



STORMWATER VICTORIA

Annual Report

2020 – 2021

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STORMWATER VICTORIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020 - 2021

Executive Committee



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Jamie Tainton
Afflux



Vice President

Sarah Watkins
Melbourne Water



Treasurer

Rachelle Adamowicz
Melbourne Water



Secretary

Colin McLeod
Maroondah City Council

Stormwater Victoria Committee Members

Name	Organisation	Position
Aaron Dowling	E2Designlab	Committee Member
Alice Lisitsa	ARUP	Committee Member
Bahman Esfandiar	WSP Australia	Committee Member
Celine Marchenay	Water Technology	Committee Member
Charlotte Beresford	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Jacqueline Woodlock	Beveridge Williams	Committee Member
Jessica Ward	Spiire	Committee Member
Justin Hinch (until Feb 2021)	City of Greater Geelong	Committee Member
Katie Prout	Engeny Water Management	Committee Member
Maria Matamala	Engeny Water Management	Committee Member
Michael Mag	Stormy Water Solutions	Committee Member
Nausheen Obaid	City of Casey	Committee Member
Stephen D'Agata	Golder Associates	Committee Member
Tania Struzina	Clearwater	Committee Member
Tracey Pham	Arcadis	Committee Member

SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019 - 2020

Conference and Awards Sub Committee

Bahman Esfandiar (Chair)
Jamie Tainton (Executive)
Stephen D’Agata
Jacqueline Woodlock

Membership and Engagement

Aaron Dowling (Chair)
Colin McLeod (Executive)
Celine Marchenay
Jess Ward (Social Media)

Advocacy and Strategic Direction Committee

Alice Lisitsa (Chair)
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CORPORATE AND SUSTAINING MEMBERS 2020 - 2021

Sustaining Members

Aecom	Enviropod
GHD	Humes Water Solutions
Innovyze	KBR
Kingspan	Rocla Water Quality
SPEL Stormwater	Storm Consulting
Urban Asset Solutions	Vinidex
Water Technology	

Corporate Members

Adams Consulting Engineers
Afflux Consulting Stormwater Management Solutions
Aquametro
Aurecon (VIC)
Banyule City Council
Beca Pty Ltd
Beveridge Williams
Cardno Victoria
City of Casey
City of Greater Geelong
City of Melbourne
City of Monash
City of Port Phillip
Dalton Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd
DELWP
DPM Consulting Group
Engeny
Greater Western Water
Manningham City Council
Moonee Valley City Council
Moreland City Council
Mornington Peninsula Shire
Ocean Protect
Peakurban Pty Limited
Reeds Consulting
S.V.C. Products Pty Ltd
South East Water Limited
Spiire
Wave Maintenance
Yarra City Council

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report.

Not dissimilar to last year, the global pandemic is still in full swing with regular lockdowns and restrictions. Any face-to-face meetings are with colleagues in masks where we lose the ability to read the room and appreciate who is actually engaged with the discussion. Offices are at 25% capacity if at all, leaving our cities and towns almost deserted. Engagement is down and our community is craving tangible interactions and networking. The industry is still working through how to manage remote workers, differing expectations and a significant leap in technology. The various states around our Nation have differing approaches and expectations of their communities and the rules literally change daily. Some of our population live alone battling the isolation while others are home schooling kids or worrying about the older generations. The phrase “We are all in this together, just not in the same boat” has been circulating and seems to characterise how this situation is different for each of us. The race is on to get 80% of the population vaccinated so we can open back up again.

However, stormwater still flows downhill and still needs better management in our cities and inhabited areas. Climate Change is still not high on the political agenda and the fear that we are eating the plastics we absent mindedly dispose of is real. Rainfall intensities are increasing, our global temperatures are rising at alarming rates and the resultant flooding is becoming evident. An engaged and driven stormwater industry is still needed to highlight the current situation, strive for that next step and celebrate the achievements thus far.

Over the past year at Stormwater Victoria, we have cemented the initiatives of the year prior with regular newsletters, webinars, keynote sessions and even a networking event or two when we could. At committee level we chose to focus on engagement and remind the industry that we are a dedicated community of likeminded and passionate people that want to do good. We wanted to showcase how others are winning the war for waterway health, we wanted to hear about that new product on the market that captures pollutants, we wanted to understand new ways to maintain our assets, and ultimately, we wanted to hear that new wetland inhabited by frogs croaking away showing us that we are winning. Our events team were the face of that work, but they weren't the only team working hard. Our Advocacy team responded to numerous calls for advice and engagement on behalf of our members. We provided input on the EPA “Urban stormwater management guidance”, undertook workshops with Infrastructure Victoria on their 30-year plan, and provided feedback back into eWater on the use of MUSIC X by our members, amongst others. Through our Membership and Engagement committee we surveyed the membership on the progression of SQIDEP, kept an active and engaging newsletter that tied into our social feeds on LinkedIn. Our teams never worked in silo's and collaborated across committee to pull together whatever was needed.

