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2015 - 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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The future of our Profession
is in all **of our hands**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A New Year, A New Team, A New Strategic Plan, New CPD Structure, The Academy, Certified Status...and the list goes on...

It's now almost 12 months since I was elected as President of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, and what a time in the Institute's history to be given this honour.

As in the heading of this message, there has been a whole range of initiatives as well as procedures and policies put in place over the last 12 months.

Firstly, I must give thanks to my predecessor, Mark Hampson, who steered the Institute over a difficult period and set up many of the initiatives that are now coming to fruition.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the Board for their dedication and giving up their time in overseeing the Institute over the last 12 months.

Thirdly, I must also give thanks to the Institute's Chief Executive Officer, Grant Warner and his team. The work they have done over the last 12 months has been nothing short of phenomenal. Of the more mundane tasks that had to be performed was to bring all the Institute's outdated policies and procedures up to date and to make them relevant to statutory requirements and the Institute's current setup.

THE STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

We are in exciting times with both the building and infrastructure sectors now becoming increasingly active.

The record low interest rates have stimulated developers for stronger investment. The Australian Bureau of Statistics in their July statement on building approvals stated:

'The trend estimate of the value of total building approved rose 1.9% in July and has risen for seven months. The value of residential building rose 0.9% and has risen for eight months. The value of non-residential building rose 3.9% and has risen for five months.'

Coupled with this, on 1st December 2015, the then Acting Prime Minister, Warren Truss, announced the Australian Government has made commitments of over \$50 billion for current and future investments to infrastructure projects.

Due to the Government's infrastructure initiatives and the low interest rates the effects of the GFC and the dominance of the mining sector are well and truly behind us now, (except maybe in the West where the industry there is still coming to terms with coming down from an ultra-high to a slow market), even to the point that we are likely to see within the next 24 months an 'over heated' construction sector. Victoria is already starting to see this with many sub-contractors now declining to tender projects in Melbourne, preferring the more attractive pricing in the Sydney market.

The role of the Qualified Quantity Surveyor will become increasingly important to advise developers, Governments and Institutions in a

shifting market and the risks associated with a rising market. We may even see the return of 'Rise and Fall' clauses in contracts something we have not seen for twenty plus years.

PROMOTING THE QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION

As I said in my Q&A article in the September 2015 addition of the Building Economist:

'The platform has been set by our previous Presidents for the Institute to now raise its profile and recognition for our members and throughout the built environment...'

Through regular meetings Grant Warner and myself have had over the last 12 months, the feedback we have both received is that our members are crying out for the Institute to lift the profile of the profession. This can only be done if Quantity Surveyors start to gain greater respect from the industry, and the only way our profession will gain greater respect is by increasing our standards and making the AIQS more relevant to our members and the industry.

The initiatives that have been put in place to set this in motion are:

- Change in CPD requirements
- Increased education (100 plus topics live in the Academy, plus webinars, plus increased face to face CPD events)
- Certified Status (Release in 2016/17)
- Promoting Diversity within the profession



DELIVERING THESE INITIATIVES

Implementation of the 2020 Strategic Plan

All of the initiatives, in their own right, will assist in promoting the profession, however, for the AIQS to truly elevate our profession the Institute needs to fully understand the future needs and expectations of its membership and that of the industry as a whole.

To this end The Executive is proposing to set up a 'Working Committee' to understand what members and the industry want from our profession.

The future of our Profession is in all of our hands, it is not a 'one-way street'. The Institute needs to actively engage membership and the industry as a whole. Likewise, membership needs to become more actively involved in promoting our profession and I encourage all members to participate on the Councils, Committees and events both at the local and national levels.

The next 12 months is going to be challenging, exciting and hopefully the start of a new chapter in the history of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.



PETER CLACK
AIQS PRESIDENT

A period of **change**

CEO REPORT

2015-16 ushered in a period of change for the Institute. From the implementation of the new Strategic Plan (2015 – 2020), restructuring of the Head Office, through to increased engagement and communication with stakeholders. I am privileged to be part of an organisation that is engaged in not only raising the profile of the Quantity Surveying profession, but is also receptive to the feedback from members, firms, and other sectors across the Quantity Surveying, Cost Planning and Cost Estimating professions.

As indicated in the President's message, the overriding message being delivered to the Institute is one of change and continued relevance. John F Kennedy summed this up in his 1963 speech;

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future."

By the end of June the Institute had in place a completely restructured Head Office, whose overriding aim is to raise the profile of the Institute, through engaging not only with members, but across the broader construction sector. The staff in Head Office are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism in not only embracing change, but in proactively identifying initiatives that will deliver increased services and engagement with the membership.

