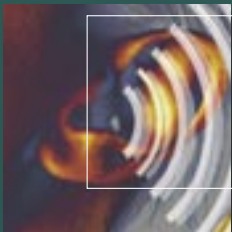




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Directors

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*National President
(since Nov 7, 2005)*

Bruce Morton, MAIEH

Bruce holds a Master of Health Science, Graduate Diploma in Health Promotion and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health).

Currently employed as the Assistant Director, Environmental Health Services, Brisbane Southside Public Health Unit, Bruce has worked in both local and state governments as an Environmental Health Officer and with the Heart Foundation as a Regional Health Manager. He joined the AIEH as a student member in 1990 and has been a full member since 1994. Bruce was elected to the Queensland Branch in 1997 and is currently Vice President. He has been a National Board Director since 2002 and Senior Vice President since October 2003.

Bruce has been National Treasurer of the AIEH and Chairperson of the Finance Management Committee.

Bruce's background includes management, policy development and University and TAFE lecturing.



Vice President

Fleur Cousins, MAIEH

Fleur has been working in the area of Environmental Health for 10 years within local government and is currently employed by Knox City Council in the role of Co-ordinator Health Services.

Fleur has been actively involved with the Victorian Branch of the AIEH since 1997 and has held the positions of Associate State Councilor, State Councilor, State Conference committee member and secretary of the Food Safety Special Interest Group. Most recently Fleur has been in the role of Branch President from August 2003 to August 2005 and joined the Board of Directors in August 2003.

During her time on the Board, Fleur has held the position of Chair of the Finance Management Committee, Convener of the 2004 National Conference held in Melbourne and is currently National Vice President.

Fleur has a real passion for the Environmental Health profession and is committed to enhancing the role of the AIEH to support Environmental Health Practitioners.



Vice President

Philip Swain, FAIEH

Philip initially completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) Degree at Curtin University of Technology in 1987. He also holds a Graduate Diploma in Public Sector Management from that Institution and is currently studying Environmental Design at the University of Western Australia.

Philip is currently the Director Community Services at the City of Nedlands in Perth. He has worked in various local governments, initially as a trainee for four years, and as an Environmental Health Officer for over 18 years. Philip was first elected as a State Councilor in 1989 and was appointed Vice President in 1991. He has worked on numerous working parties and Committees, on a variety of subjects, for the AIEH since that time. Formerly a Director from 1992 to 1994, Philip rejoined the Board in 2004. Originally joining the membership in 1988 as an Associate Member, Philip was advanced to the status of Fellow in 2004.

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Director

Michael Livori, FAIEH

Michael has been in the Environmental Health profession for 23 years.

He holds an Associate Diploma in Health Surveying, a Certificate in Management and Organisational Leadership, a Graduate Certificate of Management, and is currently enrolled in a MBA at Deakin University.

His current position is Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Health Authority. The Authority is a "Regional Subsidiary" which provides Environmental Health Services to six local government authorities in metropolitan Adelaide.

Michael has represented the AIEH on various groups and committees including ministerial appointments to the Food Reform Taskforce and Public & Environmental Health Council and held the position of Branch President for 5 years.



Director

Joseph Zappavigna, MAIEH

In 1992 Joseph Zappavigna completed his Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health) at Curtin University in WA and in 1997 completed his Graduate Diploma (Environmental Science) at Murdoch University also in WA. In the same year he was awarded, jointly with a current colleague, the 1992 Harold Salter Award for students showing the highest level of professional potential during the study of environmental health.

Joseph has just completed his tenth year as an Environmental Health Officer at the City of Fremantle in Western Australia and between 1992 and 1995 he worked for the City of Perth (three years) and the Town of Victoria Park (four months).

Since 1992 Joseph has been a member of AIEH from third year Student and progressed his membership from Associate to Member status with AIEH in 1994.

Joseph has consistently been elected to WA/NT Branch Council since 1998. During his time on Branch Council he has been involved in various committees, including legislation review and food safety. Particularly Joseph's interests are in the environmental management field of the Environmental Health profession and he continues to coordinate the WA/NT Branch Environmental Management Special Interest Group.

In June 2004 Joseph was elected as a Director on the Board of AIEH and has most recently participated with the CEO and the other Directors in the strategic plan review of AIEH. Joseph plans to remain with AIEH as a member, a Branch Councillor and a Director for as long as possible. He urges those Environmental Health Practitioners considering becoming an AIEH member to act now to make their contribution to the worthwhile profession of environmental health.

Directors

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Director

Ron Fry, MAIEH

Ron has been an Environmental Health Officer since 1986 and is employed by the Hobart City Council. He joined the AIEH in 1987 and was elected on the Tasmanian Branch Council in 2003. He holds a Diploma of Applied Science (Environmental Health) awarded by the Institute of TAFE Tasmania in 1996.

Ron has gained experience in the profession working with other councils in the greater Hobart area, the North West coast of Tasmania and for a short period with the Department of Health and Human Services in the area of food safety. In 1995 he joined the Institute of TAFE Tasmania where he taught a number of subjects in the current Advanced Diploma of Environmental Health course for eight years. During this time he was awarded a Bachelor of Adult Vocation and Education from the University of Tasmania. He also delivers food handler training to food business operators for the Hobart City Council.

Ron is Senior Vice President of the Tasmanian Branch of the AIEH.



*Director
(since April 12, 2006)*

Eric Johnson, MAIEH

Eric qualified as an Environmental Health Officer in 1981 and worked for several years with the Hobart City Council before moving to the State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). He joined the AIEH in the early 80s and is a current member of the Tasmanian Branch Council.

Eric's duties with DHHS are centred on formulating and implementing State food policy and legislation and managing the small food safety team. He has significant day-to-day contact with Tasmanian Local Government EHOs on all matters concerning food safety and also represents the State on several national food safety forums including the Implementation Sub Committee.



*National
President
(July 1, 2005 to
November 7, 2005)*

Graham Pares, MAIEH

Graham has been a Director on the AIEH Board since October 2002 and President of the NSW Branch for the same period. During that time he has served in positions on the Finance Management Committee and assisted the executive in many of the achievements of the past years.

Presently engaged as the Co-Ordinator of Environmental Health at Penrith City Council, Graham's career has included working in some of the largest metropolitan Council's in NSW. A country boy born and bred, Graham benefited from entering the profession through a traineeship with the local Council and is a keen advocate for the blending of educational and practical experiences.

Having previously spent several years as an environmental health consultant to local government, Graham is aware of the challenges that the shortage of qualified Environmental Health Practitioners presents and is focused on ensuring that the AIEH is capable of providing the leadership necessary to address these challenges.

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*Board Policy and
Governance Advisor*

Jim Smith, LFAIEH

Jim is a Director of the Infocus Management Group Pty Ltd and has been providing public health management services for eighteen years to government, industry and the community sectors. Jim's background includes nursing, environmental health, management, university teaching and research, and business management. Jim was the Chief Environmental Health Officer, Victorian Department of Health (1989 -1992) and chaired a number of food safety advisory committees. Jim's public health management interests are in local strategic planning and facilitation, policy development, and professional development and he has provided consultancy services to numerous local government authorities and state government departments. In the industry sector Jim has been a consultant on food safety policy to a number of industry peak organisations and provides food safety management services to both small and multinational businesses. His research interests are intergovernmental relations in public health, the history and development of the local government public health role, and food safety policy.

Jim has been an active member of the Institute for many years and currently chairs the Board's Environmental Health Course Advisory Committee, facilitates the Educators' Forum, and is the Editor of Environmental Health. In the past he has been President of the Victorian Branch (1998-2002), a Board Director (1999 - 2003) and National Vice President (2000 - 2003) and was elevated to Life Fellow of the Institute in 2002 for his services to the Institute.

Queensland Branch President (July 1, 2005 to February 10, 2006)

Alison Bray, MAIEH

Alison graduated from Queensland Institute of Technology in 1982 and worked as a Health Inspector with Queensland Health for 2 years. Since then she has worked for Pine Rivers Shire Council in a range of environmental health roles and moved into an environmental health management position in 1995. She is currently the Manager – Community Response. Alison recently completed a six month secondment as Acting Manager of Customer Service & Marketing. She is active in providing representation for the Local Government Association of Queensland on a number of working parties and actively contributes to the South East Queensland Regional Organisation of Council's Environmental Health Networking Group. Alison is also the Vice President of the Queensland Cemetery and Crematoria Association.

On the home front, Alison is married and has two teenage children. Her vision for the AIEH is to enhance the status of our organisation within the broader environmental health community and to work in partnership with the national executive to establish the AIEH as the premier professional body for Environmental Health Practitioners.

Queensland Branch President (Since February 10, 2006)

Virgil Kelk, FAIEH

Virgil commenced work with the Queensland Department of Health as a cadet health inspector in January 1971. He has worked with Queensland Health since that time and holds the position of Director of Environmental Health Services for the Darling Downs Population Health Unit based in Toowoomba. Virgil has responsibility for a wide range of environmental health issues including drugs and poisons, foods, communicable diseases and environmental toxicology. While based

in Toowoomba, the area that Virgil has responsibility for is mostly rural and remote, includes 36 local governments and covers an area that is more than half the size of New South Wales.

Virgil has a significant interest in water quality and disaster management. He has been involved in the delivery of the AIEH Queensland Branch Disaster Management for Public Health Course since its inception in 1997 and was awarded an Excellence Award for his work in disaster management in 2005. Virgil became a Fellow of the AIEH in 2002.

South Australian Branch President

Cathy Isbester, FAIEH

Cathy has been a committed and active Councillor of the South Australian Branch since 1995 and is serving her second term as Branch President. Having previously held positions of Vice President of the Branch, and Director and Vice President on the Board of Directors, Cathy has represented the AIEH and profession on numerous committees including a ministerial appointment to the Public and Environmental Health Council. Her current AIEH activities are focused on her role as Branch President and the development of an emergency management training program for environmental health officers in South Australia.

Cathy has been employed in the environmental health profession for 14 years gaining broad experience while working individually and in a team setting in the disciplines of environmental health. She has led several strategic planning projects such as the development of Public and Environmental Health Management Plans for three Councils and a pilot project to demonstrate the potential for community emergency risk management in a metropolitan setting. Currently appointed by the City of Mitcham, Cathy is employed as an Environmental Health Officer.

Cathy was awarded Fellow membership of the AIEH in 2001.