We also spent time building better relationships with our National cohort including the Stormwater Australia Directors and our counterparts in the various states. I was able to participate in the interviews for the latest incoming Directors at Stormwater Australia and I'm very excited to see where they might lead us. After a recent planning session with Stormwater Australia, we should see more involvement from the states and an increase in the ability of National based Advocacy and collaborative change. Victoria also helped host the National Conference where I was the Conference Convenor. This conference attracted more delegates than

ever before and as such Stormwater Australia are considering the format of future conferences. This was definitely a positive of advancements in technology across the sector. Our Victorian Conference, scheduled for June 2022 in Geelong, will take pointers from the success of this conference and see how we can keep building our state-based flagship event.

Thanks again to you, the membership, for all your support of Stormwater Victoria. Our membership rates haven't faltered over this period, and we thank each and every one of our loyal members. Through changing technology, competing responsibilities, and juggling it all, we have still seen so many of you at our events and engaging with us directly. It's really satisfying to see our events so well attended, to hear the positive responses and great questions submitted during question time. We feel like we've hit the mark this year, but there is always room to improve, and we welcome any feedback or ideas.

As this is my last Presidents Report, I just want to personally thank you all for supporting me in this role. It has been an absolute pleasure leading this committee, and ultimately the industry, through this pretty rough time. Through this amazing group of people, I've seen the Stormwater Association of Victoria find its feet a little better, stand a little taller and genuinely be heard. I'm looking forward to seeing the next President pick up the reigns and move us forward again. One step at a time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'J' followed by a series of loops and a trailing line.

Jamie Tainton
President
Stormwater Victoria

TREASURER'S REPORT

Comments on Stormwater Victoria's accounts for the 2020-2021 financial year as follows:

- As of the 30 June 2021, the association's total assets were \$127,270 with our total liabilities at \$125 leaving net assets at \$127,145.
- For reference, as of 30 June 2020, our net assets were \$106,534
- The Association had an income of \$59,793. Our main source of income is memberships for which we received \$39,556 in 2020/21 and our Melbourne Water sponsorship, for which we received \$11,000 this financial year.
- The association had expenses totalling \$42,273 which are mostly made up of our secretariat fees, fees to GEMS for our events as well as our national levy to SIA for which we paid \$9060.
- This financial year we made a profit of \$12,520.
- The 2021 profit is comparable to the profit in 2020 and given that the SV conference is a major source of revenue for us, this is a good outcome. Given that we do have an in-person conference scheduled for next year, hope to see this profit doubled next financial year. However, it's impossible to accurately forecast in this current climate.
- Our membership uptake is still strong and as we've had such an active year with our webinars, feedback events, the national conference, advocacy and special projects, we have shown value to our members and hope they will retain their memberships.
- We usually do receive some revenue from the National conference, however those figures haven't come in yet though I expect they will be around the \$8k mark.
- The association has now lodged tax returns to the end of June 2021.

Rachelle Adamowicz

Treasurer

Stormwater Victoria

ADVOCACY SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 - 2021

For the 2020-2021 committee year, the Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee had a strong focus on providing a voice for our membership in response to a number of industry changes and policy updates, as well as actively supporting policy development where gaps were identified. There has been a notable increase in Stormwater Victoria's position in the industry as industry bodies are increasingly reaching out for input in their policy and document development.

1. Purpose

At the start of the committee year, the purpose and direction of the Sub Committee was identified for the Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee. Details are shown below:

General Purpose

The purpose of the overall Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee was identified as follows: It is pivotal Stormwater Victoria is an active leader in the water and urban development industries, bringing together government, industry and practitioners to affect sustainable and holistic management of stormwater by:

- giving an independent and authoritative voice on stormwater issues which represent the views, interests and concerns of its members;
- building a cross-disciplinary, cross-sectoral community of shared interest, collaboration and responsibility in stormwater management;
- driving positive change, encourage innovative practices in stormwater service delivery to achieve improved environmental and sustainability outcomes;
- facilitating professional development, fulfilment and growth for its members;
- communication and advocacy for better regulations, policy and guidelines; and
- identifying and actively working towards new and innovative approaches in engaging and empowering the community in stormwater water management.

