

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019/2020

Thank you to Dr. Claire Bird our President for the 2019/2020 period. I would like to acknowledge her hard work and sacrifice over the past 4 years!

Claire has volunteered to continue to assist the Executive and Ordinary Member Committees as the Immediate Past President and we welcome her ongoing support.

I wish to commend this president's report to the meeting and proposed that it be approved and adopted.

Signed,

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A REAR AND FORWARD VIEW OF AN ASSOCIATION - DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF EVERYONE

Claire Bird – Immediate Past President

2020 – A TIME OF CHANGE IN OUR INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS

2020 has seen a huge shift in the global understanding of the importance of air quality. Whilst IAQAA has joined forces in 2020 with associations such as AIOH to take up the gauntlet of safe indoor environments, the battle to get science at the forefront of public health decisions is an escalating challenge. Never was this more evident than a situation where a key international body like the Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced that COVID-19 likely has a significant airborne transmission route only hours before stating this statement was made in error.

We are blessed in Australia by housing world leaders in the area of air quality and aerosol science, and we sit as a profession body on the precipice of science leading the way, or of being discarded as valueless in maintaining economically fuelled societal needs.

From exposure to bush fire smoke to an almost overnight disappearance of its media coverage on the back of a new virus appearing in Wuhan, the entire year has been focused on the air that we breathe and its impact on our health.

It has been a time where controlling the chemistry and microbiology of the indoor space has become critical, and where the demand for indoor environment quality rating certifications have grown beyond anyone's expectations.

So it was that we had to recalibrate our operational focus to meet the need of our members.

Our focus shifted to providing regular opportunities to learn more about the broad science that is IAQ. From HVAC to aerosol science, from building science to detector dogs and so much more, we have started to address the myriad of working environments where members can improve lives.

We realised that in the early and more recent outbreaks of a highly infectious disease, people were often confined to their homes. Not only did we now face greater exposure at home and less on the road of at work, but the opportunity arose for IAQAA to develop a mechanism that allowed us to maintain our industry relationships and grow our individual and collective knowledge base.

Without the unforeseen changes this year, we would not have been provided with the opportunity to assist our members in a way we hope has offered some continuity at a time when it was lacking in other areas. I would rather we had not had to face these challenges, I wish all our members and their families and friends well, and I will always be there to help anybody with their IAQ concerns and to support IAQAA when I am needed.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN 2020

The operation of IAQAA changed in January 2020 to better service meet its obligations as an incorporated body and to allow us to collect our own membership fees, which to date had been being collected by IAQA in the US.

This meant that IAQAA members were, as of 2020, independent of IAQA in the US, but where members were in both organisations, IAQAA has provided savings to local members.

To allow ease of transaction and process for members, we adopted a digital platform for membership and automated payment collection which also allowed us to provide simple registration for events and was flexible enough to allow us to establish a Corporate membership in the current year which is now available.

Membership has grown steadily, being driven forward by our events as seen below:



January, February and September highs were led by our AGM and three multiple speaker events, whilst the overall upward trend seen from May to September has been in response to member news spreading and to our Lunch and Learn series.

SPEAKERS IN 2020

IAQAA has put on extremely high calibre presentations at a time when our world changed, and indoor air quality grew enormously.

We presented the heads of NABERS (Carlos Flores) and the International WELL Building Institute (Jack Noonan) in February ahead of what was to become a frantically busy time for them. This was immediately followed in March by outstanding speakers across restoration, technology heat stress and even Psychology, and led by Prof. David Karoly, our Leading of Climate Change researcher from CSIRO to help members stay safe when working in extreme environments. In September, forty people registered and joined our more recent members-go-free event with Prof. Lidia Morawska, Prof. Bin Jalaludin and Dr Rachel Tham on the health issues we are facing with airborne transmission of disease and more broadly with air pollution.

Our Lunch and Learn series have seen global leaders so kindly donating their time to prepare and present to our members.

Our 8-person committee met monthly and have spurred concepts such as our Lunch and Learn series, and an upcoming mentorship program for new practitioners. The Lunch and Learn program continue to be a draw card for many top speakers. These events regularly see over 100 people register for each session, a concept brilliantly devised by Scott Summerville and run by the Committee.

ORGANISATION REBRANDING



Jeremy Stamkos kindly donated our new logo, and we rebranded the organisation. Work is continuing on our website and brand with the help of Mike Quinlan and Annette Spooner who look after marketing and website development to improve communication during this phase of our growth.

We entered an extended period of internal and external discussion, including with the IAQA in the US, at the end of which the IAQA in the US became supportive allies who attend our meetings and provide wisdom from long-term Association management (thank you Jay Stake and Michele Buggy). Discussions are continuing as we mutually decide the long-term relationship across the globe.