It has been empowering working with the President, the Executive, the Board, and Chapters over the past ten months, and members should be proud of the commitment and input provided by these volunteers. Talking about change is one thing. Putting words into action requires commitment, participation, and communication. Over the year a number of new and/or continuing initiatives were either commenced or delivered in support of achieving the Institute's strategic goals. These included:

- A new Code of Professional Conduct
- A new Continuing Professional Development framework
- Revised Operating Guidelines for the Education Committee
- New guidelines establishing a Standards



- Committee to oversee the review and development of professional and technical standards
- Establishment and implementation of a new Communications Plan,
- Roll out of the AIQS Academy
- Discussions with NZIQS on a future Strategic Alliance
- A revised full suite of Institute Policies and Procedures, ensuring the Institute has in place sound governance systems and meets its regulatory requirements
- Revised Complaints Handling procedures to ensure Natural Justice and Procedural Fairness
- Established a revised framework for implementation of Certified Quantity Surveyor designation
- Commenced meetings with State & Territory Government Ministers and Agencies highlighting the importance of engaging a Quantity Surveyor from the inception of a potential infrastructure or building project
- Provided feedback to Commonwealth Government agencies:
 - Learning rates in Commercial Buildings (Dept of Industry, Innovation & Science)
 - GN2 – Base Cost Estimation: The planned approach to developing and publishing the suite of documents comprising the Cost Estimation Guidance (Major Infrastructure Projects Office, Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development)
- Release of ASMM-6 and Detailed Building Measurement (Vol-2)
- Successful Infinite Value Awards in Melbourne in November 2015
- Engagement with member firms to ascertain ongoing relevance
- Strategies to improve engagement with members, member firms, industry bodies, fellow association and other related stakeholders



We have endeavoured to ensure regular communication with members, either through the fortnightly e-News Bulletins, monthly Chapter Presidents teleconferences, participation at Chapter Council meetings, attendance at Chapter meetings and Chapter events, and through the Building Economist.

Over April and May, the President and myself met with senior practitioners from around the country to discuss the Institute's new Strategic Plan and gain feedback on recent initiatives. These meetings, coupled with meetings held later in the year with Directors of a number of firms (both professional QS firms and Contractor firms), put the issue of change squarely on the table.

Going forward I am reminded of the following words by R. Buckminster Fuller;

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

That the Institute has not kept pace with the evolution of professional QS firms, nor proactively engaged with many contractors firms is evident. However, we should not let the past dictate the future. Rather we should all embrace new beginnings in order that the Institute can reach its full potential in the delivery of services to members, and positioning the profession(s) at the forefront of the construction industry. As noted previously, the future is in all our hands, and we encourage all of our members to support the growth of the organisation and the profession.



GRANT WARNER
CEO

The **highest** standards of
professional excellence

COMPANY PROFILE

The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) is a professional standards body with over 4000 members worldwide. Through its leadership, standards, and Code of Professional Conduct, it ensures that its members are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence.

WHAT WE DO

The AIQS sets education, professional and technical standards, for the Quantity Surveying, Cost Estimating and Cost Planning Professions. Through its leadership, the Institute establishes benchmarks which are relied upon by member firms, their clients, contractors, project funders, corporate Australia, and all levels of government.

The Institute's primary functions are to:

- Establish the necessary standards of education and training which lead to membership
- ensure members are kept abreast of emerging issues affecting them and the industry as a whole
- support the education of trainees
- encourage and provide continuing professional development
- Develop and maintain professional and technical standards
- establish and uphold ethical standards of practice and code of conduct
- encourage, support and facilitate research
- represent the profession at government, industry and public forums lobby for and encourage economic use of building and

construction resources

- produce policies and position statements on professional and industry matter
- Promote the Quantity Surveying, Cost Estimating and Cost Planning professions to industry and future generations.

PROMOTION & ADVOCACY

The Institute actively promotes the advancement and recognition of the Quantity Surveying, Cost Estimating and Cost Planning professions, and the use of AIQS Certified Quantity Surveyors for the provision of impartial, independent and expert advice. This ensures that design and construction costs are managed as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The Institute engages with governments, financial institutions, corporations across Australia and globally, and the broader construction industry to ensure a consistent, sustainable and uniform approach to future development projects through the engagement of Certified Quantity Surveyors. The Institute promotes the Quantity Surveying, Cost Estimating and Cost Planning professions to future generations, and actively encourages greater diversity in the construction industry.

2015-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

STANDARDS

Professional and Technical Standards set by the Institute include the Certified Quantity Surveyor status, publications such as the Australian Standard Method of Measurement, Detailed Building Measurement, Australian Cost Management Manual; Quarterly Building Cost Index and Practice Standards & Guidance Notes.

Educational Standards are achieved through the accreditation of university courses, face-to-face events, workshops, and webinars. The AIQS Academy - an online training portal with over 100 topics and academic texts used by professionals and tertiary education providers.

The AIQS drives a cohesive approach to the appropriate use and adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) systems to achieve cost efficient management of building and infrastructure assets across their lifecycle.