Specific Project Purpose

A specific action plan and purpose was defined for each project within the Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee as detailed below.

Strategic Direction Statement

To adopt a Strategic Direction Statement that guides Stormwater Victoria for the next 5 years which:

- Creates 'buy-in' from members
- Informs business plans for 2021/22

VUDM (Victorian Urban Drainage Manual):

To investigate current practices and develop an outline for a Victorian Urban Drainage Manual (VUDM) that would encourage consistent best practices which:

- Outline’s governance of the manual (development and implementation)
- Provides high level guidance on how the manual would be used and how it fits into other legislation, policy etc.
- Has a contents page that describes all sections of the manual

Advocacy Plan

To develop an Advocacy Plan that guides the type and extent of content for externally facing information and how this is presented to stakeholders which includes:

- Updating of key policy and advocacy information on the website
- Links to other Sub-Committee activities, such as memberships and events
- How issues / matters are prioritised and resourced
- Improvements to existing partnerships or identifying new partnerships

Best Practice Environmental Guidelines for Urban Stormwater (BPEM) - Submission

To prepare a response (submission) to the revised Best Practice Environmental Guidelines for Urban Stormwater (BPEM) which have been published for comment.

Achievements and Recommendations

Three key areas became the focus of the Sub Committee over the course of the year, in response to industry demand:

- Membership representation;
- Policy Development; and
- Stakeholder Engagement.

Achievements over the past year for each of these key areas, as well as recommendations for the next Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee are outlined below.

Membership Representation

EPA Urban Stormwater Management Guidelines:

The Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee facilitated an industry feedback session on 24th November 2020, with a successful membership engagement and a high participation rate. This reinforced the important role that Stormwater Victoria are being asked to play for its membership base. Based on the discussions in this session, a position paper was developed by the Policy and Advocacy team with a number of clear recommendations made to the EPA, including:

- Flow standards must use a specific number (rather than 50-90% target range);
- Flow standards should adopt metrics related to rainfall and impervious area;

- ‘reasonably practicable’ is considered unworkable. Clear compliance, equivalent to current BPEM is essential;
- Supporting policy mechanisms (e.g. roles & responsibilities, offsets, cost distributions) are essential to success; and
- More ‘proof of concepts’ that include ongoing maintenance needs are required.

This session led to substantial changes being implemented by the EPA in accordance with many of the recommendations made. Further advocacy in this space is recommended, leveraging industry partners for Stormwater Victoria to strategically advocate for compliance.

MUSIC X

The Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee facilitated an open discussion on 26th of May with 54 members to seek response to the new MUSIC X, due to replace the previous version of MUSIC (v6.3). This was developed in response to industry reaction, expressing a number of concerns.

After another successful membership engagement session, the key discussion points were detailed in a draft position paper to be submitted to eWater, the owners and developers of MUSIC. The main issues outlined in this paper included:

- Only 24% of attendees have used MUSIC X, and 60% of attendees are not ready for MUSIC X to replace the previous version;
- It was not a substantial improvement in functionality than previous versions;
- It is cost is prohibitive;
- Melbourne Water auditing software are not compatible with MUSIC X; and
- Recent eWater is still training in the previous version while firms are being sold MUSIC X.

It is recommended that the position paper be reviewed, finalised and submitted for receipt and response from eWater.

Policy Development

VUDM

Some initial steps have been built on, furthering the cause of developing a Victoria wide drainage manual; These include:

- Forming a working group in partnership with ALDE
- Developing a draft Expression of Interest (EOI) document for framework development
- Establishing a pathway to the completion of the VUDM. This pathway includes:
 - Formalising partnership between Stormwater Victoria and ALDE;
 - Development of a proposed governance structure;
 - Finalising EOI;
 - Issuing EOI and awarding the EOI to a consultant/organisation
 - Developing the VUDM framework in conjunction with the consultant/organisation;
 - Issuing the VUDM framework to stakeholders for discussion and comment (including Melbourne Water, DELWP, Councils, CMAs, etc);
 - Generating a list of stakeholders to consider for industry working group; and
 - Creating a strategy and list of names/organisations to approach regarding funding and/or endorsement.

