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Alice Lisitsa - President

As the year draws to a close, I am honoured to present my first annual report as President of Stormwater Victoria. This past year has been marked by significant milestones for our association as well as our industry as a whole. Stormwater Victoria has achieved a great deal with collaboration and our growing partnerships in policy development, and community engagement, underlining our commitment to enhancing stormwater management across the state.

Our vigilant Policy and Advocacy subcommittee has been working on deepening our partnership with critical bodies like Melbourne Water (MW) working closely with them and other associations on the Urban Planning and Development Strategic Coordination Group (UPDSCG). In this space we have supported MW in improving processes, updating and refining guidelines, and creating future resilience in surface water and flooding. We have continued to work with the Association of Land Development Engineers (ALDE), supporting the land development space in surface water management. We have also had opportunities to seed new relationships, key to the advancement of our association. These have included discussions with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA), Urban Development Institute Australia (UDIA) and connections to the Victorian Water Minister, to name a few - all critical for our strategic objectives. In discussions with the new president of the Flood Management Association (FMA), we are exploring various collaborative possibilities that promise to enhance both our organisations' impacts on flood and stormwater management.

On a national scale, we have initiated a working group between states and the Stormwater Industry Association (SIA) to address common challenges and strategies. Our involvement in this group is set to improve collaborations across the state and provide Stormwater Victoria a greater influence in the activities and strategic direction of the national body as well as moving towards a national

approach to knowledge sharing of stormwater management. Furthermore, the Stormwater Quality Improvement Device Evaluation Protocol (SQIDEP) working group, managed out of SIA is set to commence soon and is anticipated to further our efforts to develop a robust, fair and technically sound process for on sustainable urban water quality practices.

Our policy development initiatives have been robust. In the always highly anticipated VUDM news, we have secured funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) who have enabled us to develop a robust governance arrangement for the development and management of the document, as well as distribute the first of many EOIs seeking industry input into the development of the document. Thanks to the support from DEECA, we are also due to host the entire VUDM process on a dedicated website, which will be live in the coming months. This will mean a greater involvement and input from our membership and our broader industry to help shape this document into something that will truly support the stormwater space to be the best it can be. Additional funding discussions are ongoing, ensuring that the VUDM maintains momentum and that it is an overall success.

Our communication and membership engagement strategy have been successfully growing, with our LinkedIn presence and our improved newsletter "The Outlet", managed by our committed Technical Events subcommittee. This consistent communication keeps our community well-informed and engaged with our activities and progress. Our Technical Events team have also been delivering highly sought after events both online and in person, bringing our membership the latest industry updates, explaining new industry trends and providing a platform for feedback and industry networking.



2024 President's Report

This year's conference in San Remo was a highlight, attracting over 250 delegates and reaching full capacity for the first time, reflecting the growing relevance and impact of our organisation. The event's success, coupled with the novel and well received social events, sets a high standard as we begin planning for the 2025 conference. The Conference Committee truly deserves a big shout out for what they have achieved this year, but they have their work cut out for them for the next one!

Reflecting on the year, I am so proud of our committee, the achievements and the strides they have made in positioning Stormwater Victoria as the leading body in sustainable and effective stormwater management. I am grateful for the support and dedication of all our members, partners, and stakeholders. Together, we have laid a strong foundation for future innovations and successes, driving our mission forward.

And now for an important message to our small and humble, but ever so important little stormwater industry. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary attributes that define our industry. What I have consistently observed is an absolute wealth of knowledge among our professionals. Among us, we are fortunate to have brilliant stormies, who collectively possess an immeasurable wealth of knowledge and priceless industry experience. Your invaluable wisdom is a cornerstone of our association's strength.

What I have seen in my day to day in the stormwater world is our eagerness to support, to share, and to collaborate. This openness and generosity in passing down to others underscore a culture of learning and mentoring that spans companies, sectors, and generations.

We stand at a pivotal moment where we can harness this culture to greatly enhance our association and the industry at large. There is a tremendous opportunity to capitalise on our collective knowledge to strengthen and nurture our next generation of industry leaders and experts.