Globally Recognised Brand

Credential of Choice for Clients and Members

Must have Membership

Leading Edge Education & Professional Development

Respected Thought Leader & Advocate

Strong Organisational Structure & Communications

Diverse & Sustainable Funding

- Build AIQS brand awareness - Nationally and Internationally
- Implement Go Global Strategy

- Implement Certified Quantity Surveyor (CQS) Status
- All major clients (Government, Financial Institutions, Corporate Australia etc) to require AIQS Certified Quantity Surveyors

- Engage with member firms to deliver meaningful services
- Increase membership numbers across professional QS and contractor firms
- Instantly recognisable in the areas we work

- Implementation of the AIQS Academy
- Increase networking and collaboration
- Deliver high quality and relevant continuing professional development

- State and Federal Government "Go to" advisor by 2020
- Increased advocacy across all levels of Government
- Develop and promote high quality professional technical standards

- Restructure National Office with a focus on engagement and communication
- Develop more diverse communication platforms

- Establish diverse funding opportunities
- Maintain capital reserves

NETWORKING & ENGAGEMENT

The AIQS provides its members with a number of national and international networking and engagement opportunities from involvement with Chapters, Special interest groups, and Young Quantity Surveyors, through to formal links with a range of organisations including:

- International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC)
- Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS)
- Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF)
- Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC)
- Building Products Innovation Council (BPIC)
- Relationships with other overseas based Quantity Surveying Associations



COMMENT FROM THE TREASURER

The FY2015 -16 was a turbulent year in the construction industry and the AIQS acknowledges that it was a challenging period for both members and members' employers. We respect and appreciate the financial support shown by members who continue to understand that their membership contributions support a strong Institute which in turn supports a strong career in Quantity Surveying through advocacy, education and training.

The AIQS continues to balance prudent custodianship of your funds with the need to promote the industry and provide the support members of all grades need. To this end the AIQS remains in a strong financial position despite FY2015-16 continuing significant investment in education, member services and support. The roll out of the Academy and investment in head office capability and procedures were necessary expenditure to protect the future development of the profession.

WE RESPECT AND APPRECIATE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT SHOWN BY MEMBERS WHO CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT A STRONG INSTITUTE WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS A STRONG CAREER IN QUANTITY SURVEYING THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND TRAINING.



MARK HAMPSON
TREASURER

Progress is impossible
without **change**

OPERATIONS & MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Bernard Shaw's famous quote "progress is impossible without change" comes to mind when reflecting over the past year. There have been various changes within the Institute and the membership team, namely the appointments of a new dedicated Membership Services Officer at Head Office and a new International Membership Manager based in Doha. Concurrent with the Institute's new organisational structure, we have focused this past year on training staff and ensuring that service delivery is consistently of a high standard. We believe that every member of the AIQS team should be a "membership person" and this mindset has been entrenched and disseminated throughout the whole organisation.

Retention targets have been set in line with an evaluation of how and why members leave. Current membership retention levels are over 90%. The Institute continues to align its operational goals with the strategic objective of doubling its membership numbers by 2020. Through increased member services, education and social events, two-way communication and facilitating the membership entry and advancement processes, we aim to continually improve and ensure overall member satisfaction.

The Institute has been able to strengthen its membership offering through a partnership with Member Advantage, offering access to a wide range of benefits and savings on members' everyday expenses. In addition, new membership marketing & communications material such as



brochures have been developed for members to use and hand out to their clients, pinpointing the benefits of engaging a Quantity Surveyor at pre, during and post-stages of construction. A suite of similar brochures are being developed for Young Quantity Surveyors, Quantity Surveying Firms and Contractor Firms in order to promote the importance of and effectively attract talent to the profession.

In the year ahead, will we be focusing on three key areas: continuing to create and deliver services to meet members' needs; interaction with members through social media and alternative platforms other than traditional forms of communication; and consulting with our membership base (including engaging with senior practitioners and firms through Executive Forums), ensuring relevance within the industry in order to retain our existing valued members and recruit new ones

We wish to give a big heartfelt thank you to our volunteer members, including our national and international Councillors, who remain engaged with the Institute and continue to work tirelessly to support its vision for a progressive outlook over the coming years.



ANNICK AH LAN
OPERATIONS & MEMBERSHIP
MANAGER

EDUCATION & EVENTS UPDATE

The 2015-2016 period saw the AIQS take a significant step in providing professional education for the industry with the launch of the AIQS Academy. The purpose of the Academy is two-fold; it provides a pathway to membership for those with a non-accredited degree and is also an on demand, online training platform available for all Quantity Surveying professionals. This platform provides further CPD options to AIQS Members or Non-Members and can be accessed from any location with an internet connection. By 30th June 2016 we had released 60 topics - a significant achievement for the Institute.



We have also seen a steady increase in chapter CPD and event activities over the year in the lead up to the start of the new Continuing Professional Development Guidelines for members which came into place as of the 1 July 2016. Members will continue to see educational offerings increase moving forward.