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Tasmanian Branch President

Mark Dwyer, MAIEH

Mark commenced his public health career in 1978 as a cadet health inspector with the Hobart City Council. Twenty eight years later he is now the Manager Environmental Health at the same council and continues to find the job exciting, challenging and stimulating. The transformation of local government in Tasmania from a sleeping dinosaur into a vibrant and competitive business over this period has certainly fuelled his enthusiasm to remain an active public health professional at 'the coalface'.

Mark's other professional interests include presiding over the AIEH's Branch activities in Tasmania.

Mark believes that there is much to accomplish and achieve for the members and EHOs alike, and it is very gratifying to be working on Branch Council with such a keen, motivated and dedicated group of people that share the same goal. His final career-orientated academic challenge is to study and qualify for the new Bachelor of Environmental Health that will soon be offered at the University of Tasmania. Mark's ambitions at this stage of his career are to maintain good health, a trim waistline, a sense of humour and the current level of enthusiasm for his career and the AIEH.

Victorian Branch President

(July 1, 2005 to August 29, 2005)

Fleur Cousins, MAIEH

Victorian Branch President

(Since August 29, 2005)

Andrew Demidowski, MAIEH

Andrew Demidowski has been working within Local Government for 21 years spanning six Councils, namely the City of Melbourne, Shire of Hampden, City of Berwick, City of Dandenong, City of Greater Dandenong and now City of Yarra. During this time he has undertaken many responsibilities within each organisation and has continuously

upgraded his skills by undertaking numerous small courses and workshops, and completing a Diploma of Business Management together with a Certificate 3 Frontline Business Management.

Over the last 9 years Andrew has worked his way through the system with the Victorian Branch of the AIEH as Group Secretary Eastern & Southern Region for 3 years, Convenor of the Immunisation & Communicable Diseases SIG and Vice President before being elected President in 2005. During this time he has managed the implementation of the Swimming Pool & Spa Monitoring Workshop, developed an audit tool and related policy for the Personal Care and Body Art Industry Guidelines, and lastly implemented a Business Plan and Service Charter for the benefit of members.

Western Australian and Northern Territory Branch President

(July 1, 2005 to May 2006)

Philip Swain MAIEH

Western Australian and Northern Territory Branch President

(Since May 2006)

Darren Ponton MAIEH

Darren Ponton is currently the Environmental Health Co-ordinator at the City of Perth, a position he has held for eleven years, having worked at the City of Perth in environmental health positions for nearly 20 years. He is AIEH WA/NT Branch President, Chairperson of the National FoodSafe® Committee, and former Food Safety Special Interest group Convenor in WA. Through his employment at City of Perth he is currently a member of the Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee and Perth City Alcohol Accord. As well as a Degree in Environmental Health, his qualifications include an MBA in Health Services Administration, and Graduate Diplomas in Public Health, Health Administration and Public Sector Management.

Darren started as a student member of the Institute in 1984, and progressed

through Associate to full Membership. He became a State Councillor for a period in the early 1990s, returning in 2004, becoming Branch Vice President in 2005 and President of the WA/NT Branch at its Branch General Meeting in May 2006.



Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary

Waikay Lau, MAIEH

Prior to joining AIEH Waikay was recruited by Dow Jones to manage the circulation marketing of *The Asian Wall Street Journal* in Asia-Pacific. Based in Hong Kong his role included the development of regional and country-specific marketing programs as well as establishing partnership agreements with multi-national corporations. Waikay advanced quickly to become *The Asian Wall Street Journal's* Country Manager for Taiwan where he established and headed the country's business operations. Soon after he was promoted to Regional Circulation Manager overseeing the sales and marketing of the business daily in Greater China; China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. In 1999 Waikay joined WSJ.com (Wall Street Journal Online) as the Marketing & Circulation Director for the Asia-Pacific region, reporting directly to the Dow Jones headquarters in New York. His responsibility included brand building, marketing, promotions, and product sales in over 13 Asia-Pacific countries.

In 2001 Waikay and his family returned to Australia for a quieter life after their first daughter was born. Waikay has a BSc. Environmental Studies from Griffith University and an MBA in International Management and enjoys his volunteer work with WWF, the Heart Foundation and his daughter's kindergarten association.

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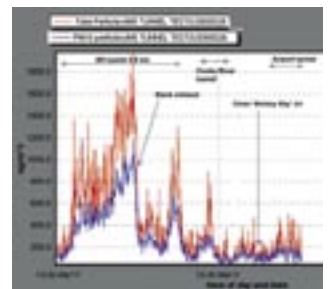
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Letter from the National President

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Dear Members,

It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve the Australian Institute of Environmental Health membership as National President and Vice President over the past year and I would like to highlight some actions that AIEH has progressed in the last year.

Firstly for the operations of AIEH, your Board has continued its reforms to ensure accountability within the organisation at Branch and National levels. These include setting and meeting budgets and business plans and the development of operational policies and drafting of By-laws, which provide the detail for the operation of our organisation. Now that this work is close to being finalised, AIEH will start to work on policies on environmental health to demonstrate our position on relevant issues or the need for necessary action.

The Board of Directors has endorsed a broad strategic plan (available on our website) to ensure that the AIEH has a comprehensive plan in place to guide decisions around new initiatives and provides pathways for the future of AIEH and the profession. Stemming from this Plan, your Board has embarked on or confirmed several important initiatives that will have long term impacts on the membership, the organisation and on the profession. These initiatives are progressive in scope for the profession and will change in some areas the way that AIEH operates into the future.

One of our continuing initiatives is our flagship publication the Journal *Environmental Health*. Under the editorship of Jim Smith LFAIEH, *Environmental Health* has taken on a new look, broader articles and continues to receive strong support from the profession. The challenge is in relation to generating more relevant articles for publication to inform our diverse membership. The status of a professional association is dependant on providing a peer reviewed publication and it is membership contributions to *Environmental Health* that will promote growth and development of the profession. I encourage all members to consider submitting articles, whatever significance or topic, for your peers to read.

One of the strategies that I have advanced as President this year is the development of more cooperative relationships with key organisations for progressing broader goals to improve environmental health outcomes. These organisations at the national level include enhealth, Food Safety Information Council, Food Implementation Subcommittee of the Department of Health and Ageing and Local Government Managers Association. A significant amount has been achieved through joint meetings and presentations and all are committed to continue cooperative efforts that meet mutual goals. I am particularly hopeful that our workforce dilemma and advocacy efforts with environmental health issues will be strengthened by the greater cooperation and

recognition of the environmental health profession. It is not about rehashing negatives or complaining about the situation for me as the issues are well known, it is about moving on with the agenda for the membership AIEH represents.

We have been an active and dynamic organisation at group, branch and national levels over the past 12 months (although often not recognised) and one that has consistently been strong with memberships, subscriptions and sponsorship. With each AIEH activity, publication and event, we are providing services to our membership and cultivating new members. As we plan and deliver these activities, let us be mindful of both our membership and our potential membership, such that their needs are anticipated and accommodated as far as is reasonable. The challenges ahead of us are very real, but I believe that if we look to the future and be part of the agenda setting, then AIEH will be well placed to harness opportunities. A challenge is the strain on the workforce and where an Environmental Health Technician can have a role with environmental health management. Further, we must be mindful of the international landscape of environmental health and our membership of the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) as being the only Australian environmental or public health association member places us in an enviable position with our involvement in the international scene. I believe one of our greatest challenges in Australia is to fully embrace an international perspective on environmental health and develop action agendas on climate change, crisis and disaster management and urban environments and their impact on human health. We will be working with the IFEH on these topics which will also be components of AIEH's International Congress on Environmental Health in Brisbane in 2008. With our hosting this 2008 Congress and work towards the 2006 Congress in Ireland, AIEH has developed closer links with the IFEH and I trust these will continue to grow and prosper for the improvement of global environmental health management.

As a final word I encourage members to remain active in the business of the AIEH. Become involved to make the AIEH what you want it to be. Our membership continues to be represented at various forums, our status within government remains high and the need to respond to environmental health issues in Australia becomes more evident each year. I look forward to reporting to you further achievements and the progress of the profession.

Bruce Morton MAIEH
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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16 th Getting To Know Groundwater and Surfacewater	Wed 25 - Fri 27 April 2007	WA
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4 th Soil and Groundwater Pollution: Characterisation, Remediation, and Risk Management	Tues 12 - Fri 15 June 2007	WA
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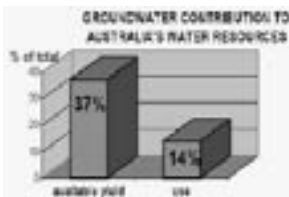
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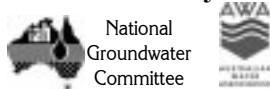
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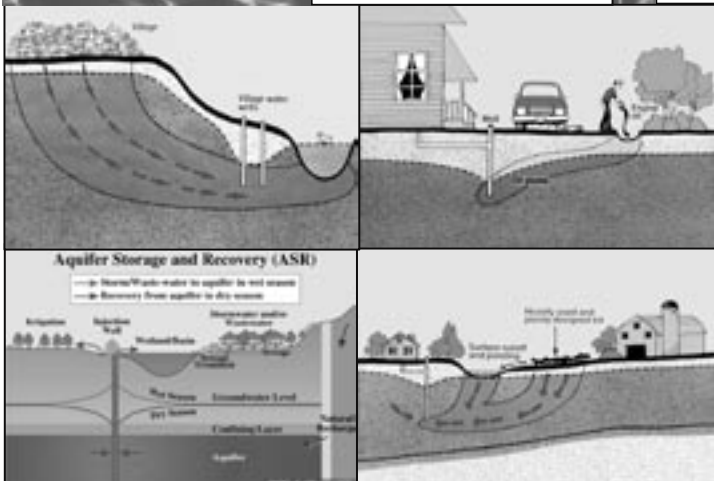


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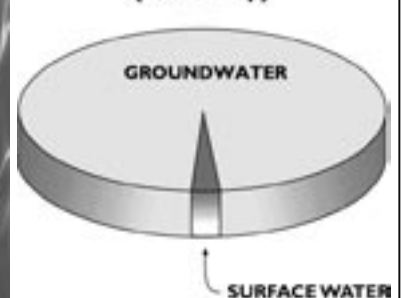
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Letter from the CEO

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Dear Members,

The financial year 2005-2006 brings us to three consecutive years of profitability. Over that time, it is encouraging and motivating to bear witness to the synergy created by members working cohesively and tirelessly in the promotion of our organisation and for the betterment of Environmental Health.

The relationship that we have been cultivating with our strategic partners is now showing signs of a positive long term partnership while the continued success of our many seminars and conferences are testament to our team of highly dedicated members and staff - all positively contributing to another year of growth.