By fostering a more integrated community, we not only enhance our professional capabilities but also enrich the personal and professional lives of all our members. Perhaps most importantly, we ensure that this industry goes from strength to strength in the years and decades to come.

I encourage each of you to become more involved with Stormwater Victoria. Whether you are new to the industry or a seasoned expert, your participation and input are invaluable. Together, we can continue to build on our legacy of excellence and collaboration. Let's commit to not only maintaining but also elevating the standards of our profession through active engagement and mentorship. Join us in shaping the future of stormwater management, ensuring it is as dynamic and resilient as the environments we strive to protect.

Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm. Your contributions make all the difference, and I am excited to see where our collective efforts will lead us in the coming year.

Alice Lisitsa President Stormwater Victoria

2024 Treasurer's Report

Comments on Stormwater Victoria's accounts for the 2023-2024 financial year as follows:

- As of the 30 June 2024, the association's total assets were \$145,974 with our total liabilities at \$2,729 leaving net assets at \$143,245.
- For reference, as of 30 June 2022, our net assets were \$122.621.
- The Association had an income of \$80,259. Our main sources of income in 2023/24 were: Memberships \$40,227;
 Conference Revenue \$17,500; and Melbourne Water sponsorship \$22,000.
- The association had expenses totalling \$59,648 which are mostly made up of our secretariat fees, Conference and Events expenses, as well as our national levy to SIA for which we paid \$11,703.
- This financial year we made a surplus of \$20,611.
- The surplus for the 2022-2023 financial year is due to the financials for the 2022 Stormwater Victoria Conference, which was held in early June 2022, not being fully reconciled by the end of the 2022, but included in this year's accounts. The profit from the 2023 Conference has not yet been finalised, however is expected to be in the order of \$30,000 to \$35,000 and will appear the income statement for the 2023-2024 financial year
- Our membership uptake continues to remain strong. We've had
 a very active year with our webinars, feedback events, the state
 conference, advocacy and special projects, and have once
 again shown value to our members. The outlook for the coming
 year is extremely positive.
- The Association will lodge the current tax return to the end of June 2023, by the end of August.

The full Stormwater Victoria Audit Report and Financial Statements are included in the Stormwater Victoria Annual Report.

Sumari Veal - Treasurer

Stormwater Victoria





Policy and Advocacy Annual Report 2023 - 2024

INTRODUCTION

Vision

Stormwater is an invaluable resource, and it is our vision that stormwater is integrated into holistic water management creating sustainable communities, connecting built and natural environments.

Principles

As an industry association we hold ourselves responsible to act on behalf of our members in line with our core principles of:

- Leadership;
- Networking;
- Collaboration; and
- Appreciation.

Purpose

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 holistically 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.

BUSINESS PLANNING

Stormwater Victoria develops yearly business plans, including actions and initiatives which provide direction and guidance on the selection, prioritisation and allocation of Committee resources for advocacy, projects and events.

Focus Areas

We are focused on the following focus areas that drive our actions:

Membership representation – Stormwater Victoria seeks to provide a voice to its members, ensuring that issues or needs relating to their work in stormwater are conveyed effectively through the right channel with the hopes of affecting positive change. Where there is a new or updated policy document, a change in regulatory approach, a new type or version of software released or any other change in the stormwater space that is critical to the industry, Stormwater Victoria seeks to understand the views of the membership base. This is done through engagement sessions, polling and other means of communication. Stormwater Victoria will then act as conduit, providing a voice for its members by way of position papers, meetings with relevant authorities and other forums.

Stakeholder engagement – Stormwater Victoria's presence in the industry has grown stronger and is recognised as the preeminent body for stormwater in Victoria. Numerous invitations and engagements to consult on other industry bodies have given us the opportunity to push the importance of stormwater management and stormwater as a resource to other organisations with respect to their policies, strategic goal setting and other organisational pursuits. Stormwater Victoria will continue to build our strategic relationships with other relevant organisations and associations to strengthen its position in the broader industry and better advocate in the stormwater space.