This year saw the release of the 6th edition of the Australian Standard Method of Measurement (ASMM6), first discussed at a 2014 Board Meeting our thanks go to the committee lead by Gary McDonald for their efforts in preparing the new edition with the Master Builders Association. Additionally, the AIQS released Detailed Building Measurement Volume 2 co-authored by Rick Best, Peter Smith & Judy Doherty.

In October 2015 we celebrated the Infinite Value Awards in Melbourne, congratulations to all nominees and winners including the Lendlease Project of the Year - Port Arthur Penitentiary Precinct Conservation Project (Nominated by Exsto Management, Tasmania) and the Lendlease Professional of the Year – Lucy Eng (Nominated by Beca Limited, New Zealand).

Thank you to those members who volunteered their time over the last year to develop educational and networking opportunities and a special thank you goes to the presenters for their efforts in producing these sessions for the benefit of members.

We encourage you to support the Institute and your local chapter by becoming involved with the committees and supporting the events and activities. Keep an eye on the fortnightly e-bulletin for updates of offerings in your area.



LANI KIRBY
EDUCATION & EVENTS MANAGER



YOUNG QUANTITY SURVEYORS (YQS)

The introduction of quarterly meetings with representatives of the Young Quantity Surveyors (YQS) Groups has increased engagement between the different chapters and Head Office. The YQS groups, who represent our members under 35 years of age, are very active within their own states and these meetings give the representatives a forum to exchange ideas and learnings. The group is looking forward to having a face-to-face meeting in October 2016.

During May, AIQS YQS representatives Stephen Bisseker, Sue Chin, Edna Yeo & Caitlin Shields attended the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) YQS program and conference in Christchurch, New Zealand.

2015 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors awards a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

The scholarship is to the total value of AU\$3,000. This includes:

- AU\$2,000 cash
- AIQS published text books and manuals to the value of AU\$1,000
- AIQS student membership

Applicants are assessed on their Year 11 English and Maths results as well as an essay submission on the topic “Describe the role and services of the Quantity Surveyor (Project Cost Manager) and comment on the future of the Quantity Surveying profession.”

THIS YEAR THREE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO:



Miranda Plumb (Somerville House High School, Brisbane) accepted into Bachelor of Urban Development (Construction Management) at Queensland University of Technology



Jeremy Walker (Oakhill College, Sydney) accepted into Bachelor of Construction Management and Property at University of New South Wales



Rui Yang (Mandurah Baptist College, Perth) accepted into Bachelor of Construction Management and Property at University of New South Wales

Building for the **future**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Institute is a member of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) and the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS).

In May of this year, the Institute was represented at the PAQS Meetings & Conference by Vice President Anthony Mills (taking up the position as Chair of the PAQS Education Committee), and CEO Grant Warner. This event provided an ideal opportunity for the Institute to engage with representatives from kindred organisations from around the Asia Pacific region. This year's PAQS Conference was held in Christchurch (NZ), where the theme was Building for the future: a Global Dilemma, where a number of speakers from around the globe discussed the design and construction issues to be addressed when rebuilding cities impacted by natural disasters.

In addition, the AIQS signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), as a mechanism to improve and support collaboration between our two organisations.

The PAQS Conference an annual event, hosted by a member organisation. The next PAQS Conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada in July 2017. The ICEC Conference is held every two years and in 2016 was held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. In November 2018, the AIQS will be hosting a joint ICEC and PAQS Conference to be held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. Closer to home, the AIQS and the New Zealand Institute

of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS) commenced discussions regarding the establishment of a strategic alliance to further each organisations objectives and share information and resources for the benefit of members.

The Institute continues to work closely with kindred organisations in other countries to promote the Quantity Surveying and Cost Estimating professions and enhance the global transportability of the Institute's membership.

The AIQS has reciprocity agreements in place with eight organisations based in New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, South Africa, United Kingdom, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.



ONIE DHLIWAYO [ASAQS] WITH GAVIN BRADY [AIQS]

The ACT Chapter Council of October 2015-2016
comprised of:

President	Bradley Marino MAIQS
Vice President	Fiona Doherty FAIQS
Secretary	Stephen Bisseker MAIQS
Treasurer	James Osenton AAIQS
Councillor	Alex Feng FAIQS
Councillor	Peter Spaven FAIQS
Councillor	David Warren AAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Mark Chappe FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Jason Shephard AAIQS

A Special thanks to Christopher Leach who stepped down from the ACT Chapter in 2015 after nearly twenty years of service, thank you for your contribution to the profession.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT) CHAPTER

In December 2015 the ACT Chapter organised sailing on Lake Burley Griffin for members as a Christmas function. It was a huge success and it is likely we will continue to run this event in the future for our members.

In March 2016, we held a CPD event - Construction Insurances. This was held in the Lendlease Canberra Office and was well attended. From all accounts the topic was relevant and the feedback received was positive.

ACT Chapter would like to thank the National Office with their continued support in lobbying Federal and State Government agencies on the benefit and importance of using a Quantity Surveyor.