Limited time and resources prevented significant progress beyond this. However, a state-wide drainage manual for Victoria has been identified as a significant need within the industry and it is recommended that additional resources be allocated to the work in the subsequent Committee years to advance it, with the goal of completing the above steps in the upcoming year. A dedicated working group focused exclusively on the development of a drainage manual within the Stormwater Victoria committee as well has been established. An industry working group is also recommended Their time and expertise should be utilised to advance the steps identified above.

Strategic Direction Statement

A draft Strategic Direct Statement has previously been developed. This has been reviewed as part of the 2020/2021 Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee and next steps have been identified. These include:

- Finalise draft document;
- Prepare a Communication & Engagement Plan;
- Present the document to the Committee;
- Create a portal for submissions and enquiries; and
- Engage directly with corporate partners.

Given the numerous activities being undertaken in response to industry demand by the Policy and Advocacy team this year, this was determined to be a lower priority for the 2020/2021 Committee period. If resources are available and it is determined by the new Committee to be a higher priority, it is recommended that a dedicated Committee member be assigned to coordinate this project with support from others, in order to action the above tasks.

Stakeholder Engagement

Infrastructure Victoria

On December 2020, Infrastructure Victoria released the [Victoria's Draft 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy](#) taking an integrated, cross-sectoral view of infrastructure planning, making 95 draft recommendations to the Victorian Government across both metropolitan and regional Victoria. It presents a vision for a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable Victoria over the next 30 years, aiming to:

- Confront long-term challenges
- Manage urban change
- Harness infrastructure for productivity and growth, and
- Develop regional Victoria.

As the key body representing organisations and individuals involved in stormwater management, Stormwater Victoria was invited to participate in a stakeholder consultation session and to provide feedback on the objectives and strategies set out by The Strategy from a stormwater and environmental perspective.

The [position paper](#) details Stormwater Victoria's position with regards to The Strategy, and includes recommendations for advancing Victoria's industry practice.

Water for Life

On 7th May, 2021, Water for Life, a collaborative body with Melbourne Water and the water retailers held a stakeholder engagement session with a number of water authorities, councils and other water stakeholders to seek input into a draft Water sustainability document in the works.

As the key body representing organisations and individuals involved in stormwater management, Stormwater Victoria was invited to participate in a stakeholder consultation session and to provide feedback on the objectives and strategies discussed from a stormwater and environmental perspective. As the only stormwater body in the session, Stormwater Victoria provided an invaluable voice highlighting the importance of stormwater management and stormwater as a resource.

The draft document from Water for Life is due in December and feedback will be sought by Water for Life at this stage. It is recommended that a position paper be developed by the new Policy and Advocacy team, highlighting the stormwater and environmental perspective.

Prepared :

Alice Lisitsa

Chair

Policy and Advocacy Sub Committee

Stormwater Victoria

MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 - 2021

The membership and engagement Sub Committee is a newly created sub-committee for the Stormwater Victoria 2020/21 term. The purpose of the sub-committee is to oversee, coordinate and propel industry and membership engagement by delivering a number of key committee projects and initiatives. These include projects to advance the Stormwater Victoria Sub Committee as well as those that will benefit the industry and its stakeholders as a whole. This Sub Committee is targeted at member-centric projects intended to promote engagement, trust and value.

We are well placed to manage the development and progression of a number of key industry resources and engagement tools. These resources are intended to be used by the committee, member organisations and the wider membership to raise the profile of Stormwater Victoria, encourage engagement on a range of important industry topics and provide value to our members.

The core role of the membership and engagement sub-committee includes:

- Keeping the industry updated on significant industry developments and current/emerging issues, to increase knowledge and engagement
- Providing a forum for discussion and progression of current industry issues
- Facilitating networking and communications to strengthen relationships within the industry
- Provide value to our members
- Maintain/raise the profile of Stormwater Victoria

The focus of the Sub Committee for the 2020/21 term has been determined based on an understanding of our role to represent and engage with the Stormwater Victoria membership. Consequently, we have made considerable progress on the following key initiatives as identified in the 2020/21 Membership and Engagement Sub Committee Business Plan:

- Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Evaluation Protocol (SQIDEP) – Working proactively with stakeholders including Stormwater Australia, state stormwater associations and regulatory bodies across the country to promote industry adoption of a fair and transparent national protocol.
- The Outlet newsletter – Regular publications has improved Stormwater Victoria’s engagement with members, increasing engagement by keeping industry updated with important news, promotion of industry events and relevant policy changes
- Social media (LinkedIn) – Ongoing social media posts have both improved Stormwater Victoria’s engagement with, and broadened reach beyond, the existing membership. This has been via a dedicated social media person. This communication channel has raised the association’s profile across the stormwater industry.

