



WELCOMING OUR NEW FELLOWS

The EIANZ Board is pleased to announce the appointment of nine new Fellows. The status of Fellow is recognition of the leading role that a member has played in the environment profession. It is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their professional standing and commitment to ethical practice over an extended period. Congratulations to these worthy recipients!



MATTHEW BAIRD
FEIANZ CEnvP

Matthew Baird is a leading practitioner in environmental and planning law attaining a laudable national and international reputation, with a speciality in environmental impact assessment, sustainable development, the law relating to climate change, international environmental law and has been at the forefront of environmental litigation in Australia. Within the EIANZ he has been a member for 28 years and a past active NSW Division Committee member. He is a CEnvP. He has concurrently held numerous senior positions within other related professional associations. His international work is outstanding, based largely in ASEAN countries, reinforcing the respected status of an Australian trained and experienced environmental practitioner. Amongst numerous international commissions, he is an advisor on environmental law with the Myanmar Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and was an advisor and Member of the Permanent Secretariat of the Technical Working Group for the Cambodian Ministry of Environment drafting the Environmental Code of Cambodia.



IAN BOOTHROYD
FEIANZ
CEnvP - Ecology

Ian Boothroyd has been at the forefront of leadership and sustained ethical practice within the environmental sector of NZ, through his senior role in several organisations (including research institutes, University and consultancy), his contribution to several learned societies, including EIANZ (where he was NZ Chapter President from 2015-2017 and continues to serve on the Executive Committee), his role as Associate Editor of AJEM, and his influence through his ethics, advocacy and representation at all levels on behalf of the environmental profession. He is a skilled and experienced manager of ecological impact assessments and his opinions and solution-focus are highly sought; he is also a recognised decision-maker for regulatory consent and permissions involving environmental impacts, where he has acted for several regulatory authorities in NZ. In addition, Ian has been involved in the publication of several national guidelines (including the award-winning EIANZ Guideline for Ecological Impact Assessment in NZ), and has published many scientific papers and reports. Ian has taught many practitioners and continues to mentor early career starts in their chosen profession. As an environmental practitioner, who has a record sustained leadership, contribution and influence within the environmental sector, Ian is a highly deserving recipient of an EIANZ Fellowship.

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PATRICE BROWN
FEIANZ CEnvP

Patrice Brown is a very special person to those she has mentored and influenced as an environmental professional. She has been an inspiration to many, finding different and better ways to protect the environment and to ensure environmental professionals are valued for what they do. Growing up on the land and working in as an environmental practitioner for over 30 years, Patrice is a conduit between the environmental profession and the heavy industry, tourism, mining, agriculture and the construction sectors to foster and enable sustainable economic development.

She has played an active part in the almost forgotten movement of changing old-school attitudes that once existed in industry and major projects, to what practitioners in the field take for granted today, in areas of environmental awareness, protection and conservation, and social and community licence to operate. Patrice has done the hard yards, in many ways thankless, paving the way for the profession's raised profile, recognition, appreciated value and importance.

Patrice has been recognised as an industry thought leader, a passionate advocate for protecting environmental and cultural values and has been bestowed a number of awards for her achievements. She has developed strong, trusted relationships with Indigenous groups throughout Queensland and has provided pro-bono on-country land management training and business development advice to several groups during her career. She established CQG Consulting in 2003, which is now one of regional Queensland's largest environmental consultancy businesses.



CAROL CONACHER
FEIANZ
CEnvP - Ecology

Carol Conacher is recognised within her field as a leading consulting ecologist Australia-wide. Adopting an approach to consulting based on rigorous science and ethical integrity, Carol has contributed over three decades to raising the standard of practice expected of the profession.

Carol has also meaningfully contributed to the career development of many young ecologists, through training, mentoring and the example she sets. Significantly, Carol has led the application of rigorous science to real-world issues. Recognising the realities of commercial constraints, Carol has innovated to retain the rigour of academic methods, while substantially reducing costs.