Maintaining the global IAQA network has proved one of our most important and carefully managed achievements, in keeping with the vision of IAQAAs' founders. We are welcoming wonderful international speakers in our upcoming training program thanks to our friends at IAQA. IAQA is revamping its Chapter setups, so who knows what the future may yet hold for IAQAA globally?

OUR PUBLICATIONS

Sixteen members and external reviewers were involved in producing an emergency set of Guidelines in just three weeks for testing of buildings after COVID-19 cleaning. We attended international conferences and meetings to ensure we were in line with similar global developments. This document has been shared by the IAQA in the US, AIRAH the AIOH and others, and now has reached several thousand readers. This was a testament to all contributors and remains a live document for any members to contribute to or comment on at any time as the science grows.

We have jointly prepared working documents with the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene and been invited to support work by the Australian Society of Anaesthetists through AIOH. We are also hoping to draw up a basic mould guideline risk management tool with AIOH in the coming months.

Reference and Guidelines for
Post Cleaning Validation of Structures
Contaminated with SARS-CoV-2

Indoor Air Quality Association Australia

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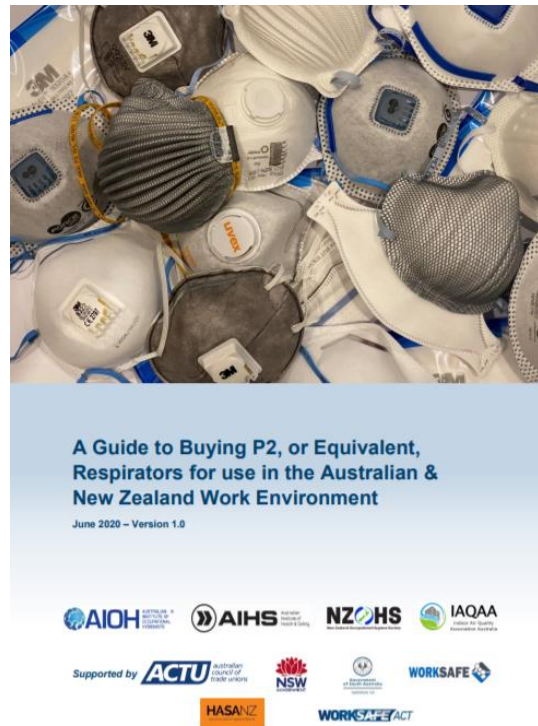
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IAQAA COVID-19 Cleaning Validation Guidelines

AIOH/IAQA/NSOHS/AIHS Respirator Guideline



ORGANISATION OPERATIONS

As in all Associations, we faced our challenges over the last 48 months, and juggling demands has proved more than challenging at times. Losing our invaluable volunteer Committee members is always challenging as volunteers are put under increasing workplace pressure and are forced to realise that voluntary work intrudes on their work life balance. Scott and Jeremy both were already involved with other organisations and needed time of their businesses so had to step down.

However, none of this would have happened without the team, and especially Julien's incredible effort. He is very deserving of the Presidency based on his wonderful support of the Presidency over the last 3 years.

After 4 years, I felt it was time for me to allow others to develop IAQAA under a new set of views, opinions and interests, and reached out to members to see who may be interested in forming the new Committee. I was blessed with three amazing people who are committed to IAQAA and to volunteer organisations and all of whom are very familiar with the workload and commitment involved in supporting Julien and members. There has never been a better time to be part of IAQA Australia.

THANKS

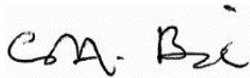
I am extremely proud of everything the group has achieved in the last year and the since our inauguration, and no one contributor deserves any more praise than another as all have provided their part to get us where we are today.

I thank our committee members, Ivi Simms, Penny Tralau, Lucinda Curran, Wesley Black, Jeremy Stamkos, Jacqueline Campbell, Theresa Walsh, Jonathan Brunke, Rachel Tham, Brendon Corby and Scott Summerville for their time spent running IAQAA at executive level, and to our committee and technical committee coordinators past and present; Jason Green, Bryan Jepsen, Kevin White, Kiran Chandrasekhar, Jonathan Dalton and Brad Prezant.

I thank the sponsors we have had over the years, and, of course, I thank our speakers who tirelessly prepared and presented material for us from which we have learned so much.

I welcome Julien to the Chair as I step back to assist the team with association liaison and help more generally with the growth of the organisation.

Yours faithfully in Indoor Air Quality,



Dr Claire Bird (Immediate Past President IAQAA)