As such, the Membership and Engagement team has worked hard over the last year to deliver on our Implementation Strategy. A summary of the sub-committee’s performance against each focus area and the associated measure of success is provided in TABLE 1 (below).

Table 1 - Summary of achievements for the 2020/21 term across each focus area

Focus Area	Tasks	Measure of Success	20/21 Achievements
SQIDEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with key industry stakeholders, authorities and other stormwater industry state associations to engage with the owners of the protocol. • Survey members on current perceptions, strengths and weaknesses of the current SQIDEP • Develop position paper clearly articulating SV formal position on the SQIDEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at all working groups, meetings, and information sessions. Liaison with stakeholders • Conduct member survey to inform SV objectives, position and suggested protocol improvements • Build and publish a resource library to inform members re: SQIDEP. • Achieve shared objectives that align with key industry stakeholders and the general views of the SV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation and active contribution to all (6+) SQIDEP working group meetings. Attended SNat conference: SQIDEP session • Survey of membership completed August 2021 • SV Position Paper re: SQIDEP drafted. Anticipate publish in September 2021

		<p>membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish position paper and circulate to all SV members 	
Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and grow SV presence on LinkedIn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase reach and followers • Increase interactions with posts (such as ‘likes’ and ‘comments’) • Consistent Posting (min. 1 per week) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular LinkedIn posts for 2020/21 term • SV LinkedIn page has 994 connections and 2458 followers Average views 1166 • Have begun monitoring posts to measure year on year engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average likes 18 - Number of posts 45 - Highest likes and reach 68 likes (3900 views)
‘The Outlet’ Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with SV committee, member organisations and industry to gather a library of topics / articles for inclusion into newsletters. • Manage compilation and publishing of newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-monthly newsletter publication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of six newsletters published • Started monitoring the Open Rate and Click Rate. SV sits within the Benchmarks

I want to thank the sub-committee members for their significant contribution to delivering on the 2020/21 Business Plan in what has been a very trying year. Our achievements over the year have enhanced the reach and standing of SV in the stormwater industry and provided substantial value to our members.

Prepared by:

Aaron Dowling

Chair

Membership and Engagement Sub Committee

Stormwater Victoria

CONFERENCE AND AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 - 2021

This year's Sub Committee started with the objective of capitalizing on previous year work to deliver yet another successful conference and celebrate the achievement of Victorian stormwater community. In 2021, the sub committee focused on Stormwater 2021, the 6th National Conference convened by Stormwater Australia, which was originally scheduled as and face to face event for 2020 at Crown Promenade Melbourne, therefore, Stormwater Victoria as the host state, was not running a separate Victorian conference. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic the event was postponed to April 2021.

As ongoing uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns in Victoria continued, the Conference and Awards Sub Committee in conjunction with National Conference Working Group, decided to move the event from face-to-face to virtual, via the OnAIR virtual conferencing platform used by GEMS Event Management Australia.

The Conference and Awards Sub Committee was contributed to a successful event and was engaged on the following:

- Chairing the Conference Working Group
- Scientific Review Panel
- Non-Refereed Paper Review Panel
- Promoting conference through various platforms

The Conference attracted more than 300 people and had one of the highest attendance rates of Stormwater National Conferences. A major contributor to this high attendance number was, reduced registration costs for greater access to content, cost saving in travel and accommodation and greater breadth of attendees due to the virtual format. However, the virtual format poses various challenges, including:

- Technical difficulties and presenter's poor internet connection
- Presenter's poor time management. Virtual environment requires strict timing and no flexibility and as such, many presenters went overtime and were either cut off before the end of their presentation or did not leave enough/any time for questions from the audience.

GEMS Event Management Australia has conducted a post conference survey which provided valuable information for future conferences and events. Results of this survey suggest 23% of the people who participated in the survey heard about the conference through promotional emails. While 15% has previously attended stormwater conferences and 7% of the people read about the conference through LinkedIn posts.