In addition, the local Chapter is a kindred member of the Canberra Business Chamber, its main purpose is to support local business in the form of education, informing of policy and investment decision within the local economy.



BRADLEY MARINO
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The International Chapter Council of November 2015-2016 comprised of:

President / Board of Directors Representative	Peter Ng FAIQS (HK Rep)
Vice President	Chitra Weddikkara FAIQS (Sri Lanka Rep)
Secretary	C. P. Leong FAIQS (Thailand Rep)
Treasurer	A. T. Ong FAIQS (Singapore Rep)
Board of Directors Representative	Richard Hyde FAIQS (Qatar Rep)
Councillor	Ajantha Premarathna FAIQS (UAE Rep)
Councillor	Palitha Premasiri FAIQS (Oman Rep)
Councillor	Julie de la Cruz FAIQS (Philippines Rep)
Councillor	Joseph Chin FAIQS (Brunei Rep)
Councillor	Daniel Leung FAIQS (China Rep)

10 councillors of the Chapter represent the International regions where the majority of International Chapter members are based.

Presently under the chapter we have 2 regions - Region 1 including the countries of Brunei, China, Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and all other areas in East Asia and America; Region 2 including Sri Lanka, India, UAE, Oman, Qatar, middle east, Europe and Africa.

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

Chapter Meetings May 2016

The International Chapter Council holds two face-to-face meetings per year.

In October 2015, the face-to-face Chapter Meeting was held in Manila, Philippines. The following day a CPD event and Presentation of AIQS Certificates were held. The CPD event was well attended by the local members and engineering professionals.

In May 2016, the face-to-face Chapter meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In addition to this meeting, a Members Gathering was held on the same date at Colombo with the presence of all council members and members/non-members in Sri Lanka with over 150 participants. The programme on that night included a presentation by Mr. Lakshman Jayasekera who is a senior civil servant of Sri Lanka overseeing the city and town planning in Colombo. Following his talk, chapter president Mr. Peter Ng gave an AIQS membership induction talk to promote the professionalism and image of AIQS

Major Events/Conferences

On 14 November 2015 the AIQS and HKIS jointly presented a conference on "How will QS succeed in tomorrow's world". The conference was hosted at the VTC auditorium and attracted 400 participants. There were 9 speakers sharing their knowledge and



experience, with discussions on Risk Management, BIM and green buildings. In his welcome speech, AIQS National President, Peter Clack touched on the need for Quantity Surveyors to embrace new challenges and provide solutions across a broad range of professional services in the construction industry in tomorrow's world.

In November 2015, the UAE Division hosted an International Conference on Building Information Modelling (BIM), with over 100 attendees, raising awareness on BIM among the broad range of organisations in the construction industry. Given the current rate of increase in the worldwide use of BIM, there is a need to standardise specifications across a number of areas.

CPD events are very active in our major regions. For further information on past events, you can download a copy of the [International newsletter here](#):



Stakeholder Engagement

Each of the region representatives are very active in engaging members, firms, governments and other professional bodies in their region to promote and enhance the QS profession. Here are just some examples of their activities:

- **Sri Lanka:** there are number of AIQS members involving in the development of Sri Lankan Standard Method of Measurement and also sit on certain number of Government Boards including our rep Prof Chitra Weddikkara.
- **Hong Kong:** Mr. Peter Ng President of International Chapter is actively involved in working with all other professional institutes in Hong Kong, including the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (Peter was the past president), Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Hong Kong Institute of Engineers and Hong Kong Institute of Architects. Mr. Ng also sits on a number of advisory boards in the Hong Kong Vocation Training Council and participates on a number of task force committees of the Hong Kong Construction Industry Council.
- **China:** Mr. Daniel Leung is an active member involved in QS practices in Beijing and he has a good connection with the local China Developers and the China Cost Engineering Association.

- **Thailand:** Mr. CP Leung, as the acting MD of Langton and Seah (the top QS firm in Bangkok) is an experienced QS practitioner in Thailand and he has very good connections with big firms in Bangkok who actively contributes to the development of the QS profession in Thailand.
- **Philippines:** Ms Julie Dela Cruz is an active AIQS member in Philippines and is one of the founders of the Philippines Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors. She is also actively involved in the training of Quantity Surveyors locally.
- **Middle East:** AIQS have an office in the United Arab Emirates, and our representatives in Dubai, Qatar and Oman are actively involved in the organising of events and activities in their respective countries. There are very good connections with the private firms, evidenced by the high attendance rate at all the CPD events in this region. Our Reps include Mr. Ajantha Premarathna, Mr. Richard Hyde and Mr. Palitha Premasiri.



