President)	Water NSW	6/6
Beth Salt (Vice President)	Georges Riverkeeper	4/6
Nona Ruddell (Vice President)	Fairfield City Council	4/6
Murray Powell (Secretary)	Optimal Stormwater	5/6
Dr Brett Phillips (Treasurer)	Cardno	5/6
<b>Committee:</b>		
Amanda Chimkievitch	Sydney Water	1/3
Andre Magar	SPEL Environmental	5/6
Andrew McMillan	Alluvium	4/6
Andrew Thomas	Consultant	5/6
Anna Milner	Ku-ring-gai Council	1/1
Anna Thompson	McGregor Coxall	1/1
Jeremy Brown	Ocean Protect	6/6
Keysha Milenkovic	Blacktown City Council	3/5
Nigel Bosworth	Calibre Consulting	2/6
Peter Bennett	Baramy Engineering	5/6
Peter Gillam	AECOM	4/6
Pramod Janardhanan	Sydney Water	3/3
Prasanna Singh	Urban Asset Solutions	3/4
Will Legg	AECOM	4/6

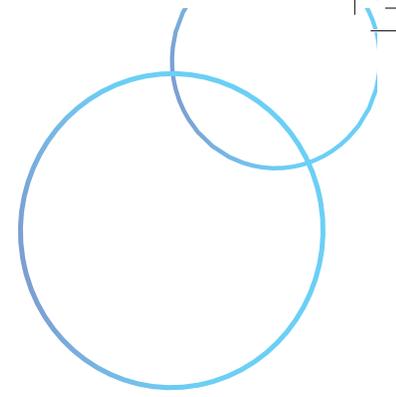
## OFFICE BEARERS - CURRENT AND PAST

Year	President(s)	Vice President(s)	Secretary	Treasurer
2018/19	Alan Benson	Beth Salt Nona Ruddell	Murray Powell	Brett Phillips
2017/18	Rebecca Bell Alan Benson (Acting)	Anna Milner Beth Salt (Acting)	Murray Powell	Brett Phillips
2016/17	Richard McManus Keysha Milenkovic	Fernando Ortega Rebecca Bell	Dov Ben-Avraham	Brett Phillips
2015/16	Richard McManus Keysha Milenkovic	Fernando Ortega	Dov Ben-Avraham	Brett Phillips
2014/15	Richard McManus Natalie Payne	Fernando Ortega	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2013/14	Richard McManus Natalie Payne	Robert Peterson	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2012/13	Richard McManus	Robert Peterson	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2011/12	Natalie Payne	Robert Peterson	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2010/11	Natalie Payne	Steve Frost	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2009/10	Murray Powell	Steve Frost	Eric Love	Brett Phillips
2008/09	Murray Powell	Steve Frost	Erin Sellers	Brett Phillips
2007/08	Murray Powell	Steve Frost	Erin Sellers	Brett Phillips

## SUSTAINING MEMBERS

AECOM  
Baramy Engineering  
BMT WBM  
GHD  
Humes  
Innovyze  
Jacobs

Kingspan  
Rocla  
SPEL Environmental  
Storm Consulting  
Urban Asset Solutions  
Vinindex



## CORPORATE MEMBERS

ACO Pty Ltd  
Alluvium  
Arcadis  
Bayside Council  
BG&E Pty Ltd  
Blacktown City Council  
Calibre Consulting NSW Pty Ltd  
Camden Council  
Campbelltown City Council  
Cardno (NSW/ACT) Pty Ltd  
Central Coast Cardno Pty Ltd  
Central Coast Council  
City of Canada Bay Council  
City of Canberra Bankstown  
City of Ryde  
City of Sydney Council  
Clouston Associates  
Costin Roe Consulting Pty Ltd  
Cumberland Council  
Envirotech  
Fairfield City Council  
Ferrum Retail  
Geolyse Pty Ltd  
Griffith City Council  
Henry & Hymas  
Hornsby Shire Council  
Hunter Water Corporation  
Indesco Pty Limited  
Inner West Council  
J Wyndham Prince Pty Ltd  
John M Daly & Associates Pty Ltd  
Lake Macquarie City Council  
Lane Cove Council  
Liverpool City Council  
LP Consulting Pty Ltd

M & G Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd  
Mance Arraj Engineering  
Mosman Council  
Newcastle City Council  
North Sydney Municipal Council  
Northern Beaches Council  
Northrop  
Ocean Protect  
Optimal Stormwater Pty Ltd  
Parramatta City Council  
Penrith City Council  
Pipe Management Australia  
Shoalhaven City Council  
Sparks & Partners Consulting Engineers  
Sydney Water Corporation  
Taylor Thomson Whitting  
Warren Smith & Partners  
Water NSW  
Water Research Laboratory, UNSW  
Watertight Group Pty Ltd  
Western Plains Regional Council (Dubbo)  
WMAwater  
Wollondilly Shire Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Woolacotts Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd

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