Approximately 95% of people who completed the survey, found the topics of the conference were relevant to their work. While 77% reported that their need and expectation were met by the conference. (For details regarding the post conference survey information please contact GEMS Event Management Australia)

The National Awards for Excellence were also presented virtually on second day of the conference. National awards were presented in the following six categories:

1. Excellence in Asset Management
2. Excellence in Infrastructure

3. Excellence in Integrated Stormwater Design
4. Excellence in Policy or Education
5. Excellence in Research and Innovation
6. Excellence in Strategic or Master Planning

Victoria had 6 nominees in 5 categories as follows:

Two for One - Tim Neville Arboretum and Dobson Oval IWM Scheme	Knox City Council	Infrastructure
Returning our lost "wet spaces" to the city's environs - creating places where people and water meet	Knox City Council	Integrated Stormwater Design
Our Future Cities: 2018 Interdisciplinary Design Program	Our Future Cities	Policy and Education
Pollution Prevention Program, Enhancing Our Dandenong Creek	Melbourne Water	Research & Innovation
Urban Streamflow Impact Assessment (USIA)	Streamology	Research & Innovation
Chain of Ponds Collaboration - transforming the Moonee Ponds Creek through collective action	Melbourne Water	Strategic or Master Planning

From the above nominees, Our Future Cities won the National Award for Excellence in Policy or Education and Knox City Council has won the National Award for Excellence in Infrastructure. In addition, Melbourne Water was Highly Commended in the Excellence in Strategic and Master Planning category.

Since the National Awards for Excellence were presented virtually, there was no social event organized by Stormwater Australia. Therefore, the Conference and Awards Sub Committee contacted the Victorian finalists for the National Awards and confirmed they were keen to attend a face-to-face event so they could celebrate with their peers if they were to win the awards for Victoria.

As a result, a social night was organized at the City of Melbourne Bowls Club with approximately 40 people in attendance to celebrate our Victorian nominees and winners.

Prepared by:

Bahman Esfandiari

Chair

Conference and Awards Sub Committee

EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE REPORT 2020 – 2021

This year's Sub Committee kicked off with identifying the key things to focus on for the 2020-2021 term. Building on from the previous years' work, the team agreed that the core role of the sub-committee was to:

- Keep the industry updated on significant industry developments and current/emerging issues, to increase knowledge and engagement
- Provide a forum for discussion and progression of current industry issues
- Provide an opportunity to network to strengthen relationships within the industry
- Provide value to our members
- Raise the profile of Stormwater Victoria

Understanding our role to our membership helped to drive the strategy of the events sub-committee for 2020-2021. Consequently, we've had a busy year - navigating lockdowns and delivering on our promises. Over the last year we delivered:

- WSUD Audit, Maintenance and Rectification Insights for Assets (Webinar, Sept 2020)
- Four Key Leadership Takeaway Messages Webinar (Webinar, Oct 2020)
- International Showcase Series (4 Webinars, November 2020) including the topics:
 - City Shaping in a Post COVID World 5th November
 - Exploring Green Roofs in Europe 12th November
 - Planning for Sustainability 19th November
 - Flood Resilience in the Netherlands 26th November
- Victorian Urban Stormwater Offsets: Council Implementation, Best-practices and Lessons Learned (Webinar, February, 2021)
- Networking drinks at the Corner Hotel (March, 2021)
- MUSIC X membership discussion (May 2021)
- Urban Streamflow Impact Assessment (USIA): Informing planning to protect waterway values (August, 2021)
- Letter Response to eWater regarding outcomes of the MUSIC X membership discussion (in collaboration with the Advocacy Team and Jamie)

While this was all happening on the forefront, the team has also been working on various projects in the background, which include:

- Roll out of the Operation and Maintenance Manual by Stormwater NSW (aiming for late 2021)
- Understanding webinar feedback and how to improve (on-going process)
- Working on sponsorships and revenue opportunities of webinars (on-going process)
- Student-engagement event (aiming for early 2022)
- Engagement of local government practitioners

As such, the Events team has worked hard over the last year to keep members informed and engaged on stormwater issues within the industry and have been very successful at exceeding in the various factors identified as important (below). We have also started planning for the next year ahead, with our calendar filled until early 2022, and hopeful that in-person events will be easier to plan soon.

Good Work Team!

