

Minutes



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Engineers Australia Riverina Regional Group AGM

**Committee
Meeting No. 12**
Wed 07th December 2011 - 6:00pm
Country Comfort Motor Inn
Morgan St, Wagga

Reason for meeting:	Annual General Meeting
Committee:	Terry Pridham (Chairperson), Bryan Short, Ian Davies, Ragavan Vythilinkam, Steve Warrell, Swaminathan Jeevahan
Remote:	Tom Mackerras, Jon Lee, Karolina Kosmicki
Expected Guests:	Mr Scott Farrell – GHD,

AGENDA ITEM	COMMENTS																														
Welcome & open	(Chairperson) Opened at 6.15pm. 14 people in attendance.																														
1. Apologies/absences	Apologies from Steve Warrell and Trevor Delves																														
2. Previous Minutes	Acceptance or issues/anomalies There are no previous issues from last year's Minutes to discuss.																														
3. Financial report	Nil issues to report – the group has no cash to deal with as EA Sydney Division pick up the invoices as we progress through the year. Year to date since last AGM – EAR have spent \$1538.74 which has all been covered by Sydney Division																														
4. Correspondence	No correspondence has been received for this year's AGM.																														
5. Annual report - the year in review	<p>Committee issues:</p> <p>This is the 4th committee meeting for the year</p> <p>Meeting 3 was conducted on-line due to the inability of the committee to find a common date where we could all get together, but I personally found conducting a meeting by correspondence in this fashion to be very inefficient and not very effective in meeting the goals of the group.</p> <p>There are still some minor outstanding issues that need to be tidied up from meeting No. 11, but I will leave the committee for 2012 to resolve those.</p> <p>Completed the first draft of the EA Riverina charter (requires acceptance by the committee at the first meeting of 2012)</p> <p>This year we have also progressively developed the EAR committee operating procedures which will assist the transition between committee members.</p> <table><tr><td>30 Aug 10</td><td>Last year's AGM</td><td>\$483.64</td></tr><tr><td>28 March 11</td><td>Meeting No. 9</td><td>\$87.50</td></tr><tr><td>16 April</td><td>Start of year function in the park</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>13 May</td><td>Tharwa bridge site visit</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>14 June</td><td>Meeting No. 10</td><td>\$73.50</td></tr><tr><td>15-17 August</td><td>Borambola Build-A-Bridge project</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>31 August</td><td>Ian Davies went to Sydney for the regional Chair's forum on my behalf</td><td>\$684.10</td></tr><tr><td>21 September</td><td>Snowy Hydro Tumut 3 site visit</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>01 November</td><td>Strategic planning workshop in Sydney</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>30 November</td><td>Crowley technical presentation was cancelled – scheduled</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Now for the new year, committee to organise (\$210 dep paid)</p>	30 Aug 10	Last year's AGM	\$483.64	28 March 11	Meeting No. 9	\$87.50	16 April	Start of year function in the park		13 May	Tharwa bridge site visit		14 June	Meeting No. 10	\$73.50	15-17 August	Borambola Build-A-Bridge project		31 August	Ian Davies went to Sydney for the regional Chair's forum on my behalf	\$684.10	21 September	Snowy Hydro Tumut 3 site visit		01 November	Strategic planning workshop in Sydney		30 November	Crowley technical presentation was cancelled – scheduled	
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	<p>09 December Yenda mini-hydro site visit</p> <p>We had intended to get the Albury, Wagga and Griffith groups together for an annual get-together or presentation. Have managed to get Griffith involved through Tom Mackerras, but unfortunately haven't been able to coordinate anything with the Albury group yet.</p> <p>Monaro group were very pleased to be involved in the site visit to the Tumut 3 power station and have asked us to keep them informed of any other visits we undertake, so we have now added them to the distribution lists.</p> <p>All in all, I think it's been another great year for the Engineers Australia Riverina regional group. I think the group has a very good network of keen engineers who are glad for the opportunity to continue their professional development and benefit from the interaction with other engineers in the region and learn from those wise old sages that are willing to offer their advice and counsel.</p> <p>Ladies & gentlemen, thankyou for making it another great year, it is yourselves that make the engineering network in the Riverina and the passion from yourselves that makes this regional group work, so thankyou for your participation and friendship throughout the year.</p>
<p>6. Election & Induction of Office Bearers</p>	<p>I'd like to formally thank the current committee which has stood since the formation of this EAR group in April 2009. All members of the committee have provided an excellent contribution. A big thanks to Ian Davies who arranged tonight's AGM and coordination with Scott Farrell from GHD.</p> <p>Could I ask if there are any new nominations for positions of the committee for 2012 that I am not aware of please?</p> <p>Through discussions with the current committee, they have undertaken to meet in the early part of next year to formalise the new committee structure and decide on the plan of events for the year.</p> <p>Nominations are:</p> <p>Scott Farrell – Deputy Chair (email to Bryan Short of 06 Dec 11) Shalini Chinta – Secretary (email to Ian Davies of 05 Dec 11) Nicholas Rees – Committee member (email to Bryan Short of 06 Dec 11)</p> <p>Thankyou for those nominations</p>
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>As the outgoing Chairman, I'd like to say that it has been a privilege for me to be involved in the EA Riverina committee. It's been a great three years and I wish the committee and all members in the Riverina and Griffith areas the very best for Christmas, the New Year and for a successful organisation into the future.</p> <p>I'd like to thank GHD for their very generous sponsorship of the event. It's fantastic to see a large local company give the Riverina group the financial backing and for that we are very grateful. A big thanks also to Scott Farrell for offering to provide a technical presentation for the evening, that is also certainly very much appreciated.</p> <p>Ladies & gentlemen, please enjoy the technical presentation and the food and refreshments afterwards.</p>
<p>8. Next meeting</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>9. Close</p>	<p>6.40pm</p>