In our third year of profitability, I am pleased to report that revenue from ordinary operations for the fiscal year 2006 was \$1.1 million netting a modest net profit of \$29,284. Our cash flow and balance sheet continues to remain strong, and as predicted at the end of last fiscal year, our cash reserve will now provide the funds needed as we embark on new initiatives in the coming year.

Plans are already underway for the development of FoodSafe Online, an interactive alternative to the popular FoodSafe Food Handlers Training Program. The completion of the AIEH Postgraduate Accreditation Policy in December 2006 is expected to increase the number of EHO graduates to assist in the alleviation of the skills shortage. And the introduction of the new "What is Environmental Health?" website designed specifically for high school students, is aimed to educate and to create interest in our profession at the career decision level. Preparations are also well underway for the 10th World Congress on Environmental Health in Brisbane 2008, an international event hosted by AIEH that will bring together international experts debating and discussing the theme of "Environmental Health, a Sustainable Future – 20 years on...".

Milestones have also been exceeded in the past 12 months. Since the introduction of the AIEH Undergraduate Course Accreditation Policy in August 2004, six universities nationwide have had their environmental health degree course accredited. By December 2006 there will be a total of eight university degree courses in Australia, and AIEH will have finally succeeded in achieving its aim of having at least one Environmental Health university course in each State of Australia.

In March this year we asked all our members their opinion on whether we should rebrand or relaunch our AIEH logo. The response to this survey was overwhelming and the result of this survey will be incorporated with the new marketing initiatives planned for this year.

In the past 12 months I have had the opportunity to work closely with members from all around Australia on different AIEH projects, and I continue to be amazed by the dedication and enthusiasm shown. As a not-for-profit organisation, we are indebted to our members for the role they play. The 2005 32nd National Conference held in Adelaide, South Australia was a stupendous event as was the Australian Night at the 9th World Congress in Dublin, Ireland. Over 30 members and their partners travelled to Dublin to attend the World Congress. Our Committees, Special Interest Groups, Branch Councillors and Regional Groups from all around Australia are all performing an outstanding task.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with all our members and the challenge to deliver outstanding results in the coming year.

Waikay Lau MAIEH
Chief Executive Officer

Audit Committee Report

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

The audit committee plays a key role in assisting the Board to fulfil its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to areas such as the company's financial reporting, and the internal and external audit functions. The audit committee is a sub-committee of the Board with no separate authority. The Board retains collective responsibility for decisions, performance and outcomes.







The committee is satisfied with the audit process that has taken place for the 2005/2006 calendar year and has been working with the administration during this period to develop more appropriate periodic reporting.

It should be noted that the whilst the reported result for this period is a small surplus, appropriate financial management strategies are required to ensure the company continues to operate at a surplus in the face of a declining membership base.

Michael Livori FAIEH
AUDIT COMMITTEE, CHAIR

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Report of the Directors

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30th June 2006.

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

B. Morton, G. Pares, F. Cousins, M. Livori, E. Johnson, J. Zappavigna, P. Swain, R. Fry.

During the financial year, seven (7) meetings of directors were held. Set out below are details of each person that was a director during the financial year, the number of meetings attended by each director and number of meetings each director was eligible to attend (shown in brackets).

<i>Directors During the Financial Year 2005-2006</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
B. Morton	(7/7)
G. Pares	(3/4) (retired 7th November 2005)
F. Cousins	(6/7)
M. Livori	(5/7)
E. Johnson	(1/1) (appointed 13th May 2006)
J. Zappavigna	(7/7)
P. Swain	(6/7)
R. Fry	(6/7)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The profit of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$29,284.

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations found that the changes in market demand and competition have seen a decrease in revenue of 8.7% to \$1,159,006. The decrease in sales has contributed to the decrease in the company's operating profit before tax.

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were to promote and encourage the interest and practice of environmental health, to disseminate knowledge regarding environmental health and to uphold the status and protect the interest of those persons entitled under law to occupy the position of environmental health officer.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

As a result of the introduction of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the company's financial report has been prepared in accordance with those standards.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

The company is limited by guarantee and is prohibited by its objects from distributing its surplus to the members. Accordingly, no dividend has been paid or declared for the year by the company since the end of the previous financial year and up to the date of this report.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Report of the Directors

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is attached.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of directors:

Director



Dated this 26th day of September 2006

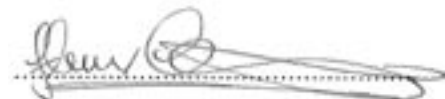
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out in this report, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th June 2006 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company;
2. the Chief Executive Officer and National Finance Officer have each declared that:
 - (a) the financial records of the company for the financial year have been properly maintained in accordance with Section 286 of the Corporations Act 2001;
 - (b) the financial statements and notes for the financial year comply with the Accounting Standards; and
 - (c) the financial statements and notes for the financial year give a true and fair view;
3. in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director:



Dated this 26th day of September 2006

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30th June 2006 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

E. F. McPHAIL AND PARTNERS



Partner: Wayne C. Durdin

Dated 28th September 2006

38 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill, Victoria, 3128

Independent Audit Report

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

To the Members
of Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration for the Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited (the company), for the year ended 30th June 2006.

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the company. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30th June 2006 and of its performance for the year ended on that date, and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001, and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements.

E. F. McPHAIL AND PARTNERS



Partner: Wayne C. Durdin

Dated 28th September 2006

Statement of Financial Position

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	342,504	249,013
Trade & other receivables	7	50,753	67,183
Inventories	8	37,665	32,834
Other current assets	9	17,721	24,241
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>448,643</u>	<u>373,271</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade & other receivables	10	11,448	2,701
Financial assets	11	13,234	11,701
Property, plant and equipment	12	98,121	110,502
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>122,803</u>	<u>124,904</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>571,446</u>	<u>498,175</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & other payables	13	85,368	103,666
Unearned revenue		131,385	84,190
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>216,753</u>	<u>187,856</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long-term provisions	14	30,177	16,172
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>30,177</u>	<u>16,172</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>246,930</u>	<u>204,028</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$324,516</u>	<u>\$294,147</u>
EQUITY			
Asset revaluation reserves		40,000	40,000
Retained earnings	15	283,396	254,112
Financial asset revaluation reserve		1,120	35
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$324,516</u>	<u>\$294,147</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Income Statement for the year ended 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
Revenue	2	1,159,006	1,269,887
Staffing costs		(285,215)	(271,926)
Occupancy costs		(26,603)	(26,457)
Administrative costs		(291,950)	(293,378)
Conferences, seminars and workshop costs		(448,320)	(424,946)
Cost of goods sold	3(a)	(61,560)	(35,092)
Depreciation and amortisation		(16,074)	(19,546)
Write down of assets		-	(55,882)
Profit before income tax expense		29,284	142,660
Income tax expense	4	-	-
Net profit		\$29,284	\$142,660

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members and others		1,209,079	1,236,539
Interest received		13,552	7,775
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,123,833)	(1,118,352)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	21	98,798	125,962
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment		(5,307)	(20,028)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(5,307)	(20,028)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		93,491	105,934
Cash at beginning of year		249,013	143,079
Cash at end of year	6	\$342,504	\$249,013

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report covers the operations of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited as an individual entity. The Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation

First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited has prepared financial statements in accordance with the Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) from 1st July 2005.

In accordance with the requirements of AASB 1: First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, adjustments to the accounts resulting from the introduction of IFRS have been applied retrospectively to 2005 comparative figures excluding cases where optional exemptions available under AASB 1 have been applied. These accounts are the first financial statements of Australian Institute of Environmental Health Limited to be prepared in accordance with AIFRS.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented. The company has, however, elected to adopt the exemptions available under AASB 1 relating to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, and AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

The company is not liable for taxation on items of member income and expenditure which are not subject to tax consistent with the doctrine of mutuality.

The company adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense shown in the statement of financial performance is based on the operating surplus before income tax adjusted for any permanent differences. The adoption of this policy normally results in the existence of a deferred income tax liability or a future income tax benefit.

In addition, future income tax benefits relating to timing differences have not been included in the financial report because realisation of those benefits is not virtually certain. The value of future income tax benefits not brought to account relating to timing differences has not been quantified as the value of the future benefit is dependent upon the proportion of future non-member activities undertaken by the company.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Statement of Financial Position

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The carrying amount of all fixed assets is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates and methods used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate	Depreciation Method
Office Premises	2.5%	Straight Line
Office Equipment	11% to 40%	Diminishing & Straight Line
Leased Office Equipment	33%	Straight Line

(d) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(e) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Long service leave benefits expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries and annual leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Long service leave benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(f) Revenue Recognition

Membership Income

Revenue from membership fees is recognised progressively over the period to which the membership relates. Membership fees are levied on a financial year basis. The portion of membership fees received that relates to the following financial year is brought to account at balance date as membership fees received in advance (unearned revenue liability).

Conference and Seminars Income

Conference and seminars income are recognised as income and expenditure when the event is held. Any income received and expenditure incurred prior to the holding of the event are brought to account as income in advance (unearned revenue liability) and prepayments (other current assets) respectively.

Grant Income

Grant income is brought to account as income in the year in which the grant is received or receivable to the extent of the expenditure which occurred during the year towards the purpose of the grant. Unexpended grant monies for grant income received or receivable during the year, including interest thereon where required under terms of the grant, are carried forward as unexpended grants (unearned revenue liability).

