



ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING – AILA Queensland

Tuesday 19 July 2022 |

Online via zoom

The Annual Chapter Meeting of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, Queensland Chapter (ACN 008 531 851) was held at 5:00pm on Tuesday 19 July 2022 online.

AGENDA

1. Welcome - meeting attendance and apologies

AILA QLD President, Tessa Leggo, welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies from AILA President, Claire Martin, Queensland Executive Member, Esperanza Kelly, Industry Advisory Committee Chair, David Hatherly, Regional Landscapes Group Chair, Suzie Rawlinson.

ATTENDANCE:

First Name	Last Name	Member Type	Organization
Taneile	Nixon	RLA	Tract
Stephen	Orr	RLA	LatStudios
Tim	Connor	RLA	RPS
Andrew	Munro	RLA	Define Landscape Architecture
Cass	Gaisford	RLA	Oxley Creek Transformation Pty Ltd
Catherin	Bull	RLA	
Des	Cloake	RLA	RPS
Ben	Willsmore	RLA	City of Unley
Damian	Thompson	RLAF	LatStudios
David	Roberts	RLA	Citicene
David	Uhlmann	RLA	Aurecon
Mimi	Tsai	RLA	QUT
Glen	Power	RLA	Urbis Pty Ltd QLD
Peta-Marie	Ashford	RLA	Emerge Associates
Peter	Savage	RLA	Savage Consulting
James	Franklin	RLA	Sunshine Coast Council
Sudipto	Roy	RLA	



Tessa	Leggo	RLA	Fred St
Ben	Stockwin	Staff	AILA CEO
Katharina	Nieberler-Walker	RLAF	KNLA Pty Ltd
Lisa	Mercer	RLA	Burling Brown
Owen	Café	GR	Aspect Studios
Laree	Barney	ST	Arcadia
Skye	Reid	AP	RPS
Sara	Eckermann	AP	Tract
George	Williams	RLAF	

2. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interested noted.

3. Minutes from the 2021 Annual Chapter Meeting – Queensland Chapter

Motion to move the minutes was carried. Moved by: Catherin Bull, seconded by Glen Power. Endorsed by all full members.

4. Any Business arising from the 2021 Minutes

No business arising from the 2021 minutes.

5. State Chapter report

Tessa Leggo provided a summary of the 2021-22 AILA QLD Chapter report, as per below.

It has been a busy year and the announcement of Brisbane and South-east Queensland as the venue for the 2032 Olympics, has added fuel to our advocacy efforts. It has been fantastic to see each government body embrace the desire for this Olympics to be one whose Legacy projects are the standing testament to the success of the Games.

Thank you to all members who have participated in AILA activities over the past 12 months and thank you to our State partners and our National partners, without who's involvement we would not be able to provide Chapter support.

The Queensland Executive continues to support the sub committees and this report presents the key highlights over the last 12 months for AILA in Queensland through the key pillars and values of the AILA Strategic Plan.

Sustainable AILA

A member organisation is what the members make of it and we thank our valued members who have given their time to represent the profession on panels, conducting RLA interviews, through mentoring, advocating to government, local and national committees, speaking to school students, organising events, writing submissions and supporting the profession. Thanks in particular to our Queensland State Executive: Cass Gaisford, Espe Kelly, Lisa Mercer, Glen Power, David Roberts and David Uhlmann. We will also be receiving updates from our sub-committee chairs today as we go through the pillars.



AILA Queensland continues to support existing partner relationships and are pleased to confirm two new state partnerships in the 2021/ 2022 financial year to increase local activations. Thank you to Groundworks for coming on board as a Major State Partner and Plantmark wholesale nurseries for coming on board as a Supporting State Partner. AILA Queensland appreciates the support of all our valued partners in the last financial year:

National Corporate Partners –Street Furniture Australia, ACO, Lawn Solutions, Christie, Proludic, Planned Cover and Built Environment Channel.

Principal State Partner – Eureka Landscapes

Major State Partners – Raylinc Lighting and Groundworks

Supporting State Partners – Innovative Rigging Solutions and Plantmark Nurseries

FINANCIAL REPORT (See presentation for further details)

The financial year 2021-2022 anticipated net surplus is approx \$9,121 for the QLD chapter. The predicted total expenditure is \$148,161 and income of \$157,282. The nationally approved budget deficit for AILA QLD chapter was \$2,746.

Profile

AWARDS:

Awards were a major focus in the last quarter of the year including the opportunities it presents to profile the profession to the community, government, and other professions.