Policy and Advocacy Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Policy development – Stormwater Victoria tries to remain abreast of existing industry standards and practices and proactively identify gaps and opportunities for improvement. This includes investigating areas in the industry that are lacking clear policy guidance.

Overarching focus for 2023/24:

- We are focused on continuing to advocate for our members in the policy and advocacy space. We will adopt
 a proactive and positive approach to influencing key industry issues, seeking outcomes that mutually benefit our
 members, industry, the environment and the wider community.
- 2. We recognise the value of collaboration and integration with other subcommittees internally and other associations and organisations externally.
- 3. We will continue learning and growing, developing the SV profile and reputation as the respected, pre-eminent stormwater industry association in Victoria.

Policy and Advocacy

Focus Area	Tasks	Measure of Success	Notes
Membership Representation	Integration and collaboration with other subcommittees and comms: Input to Events team Input into newsletter Input into Linked In posts Explore options with conference collaboration with (e.g. with Conference Committee) Website input Understand members' concerns with respect to key stormwater issues such as flooding, stormwater volume management, modelling, waterway values, authority requirements, etc. Advocate for improvement to MW DSS implementation and flooding requirements: What are the challenges, opportunities, requirements and issues	Share news of P&A initiatives via input to newsletter and LinkedIn as appropriate Work with Events team to provide guidance and input to program of technical events for the year Work with Conference team to provide guidance and input to program of 2024 SV conference Engage with members and draw from prior member feedback to identify key issues to represent.	Subcommittee liaison for Conference and Events: Aaron / Sumari Sub-committee liaison for newsletter and linkedin: Sai and/or Jason? Alan to lead member engagement initiatives?
Stakeholder Engagement	Turther build relationships with ALDE, Melbourne Water and wider development industry Engagement and collaboration with other state stormwater associations and Stormwater Australia Seek funding and partnership from other industry organisations and government to develop VUDM. Identify other high priority collaborators such as UDIA, DEECA, DTP National conference - Seek SV involvement in collaboration with Stormwater Australia.	 Build on success with collaborations and relationships with ALDE, MW, other associations or organisations through collaborative initiatives and events. Work with Stormwater Australia in updating SQIDEP to deliver on opportunities identified in the SV position paper. 	Aaron and Alice to represent SV in UPD SCG input from all subcommittee / wider committee members needed on representations at this forum. Aaron to lead SQIDEP with subcommittee support Work with ALDE and SV events to hold a member engagement and feedback session in Feb 24 - Aaron Alan to identify and explore strengthening relationships with other orgs.
Policy Development	 Integration with Stakeholder engagement above and prioritise policy advocacy Close out position paper on EPA Guidance Doc Continue commitment to VUDM 	SQIDEP - pursue implementation of opportunities identified in position paper to improve protocol with Stormwater Australia VUDM: Framework completion Liaison with industry Seek funding Document development Flooding requirements - how can we best influence policy developments?	 Alice to lead, support from Karl for VUDM IWM in development HWS targets and new asset types Karl to follow developments in flooding requirements and seek opportunities to influence.



Conference and Awards Sub Committee Report 2023 - 2024

The purpose of the Conference and Awards sub-committee is to assist with co-ordination of the Annual Conference and Awards for Excellence. The sub-committee members assist the Conference Chair and the secretariat (GEMS Event Management Australia) in selecting conference theme, streams, speakers, abstracts, and organisation of the program including technical tours and workshops, and other associated conference activities e.g. social activities. The sub-committee members assist with co-ordinating any review of abstract and awards criteria, updating requirements based on feedback from entrants and in discussion with other states; and organise judges, market the program and communicate the event in liaison with the Events sub-committee and the Secretariat. The Conference and Awards sub-committee confirms budget requirements with the President and Treasurer.