Sales and Other Revenue

Sales and other revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration or contributions received or receivable and is recognised when the related goods or services have been provided and the income earned.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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Australian Institute of Environmental Health

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(h) Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Fair Value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

(i) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

(k) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

Key estimates – Impairment

The company assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

	2006 \$	2005 \$
2. REVENUE		
<i>Operating Activities:</i>		
Sales revenue	133,014	150,865
Annual subscriptions and fees	259,325	313,177
Grant income	33,636	51,364
Conferences and seminars	682,856	719,798
	<u>1,108,831</u>	<u>1,235,204</u>
<i>Non-Operating Activities:</i>		
Interest received	13,552	7,775
Distributions received	1,046	426
Other	35,577	26,482
	<u>50,175</u>	<u>34,683</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,159,006</u>	<u>\$1,269,887</u>

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	2006 \$	2005 \$
3. PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		
<i>(a) Expenses</i>		
Cost of Sales	\$61,560	\$35,092
Rental expense on operating leases:		
– Minimum lease payments	\$5,417	\$5,417
<i>(b) Significant revenues and expenses</i>		
The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Conference and seminar activities:		
– revenue	682,856	719,798
– expenditure	(448,320)	(424,946)
Contribution to operating profit	\$234,536	\$294,852
4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE		
Prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before income tax at 30% (2005: 30%)	8,785	42,798
Add/(Subtract) tax effect of:		
– Member expenses not deductible	179,840	200,061
– Other non-deductible expenditure items	9,388	5,863
– Member income not assessable	(186,096)	(227,421)
– Other deductible expenditure items	(4,822)	(8,183)
– Prior year tax losses brought to account	(7,095)	(13,118)
Income tax expense attributable to operating result	-	-
5. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION		
Remuneration of the auditor for:		
– Auditing or reviewing the financial report	8,000	9,650
– Acquittals and workers' compensation	700	694
– Preparation of annual financial report	1,200	1,500
– Taxation services	800	390
	\$10,700	\$12,234
6. CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank and in hand	133,037	123,617
Short term bank deposits	209,467	125,396
	\$342,504	\$249,103
7. TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	54,612	71,042
Provision for impairment of receivables	(3,859)	(3,859)
	\$50,753	\$67,183

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	2006	2005
	\$	\$
8. INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
At Cost		
Merchandise held for resale	\$37,665	\$32,834
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
9. OTHER ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Conference prepayments	-	17,268
Prepayments	17,721	6,973
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$17,721	\$24,241
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
10. TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
NON-CURRENT		
Conference prepayments	\$11,448	\$2,701
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
11. FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Unlisted investments at fair value	\$13,234	\$11,701
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Australian Institute of Environmental Health

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	2006 \$	2005 \$
12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Office premises – at deemed cost (Note 12b)	100,000	100,000
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(17,500)	(15,000)
	<u>82,500</u>	<u>85,000</u>
Plant & equipment – at cost	97,943	129,538
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(82,322)	(104,036)
	<u>15,621</u>	<u>25,502</u>
Leased Plant & Equipment – at cost	-	4,627
Less: Accumulated amortisation	-	(4,627)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>\$98,121</u>	<u>\$110,502</u>

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	2006 Leased Plant Equipment	2006 Office Premises	2006 Plant Equipment	2006 TOTAL
Balance at beginning of year	-	85,000	25,502	110,502
Additions	-	-	5,307	5,307
Disposals/write-offs	-	-	(1,614)	(1,614)
Depreciation expense	-	(2,500)	(13,574)	(16,074)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	-	\$82,500	\$15,621	\$98,121

(b) Office Premises Valuation

A directors' valuation of office premises was undertaken as at 30th June 2004. The valuation was based on the market value of similar office premises within the area. The valuation has been disclosed for information purposes only. Office premises continue to be recognised in the financial report at deemed cost. The directors' valuation as at 30th June 2004 was \$102,500.

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	2006	2005
	\$	\$
13. TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
<i>Unsecured Liabilities:</i>		
Trade payables	39,164	82,307
Sundry payables & accrued expenses	23,630	5,728
Employee benefits	22,574	15,631
	<u>\$85,368</u>	<u>\$103,666</u>
14. PROVISIONS		
	LONG-TERM	
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
Opening balance at 1st July 2005	16,172	
Additional provisions raised during the year	14,005	
Amounts used	-	
Balance at 30th June 2006	<u>\$30,177</u>	
Analysis of total provisions:		
Current	27,231	
Non-current	2,946	
Total Provisions	<u>\$30,177</u>	
15. RETAINED EARNINGS		
Retained profit at the beginning of the year	254,112	111,452
Net profit/(deficit) attributable to members	29,284	142,660
Retained profit at the end of the financial year	<u>\$283,396</u>	<u>\$254,112</u>
16. LEASE COMMITMENTS		
<i>Operating lease commitments</i>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
- not later than 12 months	4,036	4,036
- between 12 months and 5 years	1,009	1,009
- greater than 5 years	-	-
	<u>\$5,045</u>	<u>\$5,045</u>

General description of leasing arrangements:

The Company has a non-cancellable operating lease arrangement in respect of a photocopier in the Perth branch which expires November 2007.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

17. COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Local Government House
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Members' guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. Every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while a member or within one year after ceasing to be a member, for payments of the debts and liabilities of the company and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for adjustment of the rights of contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding \$2.10.

18. SEGMENT REPORTING

The company operates predominately in one business where it promotes and encourages the interest and practice of environmental health and operates with branches in each capital city of Australia.

	2006 \$	2005 \$
19. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION		
Total compensation to directors	-	-
20. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
<i>(a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax</i>		
Profit after income tax	29,284	142,660
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- Depreciation/asset write-offs	17,688	19,546
- Diminution of investments	(35)	(865)
- Distributions reinvested	-	(426)
- Bad debts	-	56,747
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- Trade & other receivables current	16,430	(79,173)
- Inventories	(4,831)	(2,401)
- Other current assets	6,520	(21,059)
- Trade & other receivables non-current	(8,747)	-
- Financial assets	(413)	-
- Payables	(18,298)	20,878
- Long-term provisions	14,005	(6,798)
- Unearned revenue	47,195	(3,147)
	<u>\$98,798</u>	<u>\$125,962</u>

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20. CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Cont'd.)

(b) Credit standby arrangements & loan facilities

The company has credit card facilities of \$5,000. This may be terminated at any time at the option of the provider. At 30th June 2006, none of this facility was used. Interest rates are variable.

	2006	2005
	\$	\$

21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Financial risk management

The company's financial assets consist of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, and leases.

(b) Interest rate risk

The company's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on the financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE			
	2006	2005		
	%	%		
<i>Financial assets:</i>				
- Variable rate cash deposits	4.74	4.03	326,877	239,344
- Fixed rate deposits maturing within one year	1.14	3.09	14,427	8,468
- Trade & other receivables (non-interest bearing)	n/a	n/a	50,753	67,183
- Other financial assets - unit trust (non-interest bearing)	n/a	n/a	12,114	11,701
<i>Total financial assets:</i>			<u>\$404,171</u>	<u>\$326,696</u>
<i>Financial liabilities:</i>				
- Trade & other payables (non-interest bearing)	n/a	n/a	85,368	103,666
<i>Total financial liabilities</i>			<u>\$85,368</u>	<u>\$103,666</u>

(c) Net fair values

The net fair value of financial assets and liabilities shown in the statement of financial position and the notes thereto have been valued at market value as at balance date.

Awards and Membership Advancements

Australian Institute of Environmental Health

New South Wales/ACT Branch Award

2005 Student Award

Brenden Lantry – OTEN-TAFE NSW

Queensland Branch Excellence Awards

Environmental Health Professional of the Year

Stuart Heggie

Charlie Sotiris (Highly Commended)

Young Environmental Health Professional of the Year

Nicole Howcroft

Kylie Fulwood (Highly Commended)

Megan Jackson (Highly Commended)

Environmental Health Management Award

John Cohen and the team at Health, Regulatory and Lifeguard Services, Gold Coast City Council

Environment & Waste Management Award

Frank Henry

Food Safety Award

Greg Shillig and the team at Environmental Health Services, Brisbane Southside PHU

Disaster Management Award

Joint Winners: Russell Manley, Virgil Kelk

Indigenous Health Award

Stephen Canendo

Queensland Branch Student Awards

AIEH Prize – Griffith University

Jennifer Davis

AIEH Prize – Queensland University of Technology

Kelly Hayman

Queensland Branch Advancements

Membership advancement to Fellow

Peter Davey

Thomas Tenkate

South Australian Branch Awards

Department of Health Excellence in Leadership Award

City of Mitcham

Norman Waterhouse Excellence in Environmental Health Management Award

Mid Murray Council

UHY Haines Norton Outstanding Individual

Environmental Health Professional of the Year Award

Associate Professor Dr Nancy Cromar

AIEH (SA Branch) Bachelor of Environmental Health Student Award

Despina Kazepidis

Victorian Branch Awards

TGO Jordan Memorial Award

Amy Schambre

Keith W Magee Award

Hayley Sutton

Victorian Branch Membership advancement to Life Fellow

Robert Hanby

Western Australian / NT Branch Awards

Harold Salter Award for 2005

Peter Stevens

Gold Medal Award for 2005

Cassandra Quinn

Branch Presidents' Reports

New South Wales/ACT Branch

The NSW Branch has traditionally been a stronghold for the profession throughout Australia, however within the last year we have failed to provide a Branch Council for the first time in the history of the Institute. Through the committed efforts of the Management team and the Chairpersons of the Special Interest groups, much has been accomplished in continuing to promote the career of an environmental health professional. At this time when the role of an environmental health officer is increasing in complexity and with the shortage of skilled professionals available, the opportunity for members to contribute to the expansion and development of our profession is greater than ever. The following information outlines the major efforts of the Branch during this period and I encourage you to actively contribute.

Food SIG

The year has been an active one for the NSW Branch with the advancement in the development of a position paper on the working relationship between the NSW Food Authority and local government authorities in respect of providing the first coordinated food safety network in NSW. The NSW Food Regulation Partnership Model has been approved after ongoing discussions between the New South Wales Food Authority and the various stakeholders including the AIEH concerning the NSW Food Regulation Partnership Blueprint and it is likely that the overall implementation date for all Councils will be 1 July 2007. A promotional strategy is currently under consideration by the stakeholders.

The adoption of the former AIEH National Code for Food Premises as AS 4674 has been a significant achievement of the Branch. Members continue to contribute to the refinement of this document with participation in the Australian Standards review.

Food School was again well received with maximum participation and recognition from the NSW Food Authority as the only forum available for local government environmental health professionals to share their experiences in food safety surveillance.

Public Health Emergency Management

The NSW Branch is represented on the NSW Health Department Public Health Emergency Management Sub-Committee and continues its participation with public health emergency management preparedness. Under the new State HEALTHPLAN, in light of the increased threats from biological sources, in particular bioterrorism and natural-avian flu/pandemics, public health in some cases will now be a command agency and the committee has taken on a higher strategic role. The revised committee includes representatives from Ambulance, Fire, DEC, NSW Food Authority and AIEH in conjunction with NSW Health staff. Roles include planning for coordinated responses to public health emergencies, reviewing procedures, protocols, policies and SOP guidelines along with a range of other responsibilities.

Public Health Act Review

The NSW Public Health Act 1991 is under review and the NSW Branch is indirectly represented by its members on the internal NSW Health working party currently examining requirements for a first draft.