PETER NG
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Queensland Chapter Council:

President	Mark Freestone AAIQS
Vice President	Jason Thornley FAIQS
Secretary	Doug Fletcher FAIQS
Treasurer	Greg Eaton FAIQS
Vice Treasurer	Brian Timothy-Parkes MAIQS
Councillor	Tom Ford AAIQS
Councillor	Jason Gray AAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Gavin Brady FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Andrew Brady AAIQS
Councillor	Gary McDonald FAIQS
Councillor	Don Hyslop AAIQS
Councillor	Gary Man AAIQS
Councillor	Siew Loh AAIQS

In addition, the Chapter Council has welcomed the attendance and contribution of Caitlin Shields (YQS QLD President) to all Chapter Meetings.

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

The activities of the Qld Chapter Council would not have taken place had it not been for the YQS Committee. This hard working and enthusiastic group, comprising Caitlin Shields, Bradley Bell, Jack Hutchinson, Jack Simon (now in UK) and Kelsee Green, has been responsible for organising all of the CPD events that have occurred so far this year.

Highlights of the year include:

- **Conduit to Your Future** Event sponsored by Conduit Recruitment and attended by 60+ young (and old) members interested in where their career may take them.
- **Alan Patching – Emotional Intelligence** This insightful event highlighted the dangers of stress, providing useful tips on what to look for and how to reduce stress. The event was attended by 30+ members and guests.

Other activities include:

- **Annual Christmas Drinks** The event was held at the Treasury Casino Map Room as a direct result of feedback from last year's AGM. The intention had been to host the event outside of the CBD, but was relocated to a venue within the CBD. Our thanks go to Gary McDonald for organising the evening.
- **TSXPO** In July 2015 (and again this year) the AIQS and QUT jointly hosted a stand at the TSXPO. Representatives from AIQS and

QUT attend the event to meet and greet potential students and members, providing information about an education and career in Quantity Surveying. Thank you to all those who attended.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Qld Chapter President for the past three years and my thanks go to the Chapter Councillors past and present for their help and friendship.



MARK FREESTONE
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Following our AGM held on 15th October 2015,
the following members were elected to NSW
Chapter Council

President / Board of Directors Representative
Vice President
Treasurer
Board of Directors Representative
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Simon Squire FAIQS
Irena Kuzman MAIQS
Andrew Doherty AAIQS
Mike O'Shea FAIQS
Stephen Ngai AAIQS
Paul Skinner AAIQS
Mathew Ostapenko MAIQS
John Barker AAIQS
Phil Krimmer AAIQS

We thank Ben Nicholson for leading the YQS committee in NSW.

We welcome the following new members:

Paul Skinner AAIQS of RLB, new councillor
Mathew Ostapenko MAIQS of WT, new councillor

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER

The NSW Chapter was host to a number of CPD events throughout the year. Some of the larger events included:

- **Construction Insurances CPD presented by Bill Callan and Graham Mitchener from Willis Australia Ltd.** This event focused on Quantifying and Qualifying Insurance for the Construction Sector.
- **Global Economic and Market Outlook, presented by Chris Caton** - Chief Economist for BT Financial Group. The seminar offered guests key insights into the international forces affecting the Australian economy, including what's going on in the US, Europe and China.

There have also been a number of successful social events hosted this year including the 2015 End of Year Drinks at the Shirt Bar, and YQS Lawn Bowl Competition in March 2016, with MBM as the trophy winners on the day.



SIMON SQUIRE
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Following our AGM held on 2 October 2015, the following members were elected to the SA & NT Chapter Council:

President	John Drillis FAIQS
Vice President	Mason Robb AAIQS
Treasurer / Board of Directors Representative	Michael Viscariello FAIQS
Secretary	Terence Wu AAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Deborah Marsh AAIQS
Councillor	Peter Tulla FAIQS
Councillor	Jeremy Coggins AAIQS
Councillor	Mark McDonald MAIQS
Councillor	Charles Mihatsch FAIQS
Councillor	Sossy Msomi AAIQS
Councillor	Jason Ross MAIQS
Councillor	Joe Wong AAIQS

My thanks to all of the current Council members for their invaluable assistance this year.

It is appropriate that I acknowledge and thank John Deans (FAIQS), who has stepped down as Councillor last year, following over 20 years of dedicated commitment to the SA Chapter.

John has been an SA Chapter Councillor since 1992 and has held the positions of Chapter President, Vice President and Secretary. John has also been a National Councillor from 1999 to 2011. I wish John and his wife Jan, all the best for the future.

I welcome Joe Wong who replaces Chris Sale as Councillor.

I also wish to welcome Mark McDonald who replaces Angeline Teng as the SA Chapter YQS Committee Chair. I wish to thank Angeline who had to step down as she recently had a baby.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY CHAPTER

During 2015-2016, the Chapter was host to a number of educational and social events for the members, including:

- Seminar held on 24 February 2016 on Quantifying and Qualifying Insurance in the Construction Sector, presented by Willis Towers Watson Insurance
- Site Visit on 27 April 2016 to the University of Adelaide Medical and Nursing School, which is currently under construction
- Mid-Year Chapter Dinner
- Popeye Cruise on the River Torrens on 26 November 2015
- SA Chapter lunch on 20 April 2016 at Harry's on Grenfell.