Success Factors identified	Comments	Performance
Blended event to be inclusive of regional members	<p>Event targets: 1 x International Showcase 2 x Webinars 1 x Live event</p> <p>Events delivered: 1 x International Showcase 4 x Webinars 1 x Live event 1 x Discussion session for members only</p>	Great
Maintain event attendance rates	<p>Target of 200 for attendance</p> <p>Most webinars are viewed by at least 200 attendees. Highest viewership closer to 400 people in the September 2020 Webinar.</p>	Great
Ensure gender diversity of presenters	This item is very important to us and we have been working actively to ensure gender diversity of presenters	Great
Co-run at least one event with new organisation	Co-run with Stormwater QLD	Good, could be improved but difficult with pandemic restrictions
Investigate cost-positive webinar model	<p>This was a focus from May to August 2021. It was agreed between the team and the whole committee that webinars will remain free of charge to ensure that they were accessible to all stormwater practitioners, not just for members only.</p> <p>The team has recommended a 'special project' be set up in the following year to further investigate revenue and to draft a prospectus which could fund webinars in the future.</p>	Great
Ensure topics covered align with membership needs	Topics covered in events and webinars are based on feedback from surveys	Good, could be improved. Will look to have more webinar sessions as per the suggestions come out of Webinar feedback.

Prepared by:

Tracey Pham
 Chair
 Events Sub Committee
 Stormwater Victoria

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Stormwater Victoria
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Via Zoom Meeting
Thursday, 27th August 2020**

E-mail: office@stormwatervictoria.asn.au

ABN: 13 151 464 564

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Stormwater Victoria was held via Zoom Meetings from 12.05 pm until 12.19 pm.

1. MEETING CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS

Jamie Tainton welcomed members and guests to the AGM and gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. ATTENDANCE

Aaron Dowling Aditya Saxena Alice Lisitsa Bahman Esfandiar Celine Marchenay Charlotte Beresford Chris Beardshaw Colin McLeod Ed Henty Esther Kay Jacqueline Woodlock Jamie Tainton Jenny Robertson Jess Ward Justin Hinch Katie Prout Kim Chung Leigh Holmes Lucas Buncle Luke Ervine Maria Matamala Michael Mag Mircea Stancu Nausheen Obaid Rachelle Adamowicz
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Sarah Watkins Selveen Veerapen Stephen D'Agata Tania Struzina Tracey Pham Valerie Mag
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APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Name	Organisation	Proxy to
Anne Pugh	Urban Water Solutions	Celine Marchenay
Kate Berg	City of Melbourne	Celine Marchenay
Brad Clingin	Wannon Water	Celine Marchenay
Warwick Bishop	Water Technology	Kim Chung
Alex Barton	Melbourne Water	Celine Marchenay

3. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29th August 2019

Resolution: That the Minutes of AGM held on 30th August 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Rachele Adamowicz

SECONDED: Aaron Dowling

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the 2019 AGM.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2020 Annual General Meeting. This is my first Presidents Report and we have had a cracker of a year.

For those looking back at this Annual Report in the decades to come I think it's important to outline the changes we have faced in the second half of the 2019-2020 financial year (even though it feels like I'm covering old ground). For those living in the "now", we have seen our stormwater industry pivot and move away from working in an office and face to face meetings. Our new norm is working from home and endless virtual meetings using platforms like Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

For Stormwater Victoria, that has meant postponing physical events and picking up new technology to support our members and the broader industry. Our strong partnership with GEMS

Event Management has meant that our professionalism and accessibility hasn't dropped over this period, in fact I'm very happy to report our reach has widened and our regional members are feeling much more engaged. We are getting around three times more attendees in our new webinar format than we ever got to our physical seminars, which is a fantastic outcome and level of engagement. Together with GEMs, our events team have upskilled and dived into these webinars with enthusiasm and passion leading to great speakers, positive partnerships and a greater variety of topics than I ever expected.

There is no doubting that these changes have impacted the association financially. Whilst a "not-for-profit" organisation, we need funds to operate and undertake industry led projects. We have been so grateful for the support of the industry with companies like CityGreen, Iota, and Wave Maintenance supporting our webinars with WaterTech locked in for the next October event too. Thank you very much to Melbourne Water for signing on as our Association sponsor for another 2 years. Melbourne Water and Stormwater Victoria have a long history of collaborative partnership and I'm so grateful to facilitate the continuation of that during my term as President.

We have been working hard this year to formalise the background business fundamental processes of a "not-for-profit" like us. Together with the rest of executive team, this has included:

- utilising the shared working environment at the NAB Village so we now have our own meeting rooms, conference room and open working spaces available to our entire committee as needed.
- re-established core key email addresses to provide more official lines of communication across the committee and industry.
- developed a centralised cloud-based document storage facility to house all our documentation.
- developed a committee "Induction" session to be held for the first time after this AGM.
- refreshed the Code of Conduct to ensure the committee and visitors/attendees and those who interact with our team understand the simple expectations of courtesy and justified influence.
- updated committee handbook.