DIY Safe

The Household Hazards project was completed with the development of an all of government resource kit 'DIY Safe'. The NSW Branch played a significant role in the development of this very simple and useful resource that is of considerable benefit for local government.

University of Western Sydney B App.Sci (Environmental Health) Course Review Committee

The NSW Branch is an important representative on this committee. The University and the Institute are concerned about the declining number of students taking up the course and other threats from within the University system such as course cutbacks and general restructuring. The Institute and a range of stakeholders are looking at strategies to ensure not only that this important course is retained but also how it can be best structured to meet new potential markets and also make the course attractive to students.

Graham Pares MAIEH

On behalf of the NSW Management Committee

Branch Presidents' Reports

Queensland Branch

Earlier this year, Ms Alison Bray resigned from the position of President, AIEH (QLD Branch) due to ill health. Alison took over the role of President from Mr Peter Davey in late 2004 and has been instrumental in guiding the Queensland Branch for the last 2 years. During this time our Branch has performed strongly and continues to meet, or exceed, its required objectives at a National level. On behalf of all members, I wish to thank Alison for her level of enthusiasm and commitment towards the AIEH and wish her a speedy recovery.

Branch Council held its first meeting for 2006 in early February during which time I was elected to the vacant position of President. It was certainly an interesting and busy two days with our new Branch Councillors and President settling in for their first meeting. Our branch Business Plan was reviewed and updated for this year. It was pleasing to note that the tasks allocated for last year had been successfully completed.

One of our greatest challenges for our profession appears to be the decline in the number of students enrolling in, and completing, tertiary qualifications in environmental health. It is understood that this is a National problem and not just confined to Queensland. Having worked as an environmental health officer for over 35 years, I am passionate about seeing our profession continue. Branch Council considered this issue at length and agreed to offer full support to develop a number of strategies to have environmental health placed back on the agenda for students through career displays and school guidance officers. Our South East Regional Group is leading the way in these activities. In addition, work is continuing on a new Institute brochure which is being offered for National acceptance.

We provided a number of representatives, including myself, for a workshop convened by Queensland Health to explore the recommendations of the Public Health Workforce in Local Government (Morton) Report. This report identified a number of issues in Queensland that affect our profession. The AIEH (QLD Branch) provided considerable input during the workshop and argued strongly for maintaining and enhancing the roles and responsibilities of environmental health officers (EHOs), particularly those employed by local governments. The Report identified issues around recruitment and retention of EHOs, especially in rural and remote areas, and the lack of formal support to new officers in those situations. The AIEH (QLD Branch) offered its Mentor Program for consideration and it was warmly received. We will continue to work with Queensland Health and the Local Government Association of Queensland to implement the recommendations of the Report and ensure that the professional interests of our members are protected.

Our major highlight for the year was the successful delivery of Annual Branch Conference which was held in Brisbane. Branch Council would like to acknowledge the Brisbane City Council for hosting this event. For the second year running, the 'Environmental Health Excellence Awards' were presented during the opening session of the Annual Branch Conference.

Conference/s and Training

- Delivery of the popular Disaster Management for Public Health course 2005
- Successful delivery of the Annual Branch Conference November 2005
- Planning for the Disaster Management for Public Health course which is to be held in Cairns in August 2006
- Planning for the Annual Branch Conference in November 2006
- Planning for the delivery of a media training course in a number of locations throughout Queensland.

SIG Reports

Queensland has seen the introduction of the new Public Health Act and Food Act during the year. Our Branch, through the appropriate SIG groups, has contributed significantly to the development and proposed roll out of the legislation. Conveners of the remaining groups continue to monitor emerging issues and provide appropriate feedback to SIG members and Branch Council.

Regional Group Reports

It has been pleasing to see the re-establishment of the South East Regional Group during the year. All four Regional groups meet on a regular basis and continue to provide an invaluable link between Branch Council and members.

Professional Tools/ Products and Services

Branch Council continues to support the marketing and supply of a range of professional tools, products and services. Consideration is currently being given to updating and further enhancing local products to increase exposure and uptake by members.

In closing, I would like to thank Jo Rolls, Executive Officer, for her tireless assistance and hard work managing the day to day activities of the Branch as well as our conferences and workshops.

Virgil Kelk FAIEH

Queensland Branch President

Branch Presidents' Reports

South Australian Branch

Thanks to the vision and commitment of members, 2005-2006 has been a remarkable year and I am pleased to report on the achievements of the Branch.

With the continual progress of change associated with environmental health it's easy to respond and react as the need arises. Instead the AIEH SA Business Plan 2005-2006 is a good example of a forward planning document that has provided focus and commitment, and all Branch Councillors are to be commended for following through with the agreed strategies.

Achievements during 2005-2006 that I wish to highlight include:

- Reciprocal relationships with stakeholders such as Flinders University, Department of Health and the Local Government Association. New partnerships have been formed during the year with the Dairy Authority of South Australia and State Emergency Service. Also participation on the Local Government Managers Forum 'President's Forum' has opened up new opportunities for collaboration and co-operation.
- Successful grant applications enabling the Branch to pursue two new projects: 'Connecting Environmental Health and Emergency Management' and 'Positioning Environmental Health as a Career of Choice Now and in the Future'.
- Improved communication with members with the introduction of networking meetings, re-establishment of a quarterly newsletter and greater use of the AIEH website to convey information such as meeting minutes, corporate calendar and much more.

Many more new initiatives from the Business Plan have commenced during 2005-2006 including the development of a position paper addressing the 'opting in' arrangements provided by the Environment Protection Act, recording of training events to assist members in remote locations access professional development opportunities and creation of AIEH merchandise and kit to promote membership. The creation of a mentoring scheme is also in progress and will be a joint project with other Branches to benefit all AIEH members.

Conference/s and Training

The 32nd National Conference held at the Hilton Adelaide during November 2005 was a stellar event that examined the integral role environmental health practitioners have on the health and wellbeing of communities. The evolving nature of environmental health was considered with presentations addressing the allergy epidemic, impact of climate change on population health and chemical exposure in the manufacture of illicit drugs.

Professional development opportunities are an essential member service and two informative training seminars were held during the financial year. 'Beyond Unsightly – A Holistic View of Insanitary Conditions' tackled the psychology and behaviour surrounding hoarding, provided legal guidance in the legislative remedy of insanitary conditions and presented case studies on environmental health officers experiences in resolving insanitary conditions. The Food Safety and Illness Seminar provided a good blend of technical advice around the latest projects and investigations of the Department of Health in the management of Salmonella and practical instruction on how to work effectively with interpreters, taking statements and food sampling techniques.

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) were active in the topics of food safety, disease control, environmental management, waste control and emergency management. The SIGs provide environmental health practitioners with a forum for discussion, advice and sharing to benefit professional practice. They also play an integral advocacy role, giving the profession a voice that it may not otherwise have.

Special accomplishments of the SIGs during 2005-2006 included:

- Input into the development of a discussion paper regarding the liability implications for local government associated with food safety auditing.
- Convening a working group including the Department of Health, Local Government Association and Dairy Authority of South Australia to address the duplication of enforcement of food safety legislation upon businesses involved in the production of dairy and other foods.
- Receipt of a grant from Emergency Management Australia to develop an emergency management training program specifically for environmental health officers.
- Meeting with stakeholders including the State Emergency Service and Department of Health to define the role of environmental health in emergency management.
- Participation in the creation of 'Food Borne Disease Investigation Guidelines' by the Department of Health.
- Attention drawn to the issues of removal of human remains and associated cleaning, culminating the development of advice for industry.

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Branch Presidents' Reports

South Australian Branch (continued)

- Submissions on the State Greenhouse Strategy, National Food Safety Audit Framework and draft Public and Environmental Health (Legionella) Regulations.
- Liaison with the local government representative on the EPA/LGA subcommittee on the sharing of responsibilities under the Environment Protection Act and commencement of an AIEH position paper on the subject.
- Contribution towards a 3 day wastewater seminar hosted by the Department of Health.
- Discussion with the Department of Health regarding the preparation of the new On-site Wastewater Systems Code for parliament.
- Together with SA Water, creation of a Certificate of Compliance for use by registered plumbers that allow EHOs to call for 'certification of work'.

Professional Tools/Products/Services

Unfortunately *EH News* was not published during the financial year due to the editorial committee experiencing great difficulty sourcing contributions from members and articles for publication. This prompted a survey of members to assist in an evaluation of *EH News* which is on-going at the time of writing this report.

Three editions of *South Australia Food Handler Update (SAFHU)* were published during 2005-2006 and posted to over 9000 food businesses by 38 subscribing councils. The newsletter informs business of topical food safety events, research, new legislation and provides advice to avoid common breaches, enabling food handlers to keep their knowledge up to date.

Members of the Disease Control SIG, in recognition of the importance of consistency of professional practice brought by tools such as Australia Food Safety Standard of Practice (AFSA), are pursuing the development of inspection proformas for use with hairdressing salons, cooling towers and public pools. While the SIG is still to decide on the format that these will be produced, they will be made available for the benefit of all members.

Despite these achievements, membership continues to decline and I ask all members to share with their colleagues the advantages of being a member; not only the personal rewards but also to the profession as a whole that comes from a united membership.

While there are simply too many to individually mention, I sincerely appreciate the support and assistance given by active members over the last 12 months. It has been a pleasure to work with enthusiastic, passionate people who are committed to advancing environmental health and the profession.

Cathy Isbester FAIEH

South Australian Branch President

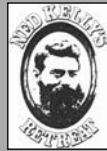


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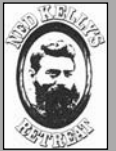
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Branch Presidents' Reports

Tasmanian Branch

The 2005-2006 year in Tasmania has been an extremely challenging and testing one for the Tasmanian Branch. I am pleased to advise, however, that Branch Council addressed all the challenges with the necessary professionalism and credibility that has reflected well both for the Institute and the profession.

The establishment of Environmental Health Association Tasmania (EHAT) by a few EHOs is, I believe, a challenging issue in itself for the Institute. The most significant issue that Branch Council was addressing throughout the year is the establishment of a Bachelor of Environmental Health course at the University of Tasmania. EHAT supported the retention of the current TAFE Advanced Diploma of Environmental Health and attempted to derail the progress towards the bachelor degree by dragging this whole issue into the local political arena. For many months Branch Council was faced with having to correct misinformation and confusion in the community by repeatedly explaining the true facts to state and local government agencies as well as to the EH practitioners around the state. The upshot of the situation now is that the Director of Public Health has mandated a bachelor degree as the minimum qualification for appointment as EHOs in Tasmania for new graduates after 2010. The negative and divisive impact of EHAT on the local EH community unfortunately remains a major concern for Branch Council from both an Institute and professional perspective.