The 2022/23 Conference & Awards sub-committee was made up:

- Alison Rickard (Chair)
- Celine Marchenay (Executive, Secretary)
- Julia Baumann (supporting the Technical Tour development)
- Maria Matamala (supporting the Program and Abstracts preparation/review
- Emily Plymin (supporting the Program and Abstracts preparation/review)
- Sarah Watkins (former Executive)

The purpose of the 2023/24 Conference and Awards sub-committee was to plan and deliver a successful and sustainable Stormwater Conference to be held in Regional Victoria in San Remo in June 2024 with the following KPIs and outcomes:

• Maintain or increase conference attendance numbers

The total number of delegates to the 2024 Stormwater Victoria Conference under the theme of 'Advocacy, Adaptation and Action' was xxx comprising 216 registered attendees on each of the two days of the conference (up by a total of x attendees from 219 (2023) at the 2023 Ballarat State Conference. The conference was sold out.

· Maintain financial viability of the conference

We made a surplus of approx. \$28k at the end of the Conference.

• Diversity of speakers

Three keynote speakers spoke at the conference:

Interstate keynote speaker, Peter Gillam, who spoke about using a circular economy approach to the development of the Aerotropolis development in Western Sydney

Leanne Reichard, our first international keynote speaker, who spoke about the transformative potential of data driven stormwater management solutions and the lessons learned.

Futurist Simon Waller, who spoke about the role of futurism in developing resilience before being joined by guests from Maribyrnong City Council (Kirsten Tanner), the Insurance Council of Australia (Duncan Sheppard), Hydrologic (Leanne Reichard) and Monash Sustainable Development Institute (Adriana Keating) in a discussion panel on how we might create action in the absence of a crisis.

Improve the event quality:

- We aimed to improve the abstract screening process to increase the diversity of presentations e.g. the breadth of organisations and individuals participating
- We were able to partially fund bursaries for two attendees.
- We again had a delegate voted 'Best Presentation' of the day for each day of the conference.

The Conference

The 2024 Stormwater Victoria Conference theme was 'Advocacy, Adaptation and Action' enabled us to explore the many ways that we might continue to improve outcomes in the stormwater management space. We adjusted the four concurrent streams to match the theme with:

- Ain't no stopping us now taking action
- Full circle designing to maintaining and operating
- Imagine Advocating for a sustainable future
- The Times They Are A Changin'- Adapting to Uncertain Times



Conference and Awards Sub Committee Report 2023 - 2024

Following the success in 2023, we again had a panel session which this year focused on the creation of proactive, rather than reactive, response to crises.

We had two pre-conference workshops which were extremely well attended:

Optimal Stormwater: VIC Guidelines for the Maintenance of Stormwater Treatment Measures

Stormy Water Solutions: Water Sensitive Urban Design Concept Design.

Continuation of this offering should be explored.

We were able to offer a bursary to two participants this year.

Best presentation, as voted by attendees, was awarded each day.

Dinner a more informal grazing style dinner was held with a casino theme. Feedback for the dinner was good.

Technical Tour: The Technical Tour was delivered on the day after the conference, on Thursday 6th June 2024. A total of xx delegates registered to attend the technical tour. It included visits to:

- Westernport Seagrass Partnership mangrove planting site
- Pioneer Bay Wetland
- Tenby Point Raingardens
- The Cape

Awards for Excellence were again held this year during the conference.

Awards were presented for:

- Excellence in Integrated Stormwater Design: Murrk Ngubitj Yarram Yaluk (formerly Bellarine Basin) Transformation (Spiire, Alan Davidson)
- Excellence in Policy or Education: Flood management capacity building training program (Melbourne Water, Lucy McLaren, Rain Consulting, Luke Cunningham)

- Excellence in Asset Management: A little litter goes a long way: Innovation in litter assessments (Streamology, Paulina Elizalde)
- Excellence in Strategic or Master Planning: Kingston's Integrated Water Strategy - Planning for Climate & Future Growth (XXXXX)
- Excellence in Research and Innovation: MUSICX automation and optimisation to test harvesting targets across Melbourne (Arup, Celeste Morgan)

The key takeaways from the 2024 conference evaluation report to be used when preparing the 2025 conference by the next sub-committee:

- Continue to support regional venues.
- Continue to build support for student scholarship as noted last year, the bursary could be scaled up by developing effective funding arrangements and networks with key Universities.
- Panel session was highly rated. Future conferences may want to consider making this a regular feature.
- The pre-conference workshops were also well attended and consideration should be given to offering workshops again
- Consider timing and format of awards, including consideration of streamlining of the application process to improve participation.