Whilst the entries were lower this year, this didn't diminish the quality and we came away with 23 winners (including the State President, Future Leader and People's Choice Awards).

We had over 200 people attend the Awards night in person and 400 views on YouTube

The People's Choice Award ran for the second year and was successful in promoting the awards to the public.

Award entries and winners were showcased through AILA social media channels and we engaged a media consultant nationally to assist in promoting our Award winners across the country. We are still working with media on further media opportunities for some of our Award of Excellence projects, to coincide with the tours with members of parliament.

ENGAGEMENT WITH ALLIED PROFESSIONS

We have been actively engaging with allied organisations to increase collaboration, advocacy and profiling efforts throughout the year including regular meetings and collaboration with AIA, PIA and EA. Other organisations we are actively collaborating with include Queensland Walking Alliance, IPWEAQ, PLA, the Landscape Design Institute, Landscape Queensland Committee for Brisbane, DIA other design and creative organisations.

AILA Members continue to represent the profession on various different panels.

Advocacy

In line with the AILA advocacy objectives, the last year we have really focused advocacy efforts on building awareness and relationships with key state and local government departments and representatives.

These discussions have centred on AILA National priorities - Urban Green Infrastructure and Climate Positive Design and locally on advocating for a Landscape Architect in the Office of



the Queensland Government Architect, QBCC licensing and the lead role that landscape architects will play for the 2032 Olympics and legacy. With Key meetings held with all three levels of government.

We had success engaging with state and local politicians about AILA Award winning projects in their electorate and providing the opportunity to discuss the projects further either onsite or online. We will be continuing to do this in the next couple of months

David Roberts, Executive member and Advocacy Chair gave a further advocacy committee update.

Education

Locally, we have re-formed the Industry Advisory group this year. The main focus of this group is the Be a Landscape Architect, high school engagement program and education pathways into landscape architecture in Queensland.

There has been a significant increase in online CPD and member connect sessions for AILA members across the country. This has been critical to improving our engagement with regional members and creating connections across the country whilst boosting numbers for events. It was also pleasing to be able to host some face-to-face events again across Queensland – with both AILA events and collaborations with allied institutes and professions. Thank you to our members for supporting these events.

Some event highlights include the Latitude program being rolled out nationally, Nyanda Cultural Awareness workshop and tour which we've held twice, Parks Forum, What's New in Urban Forestry, partner events and our sub-committees I'm sure will mention the events they have held in their updates.

Industry Advisory Committee Chair – Dave Hatherly sent his apologies.

Membership

AILA have implemented new platforms this year to increase the value proposition for members including the new website and the new Memberscape platform which is another opportunity for members across the country to connect and engage.

Membership has increased in Queensland this year with an approx 4% growth in members, from RLA's to student members (see graphs on the presentation)

We welcomed 11 RLA's the last financial year, congratulations to all our new members and we look forward to presenting those who were successful this year at the end of year celebration.

Practice visits have been recommenced this year to re-connect and discuss industry issues with practices, this will be expanded for the remainder of the year.

Queensland sub-committees were refreshed and each of our Executive members sit on at least one of the sub-committees as an Executive buddy or as a committee member.

We started the Conversation with Fellows series this year with our QFresh committee conducting casual interviews with some of our Fellows.

Some discussions have started with a group of our public sector RLA's this year to increase engagement with LA's in the public sector and AILA.



SUB-COMMITTEES

Thank-you to our Queensland sub-Committees for continuing to provide opportunities for members to engage, advocate and profile the profession.

Tessa invited remaining sub-Committees to provide a brief update:

Regional groups

GOLD – Lisa Mercer took over as the new chair of the committee with local events with allied institutes and advocacy planned.

SUN – Jamie Franklin – discussed the Sunshine Coast Design Series and local events and advocacy.

NQ – Tim Connor gave an update around advocacy, Townsville City Council Placemaking and collaboration events in Cairns.

QFresh – Sara Eckermann/ Skye Reid (co-chairs) mentioned the renewed enthusiasm of the committee with the ability to host events again for the QFresh network.

Owen Café and Des Cloake discussed the local Connection to Country network.

The Chapter meeting presentation can be accessed [here](#).

6. AILA CEO update

Ben Stockwin gave a CEO update around the AILA strategy and alignment amongst chapters, moving to a one AILA approach.

7. General Business (Discussion and Questions)

No business was raised.

Tessa Leggo closed the Annual Chapter Meeting at 5:52pm.