In light of the difficulties we faced during the year and the professionalism and integrity shown by the members of Branch Council in addressing these challenges I would like to acknowledge and thank them accordingly:

Branch Senior Vice President	Ron Fry
Branch Vice President	Linda Finch
Branch Councillor	Eric Johnson
Branch Councillor	Michael Stretton
Branch Councillor	Abylene Dobson
Branch Councillor	Doug Doherty
Student Representative	Megan Whalley

John Colavecchio was appointed to Branch Council to fill an existing vacancy. Thank you team for your great support, commitment and professional integrity.

Bachelor of Environmental Health

The University of Tasmania, the AIEH and other key partners/stakeholders have made significant progress in the development of the proposed degree course. The start date remains subject to standard University approval procedures and course accreditation by the AIEH. These processes plus the need to fine-tune subject material and delivery options are likely to push back the start date to 2008. I am advised that funding has been provided to enable the current TAFE advanced diploma course to take further student enrolments in 2007 before this course is taught out.

As previously mentioned the new minimum qualification for new graduates in Tasmania from the end of 2010 will be a degree in environmental health. It is important that momentum is maintained in addressing the many challenges currently facing environmental health workforce capacity at the local government level and in providing long-term workforce stability.

EH Paraprofessionals

Another contentious issue that Branch Council raised at state and local government level was determining the appropriate EH qualification for paraprofessionals, or environmental health technicians. There is a concern that local councils could opt for employing 'technicians' to undertake a range of EH work at the expense of appointing trainee/cadet EHOs and even EHOs. A local working group comprising of appropriate stakeholders has been formed to consider the role and function of these paraprofessionals.

As a consequence of the above the enHealth Council of Australia has sought national funding to enable a consultant to be engaged to assist with the formulation of an appropriate policy and management framework for EH technicians both within Tasmania and nationally.

Communication Issues

A range of communication tools continued to be put to good use in communicating with members and other EH practitioners. A quarterly newsletter was compiled and issued to all EHOs. The Degree Bulletin was drafted and distributed, when necessary, to update EHOs on developments with the bachelor degree progress, to reassure the membership and other EH practitioners and to allay any confusion or uncertainty caused by EHAT's activities.

Branch Council formally communicated by letter with the cadet EHOs and other students that attended our most recent AIEH seminar (students were free of charge). The content of the communication was one of encouragement to continue to become involved in EH events and programs and support to continue with their studies for qualification and appointment as EHOs.

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Branch Presidents' Reports

Tasmanian Branch (continued)

Personal invitations were issued by email to a range of non-members to reconsider membership of the Institute. This initiative was taken in light of the divisive impact that EHAT has had on the small EH community in Tasmania. Many EHOs have decided to 'sit on the fence' rather than make a commitment to becoming members of either organisation.

Branch Council felt it necessary to submit a letter to the editor of Hobart's daily newspaper, *The Mercury*, in response to some careless and irresponsible food safety comments made in a regular article by a local food and wine connoisseur. I'm glad to report that he subsequently confessed to his error of judgment and fully supports the principles of food safety (as well as fine food and wine!) and the roles of EHOs.

The University of Tasmania held a Careers Expo at the Hobart campus and Branch Council took the opportunity to team up with the Local Government Association of Tasmania's stall. Unfortunately there were no useful or colourful brochures available at the time to distribute to students but a number of colourful environmental health posters were burnt onto CDs and placed in the stall showbags.

International Federation of Environmental Health

It was most pleasing to see both the Tasmanian members of the AIEH Board of Directors attend the Congress in Dublin in June. Ron Fry and Eric Johnson visited the Emerald Isle with their families and combined business (proactive attendance at the Congress) with pleasure (English and European holidays). Branch Council eagerly awaits an overview of their experiences upon their return.

Conferences and Training

The calendar of events organised by Branch Council for the year for members and other EH practitioners were not as comprehensive as originally proposed. Unfortunately the time that had to be taken by Branch Council members to address the challenges and distractions caused by the involvement of EHAT in local issues was considerable and clearly impacted on our capability to deliver scheduled events.

I am pleased to advise, however, that the events that were organised were most successful and well attended:

August 2005	Annual Branch Conference at Port Arthur (3 days)
December 2005	Salmonella Outbreaks/Investigations workshop
May 2006	Seminar (students free of charge)
June 2006	Food Safety Auditor course (5 day)

Branch Council has made a commitment to ensure that, irrespective of the challenges that face us, a comprehensive and varied program of events are provided throughout the year in response to the needs of the EH practitioners and students.

The annual branch conference continues to grow in interest and popularity with Tasmanian EHOs. The conference was held near the Port Arthur historical site in the far south-east of the state. It was very well attended, which was extremely pleasing considering the EHAT impact, and the delegates were presented with an interesting, relevant and varied speaker program. The social activities were exceptional and it was great to see the likes of Waikay Lau and Graham Pares enjoying the local carbonated products.

An exciting year lies ahead for Branch Council – not just in further advancing local issues but in encouraging non-members to rejoin the Institute and making real and tangible changes for members and the profession as a whole.

Mark Dwyer MAIEH

Tasmanian Branch President

Branch Presidents' Reports

Victorian Branch

Over the past year Branch Council has gone through different development stages to reinvigorate itself. After acquiring a number of new Branch Councillors it was necessary for existing Branch Councillors to take on new portfolios.

Once this new team was established a new Victorian Branch Business Plan together with SIG Action Plans were developed which aligned themselves with the National Strategic Plan. These plans allowed us to measure our performance and were of course flexible depending on what new policies were developed by either the State or Federal Governments. It must be remembered that a lot of work undertaken by the AIEH is about the professional development of individuals as well as improvement of the profession. It develops best practice principles with a risk management focus.

In addition to the new Business Plans a Service Charter was developed which outlined what members could expect from the Institute. In summary each member in Victoria can be expected to receive:

- A State based newsletter on a quarterly basis
- Access to the members' only section of the AIEH website
- Access to Regional Group Meetings which are run on a quarterly basis throughout Victoria
- The opportunity to be a member of a Special Interest Group
- One State based Conference each year
- Access to three workshops at a reduced rate each year

I am also very keen to have available on the AIEH website a Calendar of Events in 2007 which will allow members to see what courses, meetings and Conferences are available during the year.

In the last 3 months of 2005 the Victorian Branch was busy providing members with courses to further develop their knowledge in various areas of environmental health practice. Following the successful State Conference run at Ballarat our newly elected Branch Vice President Nick Lund and Philip Montalto from Department of Human Services organised a fantastic course on Asbestos. As far as I am aware this is the first time a course relating to this controversial subject has been held in Australia.

Shortly after, the Food Safety Special Interest Group held a course aptly named "Partners in Crime". This course provided practitioners with information about how the other organisations undertook their responsibilities to cover the entire food chain in Victoria and was well received by members.

The yearly Emergency Management Course run at Mt. Macedon was again fully booked. This course is the only nationally accredited course of its kind in Australia. This is the 22nd consecutive year this course has been held which is testament to the Emergency Management Special Interest Group members' dedication.

In 2006 an information forum was held to provide members with the latest information on the Environmental Health Officer Workforce Review prepared by the Food Safety Unit, Department of Human Services. This initial consultation will allow the Victorian Branch to prepare a response to DHS on both professional development and workforce issues outlined within this document.

In addition to the State Conference which is being held at Dandenong in September 2006, a Pool course has been organised for the 31st October 2006 and the Food Safety Seminar will now be held in the first quarter of 2007.

Andrew Demidowski MAIEH

Victorian Branch President

Branch Presidents' Reports

Western Australian / Northern Territory Branch

2005-2006 has been another successful year for the Western Australian and Northern Territory Branch after the sound result in 2004-2005. The continued commitment of members and a very successful Branch Conference have contributed greatly to this year's result. The Branch volunteers including Regional Group Coordinators, Branch Councillors, Committee Members, SIG Conveners and Directors Philip Swain and Joe Zappavigna have all made a contribution to the efficient operation of the Branch which has seen another Branch profit. The continued gains being made by the Branch are a credit to all who have assisted over the reporting period, complemented by the tighter financial management instituted by the Board in the preparation of the Branch budget.

The year saw the departure of Branch Executive Officer, Michelle Deards and it would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Joe Zappavigna who was principally responsible for maintaining member services through the difficult period following Michelle's departure. I would like to thank Michelle for her many years of committed service to the organisation through one of the most difficult periods in its history. Branch Executive Officer Jenny Johns has stepped into the role and is bringing a new approach to member services and I look forward to working with her in the coming year.

The need to enhance and build the extensive membership capacity of the organisation is fundamental to our success and I encourage members to get involved in maintaining and improving membership services. You may have the skills that some of us are lacking that can improve your Institute.

May and June 2005 saw the departure of Branch Councillors Sebastian Camillo and Owen Ashby. I thank Sebastian for his assistance in re-stabilising the organisation through a difficult period. Budgeting for the 2005-2006 year finalised and the new Branch Council, elected in September 2004, has continued to work with those responsible constraints. The Branch General Meeting in June 2006 saw Branch Council maintain a number of committed individuals and several new Councillors who are warmly welcomed. The Council operated for the period (June 2005 - May 2006) between Annual General Meetings with the following:

Philip Swain – Branch President (Vice President 2006-2007)

Joseph Zappavigna – Vice President

Darren Ponton – Vice President (Branch President 2006-2007)

Toni Hannelly – Branch Councillor

Vic Andrich – Branch Councillor

Colin Dent – Branch Councillor

Ross Wells – Branch Councillor

Peter Stevens – Branch Councillor (November 2005 - May 2006)

Peter Stevens joined Branch Council after graduation from Curtin University of Technology and it was extremely pleasing to see the commitment to the organisation by a newcomer like Peter stepping up from his role as Student Representative. Early in the new year Branch Council resolved to appoint two (2) new student representatives (Non Voting) to the Branch Council and Justin Strange and Renee Houston were elected by the student body at Curtin University of Technology to those positions. We are keen to see the continued involvement and increased liaison that the student representatives bring to the Branch Council.

Tony Morley and Belinda Lang joined the Branch Council in June 2006.

The AIEH is a national organisation with a company structure and it is important that we retain the benefits of a National focus whilst maintaining the delivery of Member services at the local level. The following is a brief summary of activities undertaken by the WA/NT Branch during the reporting period.