The South Australia Chapter participated in the following events to promote the QS profession and AIQS membership to university students:

- Sponsorship of the University of South Australia, Builders' Organisation for Students and Staff (BOSS) Dinner held on 6 November 2015

- Attendance at the University of South Australia, BOSS Sponsors Fair held on 28 April 2016

My thanks to our councillors for arranging interviews and volunteering as APC Panel members. I would like to thank Mason Robb in particular for being the APC Panel Chair and submitting all reports to head office.



JOHN DRILLIS
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Victorian Tasmanian Chapter 2015-2016
comprised of the following members:

President	Vincent Lau FAIQS
Vice President	Edna Yeo AAIQS
Treasurer	Stuart Gillies AAIQS
Secretary	Stephen McCullough FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Peter Clack FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Dr Anthony Mills FAIQS
Councillor	Kong Kin Yap AAIQS
Councillor	Justin Zumpe AAIQS
Councillor	Thomas Chan MAIQS
Councillor	Alan Berkeley AIQS (Affil.)
Secretariat	Peta Coote

Earlier this year, our immediate Past President Kal Jaunalksnis notified the council his intention to leave. Kal has dedicated many years to the AIQS and we would like to acknowledge all that he has achieved for the chapter as President and as chair of the CPD committee. We wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

Peta Coote has joined the Chapter council as of late 2015 to take over from Alicia Cambridge as the chapter Secretariat. We welcome Peta Coote and acknowledge Alicia Cambridge (and Neville Cambridge AAIQS when Alicia was not available) for their time and assistance to the chapter council.

My thanks to all the members on the council for the time they have put into the institute and the council they have provided to ensuring the best services are delivered to our members.

VICTORIAN TASMANIAN CHAPTER

CPD Events

The Victoria Chapter hosted a number of successful CPD events during the year including:

- Increasing Your Personal Productivity, presented by Bob McCarthy of LMI Australia
- Project Procurement, Presented by Mark Bray, Aquenta Melbourne

Our thanks to Kong Kin Yap who chairs the CPD committee and his team in Melbourne.



Quantifying and Qualifying Insurance in the Construction Sector

Presenters Bill Callan, Graham Mitchener and Jim Goranitis from Willis Australia Ltd joined us to present the Quantifying and Qualifying Insurance in the Construction Sector CPD event. The seminar provided an overview of the best options and considerations in regards to the many risks and obligations involved in every construction project, and demystify elements of projects by

providing an outline of the types of insurance and financial instruments available. They also explained what to look for when considering such arrangements.

Social Activities

March – Welcome back drinks 2016
April – Deakin University Construction Graduation Night & RMIT Career Day

Upcoming Events:

May – Indoor Soccer
June – Badminton
July – Trivia Night or Indoor Beach Volleyball
August – Vic Chapter Annual Dinner

Our thanks to Sue Chin who chairs the YQS committee and her team in Melbourne. Also thanks to Thomas Chan who only recently stepped down from this role.

Membership Engagement Activities

With monthly Chapter president teleconferences we have seen a significant improvement in support from National office. We would like to thank CEO Grant Warner and his team on achieving this. Monthly updates on member numbers, APC interviews, and finances are happening which allows the chapter to now focus on managing our members better.

APC interviews in Melbourne are conducted each month before the monthly Chapter council



meeting. We find this process to be the most efficient way for those involved in the process to ensure there isn't a back log of applicants. Our thanks to Justin Zumpe for co-ordinating this.

AIQS/ YQS representatives attended the Deakin University Networking Night on 27 April 2016. A successful networking evening, where VIC Chapter committee members fielded many enquiries in regards to the Institute and in particular the YQS.

In June 2016 we congratulated the Victorian Government for its investment in the future growth and development of education infrastructure in Victoria which will underpin future innovation across the State.

AIQS Quantity Surveyors, by working side by side with the Victorian Government, will control costs, minimise risks, and provide certainty to ensure potential cost overruns experienced on some school projects undertaken during the BER are not repeated.

Prizes & Awards

Sponsors of the Deakin University School of Architecture and Built Environment Donald Cant Prize. The award goes to the best student completing the Quantity Surveying subjects in Construction Management, and the winner from the 2015 class was Roxanne Spittle.

The award was presented at the School of Architecture and Built Environment Awards night held in May 2016.

Sponsors of two awards of the RMIT Annual Industry Research and Awards Night, the Tony Carpenter and L.A. Casey Awards. The 2015 winners were Charles Zwar and Nik Noor Zulaikha Mohd Zawawi respectively.

Young QS Engagement

The level of activity from the YQS has increased. This covers correspondence from our younger members on their thoughts as well as seeking advice on various matters relating to the profession and employment.