Prepared by: Alison Rickard - Chair Conference & Awards Sub Committee 2023/24 Stormwater Victoria

Events Sub Committee Report

Events Subcommittee for FY22-23 is comprised of the following group members:

- Zubin Irani Chair
- Charlotte Beresford Executive Representative
- Nausheen Obaid Member
- Lily Dorraj Member
- Tom Stephanou Member
- Mahima Sivaji

The core role of this sub-committee is 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 through technical events and networking
- Collaborate with other sub-committees within SV to provide relevant industry/educational events
- Oversee, coordinate and propel industry and membership engagement by coordinating and delivering a number of key committee projects and initiatives
- Engage with SV members and the wider water industry through Social Media and Newsletter channels

In addition to events, the sub-committee is dedicated to facilitating regular community to our members via 'The Outlet' Newsletter and our LinkedIn page.

Event/s	Month	Event Type
End of Year Drinks	November 2023	In person 68 people registered
Moonee Ponds Creek Site Tour	December 2023	In person 56 people registered
Keeley Park Site Tour	February 2024	In person 80 people registered
MUSIC Modelling Guidelines Webinar	May 2024	Webinar 433 people registered 403 views
SV Award Winners	August 2024	Webinar Registrations - confirm with GEMS after event (27 August)



Events Sub Committee Report

Success Factors identified in Business Plan FY2022-2023	Comments	Performance
Blended event to be inclusive of regional members	Event targeted: 4 x webinars (including standalone, or in series), 1 x live-event proposed, 1-2 x networking events, including 1x in person SV networking event Events deliver A series of 2 x pinars + 1 x b breakfast seminar (all recordings a dilable to paregistrations) 1 x standalone webinar 3 x in person events (included x networking & 1 x seminar)	All the events are well coordinated and delivered this year. All committee members on the team took responsibility and leadership at some point which really helped to strongly deliver a series of positive and interesting events.
Ensure gender diversity of presenters	We have worked act diversity in both the group and audience group	 Diverse presenters in all our events this year Committee continues to ensure diversity of presenters
Co-run at least one of the events with a new organisation (if possible given climate)	We have partnered multiple external agencies to deliver events this year. This includes EPA Victoria, DEECA, Melbourne Water, Melbourne University, private consultancies, etc.	 Collaborated with a range of external agencies. Continue to work towards improvement
Implement a review after each event to record reflections and lessons learned, and progressively document these into annual report FY22-23.	We have surveys sent out to our members to gather feedback after each event.	Survey results reviewed Feedback and gaps for improvement identified Recommend Events Team next year to work towards some internal "lesson learned" meetings, to review and reflect as a group after each event.
Communications		
Increase engagement of events by exploring the effectiveness of current promotional strategy (Outlet Newsletter & Social Media)	This year, we have integrated our Social Media and Newsletter team under the overarching umbrella of the Events and Communication team.	This approach has worked effectively, as our comms team can promote our events effectively by directly reaching out to our members through LinkedIn or E-Newsletters.

Events Sub Committee Report

Success Factors identified in Business Plan FY2022-2023	Comments	Performance
Ensure event topics respond to survey and membership engagement.	Topics covered in events and webinars are based on feedback from previous surveys	The Events responded to the member feedback from last year's survey by delivering a series of important events. The team is working towards shaping more events that add value to our membership.
Ensure that event or webinar feedback is reviewed, with constructive feedback implemented on subsequent delivery of events	Events feedback is reviewed	 Construction feedback is implemented. The team will continue to review member feedback and implement accordingly.
Increase student-memberships and engagement through industry events	Continue to work to ds this	Expand our students membership through university outreach.



After a successful restructure to reform the Events and Communication subcommittee in the beginning of this term, the team looks to continue to build on the success we have achieved this year. The team continues to aim to deliver excellent value and benefits to our members and the broader stormwater industry in the future.

Prepared by:

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Chair Events Sub Committee Stormwater Victoria

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