PAULETTE JONES
FEIANZ CEnvP

Very much influenced by EIANZ, working as a research assistant at the Institute of Applied Environmental Research at Griffith University around the time the EIANZ was launched by Tor Hundloe, Paulette has been a strong advocate of the Institute and of the CEnvP program throughout her 30 year career in environmental practice.

Over those years she has been witness to the rise of environmental professionals and has played a role in bridging what were significant gaps between scientists, the commercial world and regulators – one project at a time. She has introduced and mentored many ecologists in consulting practice, which is not always a great fit but an absolute necessity to ensure the accuracy of information relied upon by decision-makers.

Adhering to the EIANZ Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct has been key to retaining skilled ecologists and her specialist ecological consultancy (BAAM) is known for technical excellence, integrity and professionalism - key ingredients to achieve cooperation for sustainable outcomes.



PAUL KEIGHLEY
FEIANZ

Paul Keighley is a leader in the environment profession in Australia, having worked across public, private and not-for-profit sectors. He has led policies, projects and programs in several environmental fields, including impact assessment, climate change, ecology and bushfire, and industry sectors, such as energy, water, urban development and major infrastructure.

Paul's contributions to the EIANZ are substantial, since joining as a student member in 2001. He was Secretary of the Institute for six years, driving a range of initiatives and has been a passionate supporter of professional development for students and early career practitioners across the environment sector. Paul is an energetic collaborator and inspiring team leader. He has led the delivery of projects that have become outstanding additions to the suite of professional development activities delivered by EIANZ.

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BRUCE KENNEDY
FEIANZ

Dr Bruce Kennedy has been involved with environmental protection since joining the Western Australian EPA in 1985, where one of his roles was leading the environmental impact assessment process for major industrial development proposals.

In 1996 he was appointed Executive Director of the National Environment Protection Council, where he was responsible for the development of National Environment Protection Measures, which provide national environmental protection standards and guidance. Measures for air quality, assessment of site contamination, and environmental emissions reporting via the National Pollutant Inventory (amongst others) were developed during Bruce's tenure. He was also responsible for management of the then Environment Protection and Heritage Council which amongst other things developed national guidance for water re-use and recycling. Bruce co-chaired the national committee which oversaw the establishment of national vehicle emission standards.

In 2011, Bruce took up the role of Program Leader at CRC CARE, where one focus of his program was the development of the National Remediation Framework for the clean-up and management of contaminated sites across Australia. The finalised Framework has been endorsed by all states and territories.

The Assessment of Site Contamination National Environment Protection Measure and the National Remediation Framework together provide Australia with a comprehensive suite of guidance covering assessment, remediation and management of soil and groundwater contamination.



NICK THOMAS
FEIANZ

Nick is an outstanding environmental lawyer and a significant contributor to environmental law and policy. He is held in very high regard within the legal profession (from the judiciary to young lawyers), as well as all levels of government, industry and the broader environmental professional community.

His strong commitment to EIANZ for 15 years is demonstrated in his service on the NSW Committee for several years, his creation and convening of the well-respected EIANZ environmental expert witness course, and his hosting of, and presentations at, many EIANZ conferences and events.

Nick has a passion for sharing his expertise on a broad range of environmental issues. This is demonstrated through his contributions to a wide range of initiatives in areas such as sustainability, climate change, biodiversity conservation and strategic planning, and his generosity with his time for other practitioners.



MARK WILLIAMSON
FEIANZ

Mark Williamson is a leader in the environment profession in Australia. He has held senior roles in the renewable energy and environment sectors at all levels of government and the private sector. He is an Executive General Manager at the Clean Energy Regulator and has previously led the operations of the Queensland Environment Protection Agency after moving north from Victoria.

Mark is a long-standing member of the EIANZ and has held senior and influential positions in the Institute, including as President of the ACT Division and as vice-president of the South-east Queensland Division. In these roles, and as part of the Institute's former governing Council, Mark contributed significantly to major projects for the profession and for the governance and strategic direction of the Institute.

Mark continues to mentor emerging and mid-career practitioners, as he leads important work that accelerates the renewable energy transition.
