



# The Institute of Plumbing Australia Incorporated (IPA)

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE INSTITUTE OF PLUMBING AUSTRALIA INC.

### MINUTES

**Thursday 23 March 2023**  
**Commencing 2pm AWST via Zoom.**

#### Attendees:

Michael Jarrad	President
Stephen Movley	Standards Australia Representative
Derek Harris	Councillor SA
Rhys Edwards	Councillor NSW – joined the meeting at 2.07pm
Andrew Okines	Councillor WA – joined the meeting at 2.16pm
Petra Wouters	Secretary and Communications Coordinator - Minute taker

#### Members:

Jeff Moorcroft	
Ben Dahlstrom	Joined the meeting at 2.15pm
Mark Alexander	
Don Ledingham	
Mike Wynne	
Alex Bartley	

#### By proxy:

Michael Jarrad proxy for Paul White

### 1. Apologies / Opening

#### Apologies:

Robert Quick	Councillor VIC
Neil Creek	Councillor QLD
Paul Bonsak	IAPMO
Konrad Pradzinsky	Galvin Engineering
Brad Wells	REHAU

The President Michael Jarrad opened the meeting at 2.12pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of previous meeting 20 June 2022.**

The minutes of last year's meeting were circulated.

### **2.1 Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes as circulated were accepted as a true record of both meetings.

Moved:	Stephen Movley	
Seconded:	Derek Harris	Carried

## **3. Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **4. President's report.**

The President's report was circulated prior to this meeting via email.

The President took the opportunity to thank Stephen Movley for the work he has done in various roles over the years.

Stephen Movley thanked the Council for the lunch voucher he received and mentioned that he and his wife Elsie had enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the Black Swan Winery.

## **5. President election for 2023 – 2024 – No nominations received.**

All agreed for Michael Jarrad to stay on as President of The Institute until the next election, which will be in March 2025.

Carried

## **6. Auditor's report**

The auditor's report as circulated was accepted.

## **7. Appointment of Auditor for 2023 (Mr Leonard Tebbutt of In Focus Accounting Pty Ltd offers himself for re-appointment).**

It was moved for Mr Leonard Tebbutt to be re-appointed as the Institute Auditor for 2023.

Moved:	Michael Jarrad	
Seconded:	Stephen Movley	Carried

#### **8. Standards Australia update – Stephen Movley (Representative for the IPA at SA).**

Stephen informed the meeting that the relationship with Standards Australia is strong at the moment, unlike recent years where they wanted to exclude the IPA in discussions. Stephen and Petra recently had a meeting in person with the Chair of Standards Australia in Perth, which was to inform the industry on how they are going to operate in the future.

A new round of plumbing standards in AS/NZS3500 is in the process of approvals and the Plumbing Committee is working towards inclusion in the next PCA.

Don Ledingham mentioned that he was very pleased to hear that Standards Australia is accepting the IPA as being the voice for plumbing in Australia, to which Stephen responded that this is not something that has been communicated to the IPA, and that he is of the opinion that the AHSCA and the HCAA have equal importance in plumbing discussions at Standards Australia.

#### **9. Overview by Councillor NSW, SA and WA.**

Rhys Edwards informed the meeting that he will be holding a NSW Chapter meeting with the NSW members in the near future.

Important news for NSW has been that regulated designs are enforced by the Department of Fair Trading NSW, in particular Class 2 buildings and how it affects hydraulic services, fire hose reels and fire hydrants, and stormwater drainage, and there has been a recent publication from the Building Act that they are enforcing a Class 3 in Class 9c declaration for all engineers and designers post July 2023, which means that declarations, certifications and acknowledgements for engineers and designers need to be in place.

Derek Harris mentioned that he is of the opinion that this will not happen in South Australia for at least 3 to 4 years. The plan is for the South Australian Government to work with TAFE NSW to work towards the Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design as the recognised accreditation.

Mark Alexander informed the meeting that in Victoria for certified documents you need an engineering qualification or registration, re stormwater and fire services related to building works. Plumbing services can still be certified by a plumber, but the department is working towards introducing a complex plumbing category. At the moment the plumber is still certifying design and installation, but that will change in the next 6 to 8 months.

Mike Wynne advised the meeting that certification for hydraulic designers in Western Australia is probably still 18 months away.

Andrew Okines questioned whether there is a skills set to satisfy this, as some states in Australia recognise the Diploma and other states recognise an engineering degree and is of the opinion that the IPA as an industry group should seek clarification on this.

A brief discussion was held about drawings been sent in by engineers in the NT and the ACT who have no knowledge of plumbing, and that the best outcome is that the system only works if it is governed equally in the whole of Australia.

All agreed that the pathway to hydraulic designer in complex plumbing works should start at the plumbing trade, Cert IV and then the Diploma.

Mark Alexander explained that this is why in Victoria industry stakeholders are collectively lobbying the Government to introduce a new category called complex plumbing.

They want people to come from the plumbing trade and ultimately designing complex plumbing work. It is important for the government to know that engineers cannot do everything.

This model is similar to the Queensland model and could maybe be replicated in WA.

## **10. General Business**

As Tim Peach resigned last year, the IPA Council does not have a representative in the Education Committee anymore. It was decided that if matters of education arise, the Council will deal with it collectively.

Stephen Movley suggested for the IPA to collect and collate all information on the Diploma of Hydraulic Services from each state and include this in the Plumbing Hub online platform as a central port of information.

**ACTION:** Petra to organise a new segment in The Plumbing Hub regarding the Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design and include information from all states in this segment, available to members only.

All agreed

Carried.

Don Ledingham took the opportunity to personally thank Steve Movley for supporting the Institute for close to 50 years.

## **11. Close of meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.50pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next AGM of the Institute will be held in March 2024 at a time and date to be notified.

Petra Wouters  
Institute Secretary

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