Interest to join the YQS committee grows as new graduates seek their next steps into the industry. As a chapter, we will continue our support to our younger members and encourage their involvement in institute matters.

Our YQS team has developed a great operational model. This model has been passed onto other allied associations including the PAQS and NZIQS to assist them with their operational needs. With the assistance of chapter councillors, the YQS continues to represent the Quantity Surveying profession at various industry events, university careers nights and remarking how awesome it actually is, to be a QS here in Melbourne.

YQS had an extremely successful year to date with a number of well-attended events held in the first half of the year, including industry / careers nights and social events.

YQS recently held a casual beer garden catch up in lieu of our standard monthly meeting to rejuvenate the team, encourage new ideas and develop a

fresh direction. As a result, we will see an increase in networking focused events to achieve a better balance of events types. We will also be pursuing opportunities to partner with other young professional bodies to cross market and promote the AIQS and achieve economies of scale. YQS attended the RMIT Career Day on 6th March 2016. We had great interaction with many students who are interested in developing a career as a Quantity Surveyor.

YQS also attended the Deakin University Career event in April, again speaking with students with interest in a Quantity Surveyor career.

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VINCENT LAU
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Western Australia Chapter 2015-2016
comprised of the following members:

President	Mark Bendotti FAIQS
Vice President	Sadmir Ceric AAIQS
Treasurer	Lindsay Castell AAIQS
Secretary	John O’Gorman AAIQS
Councillor	Daniel Tang AAIQS
Councillor	David Wilson AAIQS
Councillor	Matthew Buss FAIQS
Councillor	Glynn Taylor AAIQS
Councillor	Alistair Reid FAIQS
Councillor	Richard Archer FAIQS
Councillor	John Stranger FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Mark Hampson FAIQS
Board of Directors Representative	Stephen Warne FAIQS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

The 2015/16 year has been a fairly challenging one for the construction industry in Western Australia with a significantly lower level of capital works in the resources sector, along with the federal and state governments tightening up on capital works expenditure.

In addition, with Perth office vacancies at historically high levels and construction in this sector likely to remain low for a period of time. The residential sector that has been strong over the last few years is now slowing on the back of slower pre-sales.

In contrast the Retail sector (and the major Shopping Centres in particular) have got some significant capital works planned over the next few years.

This year I have taken over as President of the WA Chapter from Robin Wheelwright. One of the last functions in Robin's reign was the WA Chapter biennial dinner held at the Old Swan Brewery in November 2015. This function was well patronised and considered a success. Our thanks go to Giuseppe Costanzo for his efforts in organising this event. Thank you to all those who took the time out from your busy calendars to support this event.

The WA Chapter is very lucky to have a group of dedicated younger members who run the YQS component of the Chapter. Their enthusiasm has been fantastic and they have certainly managed to increase the relevance of and interest in the

AIQS amongst our younger members and we look forward to the WA Chapter YQS growing from strength to strength. The YQS have been involved in organising a number of events including poker nights, bowls nights, etc. and also co-organising and hosting events with other organisations such as the Australian Institute of Builders and Women in Construction. Recently Josh Antram has taken over the leadership of the YQS. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Trent Costello for his hard work and leadership of the YQS over the last couple of years and wish Josh all the best in the year ahead.

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully established a regular, direct forum with the Department of Treasury & Finance, Building Management and Works who are a strategic client for most of our members and a major ally for our profession. This forum has provided us the opportunity to raise, discuss and resolve where possible, matters of mutual interest affecting our profession and this government agency. Of particular importance to us is the opportunity this gives us to promote the benefits of our profession to the government's property development agency, and to ensure our members are providing the level and quality of services expected.

Other relevant activity information for the year includes the following:

- CPD events.
- Social events (including YQS functions)
- APC Interviews



- Career Expos (represented by the YQS)
- Continued representation at BMW / BEDP Consultative Meetings
- We currently have 246 non-student Members

In May this year we had the A-List Lunch in Perth which was well attended by the A-list firms. It was also good to see that the National AIQS President Mr Peter Clack was also able to attend the Lunch and was able to give an update of AIQS thinking and direction.

The WA Chapter Council continues to meet on a monthly basis and this year have had on different occasion the AIQS CEO Grant Warner attend

a meeting and Lani Kirby, the AIQS Education and Events Manager. We also thank Lani for her assistance in organising a number of CPD events on behalf of the WA Chapter.

Thank you to the WA Chapter Council for their efforts over the past year, in particular Sadmir Ceric (Vice President and Membership Officer), John O’Gorman (Secretary) and Lindsay Castell (Treasurer). I would also like to acknowledge the support received from my predecessor, Robin Wheelwright and our Board Representatives Mark Hampson and Stephen Warne who have given us a strong voice at national Level.

In conclusion, I acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the activities of the AIQS WA chapter over the past year. As always the success of the chapter will ultimately depend on the time, energy and enthusiastic support of our members.



MARK BENDOTTI
CHAPTER PRESIDENT





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