Conferences and Training

The Disaster Management Course conducted in Broome in November 2005 was a concept developed by the very active Regional Group in the north of Western Australia. Through the hard work of Owen Ashby the event came together over a week in November and was well received by those in attendance. The event highlights the commitment of the Branch to deliver training to regional areas where members are prepared to support such initiatives.

November was also an opportunity for the membership to celebrate the contribution of two (2) long serving members. Jack Benari stood down as Journal Editor after 82 editions of the Branch Journal. Jack's contribution is humbling to us all and I am pleased to say that he is continuing to contribute material to the Editorial Committee even though he is no longer editing the publication. Long time Branch Councillor and former Branch and National President Owen Ashby stood down from Branch Council 24 years as an office bearer. Owen's commitment to the AIEH continues through his involvement in various projects but his individual contribution to the organisation through some extremely difficult times has been enormous.

Branch Presidents' Reports

Western Australian / Northern Territory Branch (continued)

Early in 2006 David Buckley of Open Office sponsored and ran a seminar at Mt Claremont to demonstrate the continued development of eAFSA, the Institute's electronic inspection format for food and other health premises, utilising hand held PDA's. With increased pressure in the labour market there are opportunities for real productivity gains for practicing Environmental Health Officers provided by this technology. The system will become increasingly important to members working in those areas. David also sponsored the Branch Conference returning to WA for the event and is working with a number of Local Governments to implement the system. The support of Open Office at the Branch level is greatly appreciated.

The Branch Council through the guidance of Conference Convener Toni Hannelly conducted the 60th Branch Conference in May 2006, to provide a positive outcome for the AIEH Board and members within WA and NT. This timing, later in the financial year, has become a regular feature of the Branch timetable. The conference was the most successful in many years with excellent feedback regarding most features of the event from members and non-members alike.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Branch Conference, training forums on Risk Management and Communication were conducted. The Risk Management session represented an introductory training program targeting Emergency Management and issues of likelihood and consequence in the development of control strategies. The Risk Communication workshop gave delegates the opportunity to develop important skills to establish and maintain communication and consultation mechanisms when health concerns are raised in their communities. Similarly the full day training session conducted by the Department of the Environment on the implementation of the unauthorized Discharge Regulations enabled many regional members to develop the skills and knowledge to take on the authority to use this legislation throughout Western Australia.

The Branch Council will produce a further series of contemporary and informative conference and training forums for the 2006-2007 year.

Special Interest Group Reports

Special Interest Groups currently active for the Branch are Food Safety, Environmental Management, Indigenous Health, Emergency Management, Disease Control/Health Promotion, Waste Management, Planning & Building Control, International and Health Impact Assessment.

Food Safety SIG

"Consumption of food is one of the most intimate relationships mankind has with the Environment. Food Safety worldwide remains a major public health concern, receives considerable media attention, influences political policy and is at the forefront of public awareness".

The WA Branch Food Special Interest Group has, during the year, been involved in the development of positions in respect of the proposed introduction of the model Food Act within this state.

Membership of the SIG

In 2005-2006 there were 74 members of the Food Safety SIG. The SIG has provided regular liaison between members and comment on various proposals throughout the year. A total of 63 e-mail messages were sent to SIG members since October 2004.

Achievements for 2005-2006:

- Submission to WA Parliament Legislative Assembly Enquiry of the Marketing of FoodStuffs in August 2005
- Drafted a Food Safety Policy for AIEH in June 2006, and posted to AIEH Web Forum for comments.
- Organised e-AFSA Workshop in February 2006

Belinda Lang MAIEH

Food Safety SIG Convenor

Disease Control/Health Promotion SIG

The Disease Control/Health Promotion Special Interest Group was established to provide an email forum for exchange of information and related issues for members of the AIEH. Its structure links into the AIEH National SIG structure enabling national issues to be quickly disseminated to members and providing an avenue for a prompt response.

Disease control and health promotion are playing an increasing role in an EHO's professional activities. Health promotion strategies of program planning, implementation and evaluation are useful for all EHOs when designing programs which may not be directly contained within the definition of 'health promotion'.

Communicable diseases are on the increase worldwide, with both existing and emerging diseases claiming lives on almost every continent. SARS, vCJD, Avian Influenza and Marburg Haemorrhagic Fever are causing increasing concern for health authorities in the twenty-first century, with the more recognisable diseases of Poliomyelitis, Ebola and Cholera also of continuing concern.

Branch Presidents' Reports

Western Australian / Northern Territory Branch (continued)

The SIG has steadily increased its membership with the addition of student members. SIG members aim to communicate regularly by email, with interaction between members generally via the Convenor. All communication is designed to be two-way participation.

The number of members of the SIG as at July 1 2006 was 41. Membership lists are maintained through the AIEH WA Branch Office.

Toni Hannelly MAIEH

Disease Control/Health Promotion SIG Convenor

Environmental Management SIG

Environmental management is an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to sustain, manage and protect our natural, built and social environments.

Environmental management is a key responsibility of Environmental Health Practitioners. The Environmental Management Special Interest Group (EM-SIG) has developed positions in respect of environmental management. (<http://www.aieh.org.au/sigs/environman.php>) As always, there is room for more activity in this area that can only be made possible by increased member participation. There are still plenty of opportunities to form EM policy in the coming years and comment on proposed environmental legislation.

Where AIEH Members have a special interest or can access industry and professional information for the group, then they are encouraged to join this SIG and to participate. The SIG provides a forum and connection to its members to share information relevant to its purpose and objectives. This SIG also incorporates catchment management issues.

Joseph Zappavigna coordinates the WA/NT SIG. The SIG has steadily increased its membership with the addition of student and associate members. SIG members aim to communicate regularly by e-mail.

Joseph Zappavigna MAIEH

Environmental Management SIG Convenor

Indigenous Environmental Health SIG

"Good environmental health conditions are an essential requirement for maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities".

Environmental Health is concerned with creating and maintaining environments that promote good public health by addressing those aspects of human health determined by physical, chemical, biological and social factors in the environment.

Whilst a long and healthy life is an achievable goal for most Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities suffer higher than average levels of morbidity and mortality. There is evidence that these populations suffer disproportionate impact from both increased exposures to environmental hazards and decreased access to services.

The environments in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples live are recognised as having a strong impact on health. Addressing the environmental risks can play an important part in enhancing the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The Branch Indigenous Environmental Health Special Interest Group has been working to highlight and address issues relevant to improving the environmental health conditions for Indigenous persons.

The next National Indigenous Environmental Health Conference, held every two (2) years, will be in May 2007 at the Cairns Convention Centre.

Membership of the SIG

During the year there were 83 members of the Indigenous SIG. The SIG has provided regular liaison between members and comment on various proposals throughout the year. A total of 146 messages were sent to SIG members in 2005-2006 compared to 45 in 2004-2005, taking into consideration the reduced period between State Council elections.

Owen J Ashby LFAIEH & Tony Morley MAIEH

Indigenous Environmental Health SIG Convenor

Branch Presidents' Reports

Western Australian / Northern Territory Branch (continued)

Regional Group Reports

The WA/NT Branch has continued to support a Regional Group network during the year however several groups have elected not to be part of the AIEH and hence bound by its Constitution and Bylaws. The groups currently associated with the AIEH are the Northwest Group, Great Southern Group, South West Group, Eastern Goldfields Group and the Northern Territory Group. All groups have met during the year with the exception of the Northern Territory Group. Groups have continued to provide an opportunity for professional networking and updates on a variety of issues during the reporting period. The Northwest Group is currently assisting in the coordination of the Emergency Management Course to be conducted in Broome in November 2005.

The Branch Council is continuing to provide reports and where possible an attendee at meetings of Regional Groups that have left the organisation, although all financial support of these has ceased.

North West Region

The North West Regional Group had another successful year this year with two meetings being held, one in Broome and the other held in conjunction with the Branch Conference in Perth. It was very beneficial having a meeting in Perth this year as it allowed the group to meet with other members and staff of the Institute, including Chief Executive Officer Waikay Lau, Branch President (Immediate Past) Phil Swain, National President Bruce Morton and Branch Executive Officer Jenny Johns. The group was also fortunate to have members of the Department of Environment at both meetings. One of the main issues discussed at the meetings was the shortage of EHOs in regional areas and what can be done to rectify this problem.

The North West Regional Group also had two training courses this year, with the Emergency Management for Public Health Course held in Broome in November 2005 and a 2-day Mosquito Management Course in Karratha / Roebourne in March 2006. Both these courses were well attended and the group is looking forward to more courses in the North West next year.

The group has had a full complement of EHOs and Aboriginal field Support Officers in 2006 in the Kimberley region and is well supported by the Department of Health.

Like many regions a priority has been dealing with the issues of Murray Valley Encephalitis throughout the region. In some areas it is still prevalent and this remains a significant environmental health challenge for the group members into the future.

South West Region

The South West Regional Group met on one (1) occasion during the year to discuss a variety of contemporary environmental health issues.

Great Southern Region

The Great Southern Regional Group met on three (3) occasions during the year to discuss a variety of contemporary environmental health issues.

Northern Territory Regional Group

The group did not meet during the year due to significant staff movements within the region. An active group in this region is a priority for the Branch and the Branch Council is currently seeking a Secretary to take on this task.

Eastern Goldfields Regional Group

The group did not meet during the year due to significant staff movements within the region.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the members and the many volunteers that have supported the Branch throughout 2005-2006 and I look forward to working with you in the interest of environmental health for the coming year.

Darren Ponton MAIEH

Branch President WA/NT Branch

Initiatives of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Australian Food Safety Assessment (AFSA)

AFSA and the AIEH's Food Safety Standard of Practice were launched in September 2003. Developed by the Food Management Working Group, these tools have been developed to promote accountability and consistency in the monitoring of food safety standards by Environmental Health Practitioners.

Since its launch training presentations have taken place across Australia and to assist environmental health professionals in remote locations, a training slideshow is available at www.aieh.org.au/afsa/training.php.

With increasing acceptance and utilisation of new technology, the interest in eAFSA continues to grow. Open Office and ioGlobal now have eAFSA available in the suite of products and several workplaces have pursued development of eAFSA in-house as a preferable option. To enable the use of preferred providers and expand the availability of eAFSA, AIEH welcomes new partnerships with software developers. Further information and contact details for Open Office and ioGlobal can be found at www.aieh.org.au/afsa/eafsa.php.

While AFSA has become well established as an AIEH professional practice resource, there is scope for growth and, in keeping with the goal of accountability and consistency of practice amongst the profession, non-users are encouraged to consider the benefits that AFSA can bring to their workplace. Mina Labaz, Executive Officer (SA Branch), welcomes your queries about AFSA, Designer AFSA and eAFSA.