I was very excited to be part of our recent planning session hosted by our Advocacy team to establish project priorities, assign resources and finalise a broad Stormwater Victoria strategic direction. The Advocacy team did a phenomenal job pulling this event together and utilised the Miro Board software to revolutionise discussion over the online session. I can't thank them enough for their time and effort pulling this together for us.

Our Special Projects team have been a very active group in our committee over the past year. As many of you have already seen we have introduced "The Outlet", a newsletter triggered by our strong relationship with our industry partners like DELWP. With the aim of sending out a newsletter every two months, we have been really grateful for the positive response to the two newsletters that have been released. Our Special Projects team have also been looking at the National SQIDEP protocol. Whilst I have personally distanced myself due to personal conflicts of interest, I have been kept informed of basic progression and collaboration between our sub-committee and other organisations of which I'm really proud.

Finally, thank you to you the membership for your attendance at the events and passion for the industry. Thank you for your patience and feedback as we moved in this ever-changing world and adapted to new technology, family commitments, and the general fear of the unknown. We have

still managed to achieve great things together despite the uncertainty and hardship we have all faced. We have found positives in the changes and grown in areas we never expected to. I’m truly amazed by what we can do, even when faced with adversity like we have.

From the words of Dory from the 2003 Disney Classic, Finding Nemo: Just Keep Swimming!

Resolution: That the President’s Report be confirmed.

MOVED: Justin Hinch
SECONDED: Colin McLeod

7. TREASURERS REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer’s Report (including the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for 2019/2020) is contained within the Annual Report.

Resolution: That the Treasurer’s Report be confirmed.

MOVED: Sarah Watkins
SECONDED: Jamie Tainton

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS

The 2019/2020 Stormwater Victoria Management Committee were required to step down. As all no members of the Executive have been elected for two years, their term will end at the Annual General Meeting in August 2021 and therefore the executive were not required to step down..

The following members of the 2019/2020 Committee had advised they were stepping down from the committee or did not renominate:

- Kate Matthews, Tract
- Elizabeth Smolinska, Jacobs
- Luke McLean, BECA
- Jenny Robertson, Cardinia Council
- Tony Barrett, AECOM
- Zoe O’Hara, Beveridge Williams
- Simon Robertson, GHD

Based on the Electronic Ballot, the following nominees were elected to positions on the Stormwater Victoria Committee for 2020/2021:

Name	Organisation	Position
Jamie Tainton	Afflux Consulting	Committee Member
Sarah Watkins	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Colin McLeod	Moorandah Council	Committee Member
Rachelle Adamowicz	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Aaron Dowling	E2Designlab	Committee Member

Bahman Esfandiar	WSP	Committee Member
Tracey Pham	Afflux Consulting	Committee Member
Justin Hinch	City of Greater Geelong	Committee Member
Nausheen Obaid	City of Casey	Committee Member
Jessica Ward	Spiire	Committee Member
Alice Lisitsa	Arup	Committee Member
Katie Prout	Engeny	Committee Member
Maria Matamala	Engeny	Committee Member
Charlotte Beresford	Melbourne Water	Committee Member
Michael Mag	Stormy Water Solutions	Committee Member
Jacqueline Woodlock	Beveridge Williams	Committee Member
Stephen D’Agata	Golder Associates	Committee Member
Celine Marchenay	Water Technology	Committee Member
Tania Struzina	Clearwater	Adjunct Committee Member

Resolution: That the nominations for the Stormwater Victoria Committee be accepted.

MOVED: Chris Beardshaw

SECONDED: Esther Kay

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Resolution: That E H Tan be reappointed as auditors for the Stormwater Victoria for 2020/2021

MOVED: Rachelle Adamowicz

SECONDED: Nausheen Obaid

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Jamie Tainton thanked the members of the 2019/2020 Stormwater Victoria Committee and expressed her excitement for the year to come.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting for Stormwater Victoria will be held in August 2021.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President, Jamie Tainton closed the meeting at 12.19 pm

These minutes form a true record of the business of the Stormwater Victoria Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 27th August 2020

Prepared by: Julie McGraw, GEMS

Date: Thursday, 27th August 2020.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STORMWATER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA**

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.

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 VIC as at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (VIC).

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 VIC to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

10 August 2021



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PARTNER
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Jamie Tainton
President

Rachelle Adamowicz
Treasurer

Dated this 31st day of August 2021