Cathy Isbester FAIEH

Chairperson, Food Management Working Group

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FoodSafe is an in-house training program that brings basic food hygiene information directly to food handlers. Once the food handlers have undergone basic food safety training and demonstrated that they have implemented the food safety practices, an Environmental Health Officer recognises this achievement by awarding the FoodSafe Certificate and window sticker. FoodSafe was developed by the AIEH in 1996 and underwent a revision in 2003 to align with the national Food Safety Standards. FoodSafe PLUS is the 'second step' for food businesses already holding FoodSafe certification that want to develop their own food safety program to manage food safety risks. FoodSafe PLUS applies the principles of hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) to guide the business through the FoodSafe PLUS Manual to develop their own Quality Policy Statement. Both FoodSafe and FoodSafe PLUS are unique in the marketplace, as they are competitively priced and allow the business to implement the program at their own pace, with the assistance of EHPs.

FoodSafe has performed reasonably well under the revised version although budget targets were not met in terms of sales. The profit for FoodSafe fell approximately \$23,000 (after stock write offs) short of expectations which has highlighted the need for the organisation to invest in the product to ensure its future viability. Despite an innovative legislative framework for food safety, sales of FoodSafe in Victoria remain low. For this reason the FoodSafe Committee has worked with Victorian practitioners throughout the year, to develop a new 'Guide for Proprietors' CD, specifically for food businesses using a mandated Food Safety Program (and it can be used anywhere, not just in Victoria). Additionally, the training program within FoodSafe, is an excellent tool for Victoria's accredited Food Safety Supervisors to use to train their subordinates.

This year, the VCD format introduced in 2004 was superseded by the new DVD which includes a menu format and additional material, such as the 'Welcome to FoodSafe' presentation in English, and six (6) Asian languages. Additionally samples of the visuals are now able to be viewed at the AIEH website to assist with marketing. Throughout the year the CEO and FoodSafe Committee have investigated the potential for an On-line Learning version of the FoodSafe program. There is now a demand for this format from many larger industries that have dispersed food handling staff such as facility management companies and child-care chains. Look forward to the release of this later in 2006.

Other innovations developed by the FoodSafe Committee for release later in the year are a nation-wide promotional campaign to the general public and consumers, so that they seek out the FoodSafe 'tick' logo when looking for somewhere safe to eat. Another proposal under consideration is the 'FoodSafe Aware' program, which will acknowledge businesses that support the food industry, and have staff trained in food safety to the level required in FoodSafe. So far requests have come from commercial cleaning and pest control companies servicing the food industry, showing that recognition and knowledge of the FoodSafe logo is widespread in the industry.

The half day training workshop, "Implementation of FoodSafe for Environmental Health Practitioners" was updated and presented for the first time in several years to the WA/NT Branch in June 2006, and has been offered to all Branches to assist EHPs with using FoodSafe as a resource.

Darren Ponton MAIEH

Chair, FoodSafe Committee

Initiatives of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health

Environmental Health Journal

This year has proved to be an encouraging one for *Environmental Health*. Although contributions to the Journal have been difficult to obtain in the last couple of years, we have recently experienced an increase in submissions. This increase has assisted in producing recent issues within projected publication dates, while having additional papers under review for subsequent issues.

Four issues of *Environmental Health* were published electronically during the 2005 -2006 contract period ending July 2006. Of the thirty-one papers published during this period, three were guest editorials, thirteen Research & Theory papers, eleven Practice, Policy & Law papers and four Reports & Reviews. At the end of this period, thirteen additional papers were under review for future issues of the Journal, with a guest editorial also prepared by Nancy Cromar.

Our current reviewers have provided excellent support to the Journal, and their assistance and attention to Journal deadlines has been greatly appreciated. The Editorial Committee listing is currently under review, to consider the appointment of reviewers who have been consistently helpful to the Journal. The Journal has also received several exceptional Guest Editorials this year, including contributions from Thomas Tenkate, Ron Fry and Peng Bi.

The Editorial Team also welcomes the appointment of Thomas Tenkate as Book Editor.

In July the Journal's contract was extended to include the two final issues for this year, and will end with Volume 6, Issue 4 in December 2006. Renewal of contracts and the future of the Journal will be discussed at the Institute's next board meeting in November 2006.

Jim Smith LFAIEH

Environmental Health Journal Editor

AIEH Environmental Health Course Accreditation Committee & EH Educators' Forum

The role of the AIEH Course Accreditation Subcommittee is, on behalf of the Board, to receive and assess applications for accreditation of Environmental Health Officer qualification courses. Applications for accreditation are assessed against the accreditation policy (undergraduate) which was developed and adopted by the Board in 2005. The accreditation policy will be finalised by October 2006 with the extension of the policy to address post-graduate pathways/courses.

The EH Educators' Forum is comprised of representatives from universities and government departments having an interest in environmental health education and workforce development. The Forum convenes annually at the National Conference. Meetings of the Committee were held on July 18 2005; Sept 2005 (Educators' Forum); Feb 1 2006; and Aug 1 2006.

As can be seen the Committee undertook four re-accreditation assessments and two accreditation assessments.

Date of Accreditation Assessment	Applicant	Purpose
Aug 18 2004	University of Western Sydney	Re-accreditation
Oct 18-19 2005	LaTrobe	Re-accreditation
March 30 2006	Batchelor Institute Bachelor of Applied Science (EH)	Accreditation
April 27 2006	Swinburne	Re-accreditation
May 3 2006	Edith Cowan University	Accreditation
May 18 2006	Griffith University	Re-accreditation

Members of the Committee in 2005-2006 were: Jim Smith (Chair), Owen Ashby, Bruce Morton, Ron Fry, Thomas Tenkate and Waikay Lau.

Jim Smith LFAIEH

Chair, AIEH Course Accreditation Subcommittee

Representations

International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH)

The Federation seeks to provide means of exchanging information and experience on environmental health, to hold Congresses and meetings to discuss subjects relevant to environmental health science and administration, to represent the interests of environmental health to state agencies, national governments and international organisations and to promote field studies of environmental health control.

The Federation works to disseminate knowledge concerning environmental health and promote co-operation between countries where environmental health issues are “transboundary”. It promotes the interchange of people working in this sector and the exchange of Member’s publications of a scientific and technical nature.

The Federation is an organisation whose full members are national associations representing the interests of environmental health professionals throughout the world. The AIEH is a Member of IFEH and has three Directors from AIEH on the IFEH Council with 3 votes on all decisions of the IFEH.

Other organisations with an interest in environmental health may become associate members. Organisations, which are involved in the educational field (for instance Universities training environmental health professionals) are eligible to become Academic Associate Members. Other bodies with an interest in environmental health (such as regional associations, NGOs, etc) may become Associate Members. Individual persons may show their support for the Federation by becoming an Individual Associate Member. Persons who are successful in applying to join this category of associate membership will be kept up to date with IFEH news and will receive periodically any documents issued by the Federation. Individual Associate Members may participate in Federation activities but have no voting rights.

The annual subscription for full membership is related to the relative wealth of the country where the organisation is based. Organisations from the “developing world” pay a nominal GB£25.00, while organisations located in other countries pay according to the number of individual members they have. The current subscription is calculated at GB£0.30 per individual member. Academic Associate Members and institutions that are Associate Members pay GB£60.00 per year.

Individual Associate Members are invited to pay a minimum annual fee of GB£15.00.

9th World Congress Ireland June 2006

The 9th World Congress on Environmental Health was held successfully 18-23 June 2006 in Dublin hosted by the Environmental Health Officers Association of Ireland. 500 delegates attended with a record 24 Australian members participating in the conference. AIEH hosted an AIEH – Asia Pacific Regional Group function at Trinity College where we promoted our ‘down under’ event in 2008.

10th IFEH World Congress on Environmental Health in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

In 2008 the AIEH will host the 10th IFEH World Congress on Environmental Health in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The World Congress will be integrated with the Annual AIEH Queensland Branch and National Conferences. The AIEH has established a 2008 EH World Congress Regional and Local Committee to plan the event. Members of the Committee include the AIEH National Board and Queensland Branch Council, the Singapore Society of Environmental Health, the Malaysian Health Inspection Association and the New Zealand Institute of Environmental Health. The Committee has met to commence planning the event including the professional program and procurement of sponsorship. A conference organiser has been appointed. An office has been established at Griffith University Nathan Campus, in the Centre for Environment and Population Health to coordinate the event. Major sponsorship for the event has been secured with the Queensland Government.

Thanks to those members who gave papers. I would like to especially thank our CEO Waikay Lau and National President Bruce Morton, for arranging our delegation to Ireland. Thanks for the support of AIEH Directors (Vice President Fleur Cousins (Vic), Ron Fry and Eric Johnson (Tas) and Joe Zappavigna (WA) who attended and represented AIEH interests. Russell Lyons, Denise Brooks and partner (QLD) who actively participated in the themeing on the Australian night and the conference close were the star actors together with their life-size crocodiles, and David Hancock (QLD), John Cohan (QLD) Zane Hughes (NT), Peter Stephenson (NT), Nancy Cromar (SA), Nicholas Lund and Alex Surrurier (Vic) helped with the Australian singing and trivia evening. A special thanks to our sponsors Brisbane Marketing, Griffith University and Australia Zoo.

See you in Brisbane.

Peter Davey FAIEH

IFEH Council Director and Chair of the IFEH 10th World Congress on Environmental Health in Brisbane 2008

Want to know more about Environmental Health Risk Assessment?

The use of risk assessment as a tool within all areas of environmental health from contaminated soil to food safety and water quality is becoming increasingly recognised across Australia. An understanding of how best to use health risk assessments to aid in the management of environmental health risks is essential to all staff employed in various sectors of the industry. Flinders University are now offering TWO opportunities to learn more about this important topic.

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The program is offered in Semester 2 each year and the three topics can be completed in one semester by studying only one day a week. The program is currently only offered internally, so you must be able to attend Flinders once a week to complete. If you would be interested in studying for this qualification by distance then please contact the program coordinator nancy.cromar@flinders.edu.au to register your interest.

Check out the website below for more information, including details of the curriculum, entrance requirements, course fees and closing date for submission of applications <http://www.flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad/risk.htm>

Think outside the box – study outside the square

Environmental Health at La Trobe

La Trobe University in Bendigo is an accredited provider of undergraduate and post-graduate courses leading to careers in environmental health. The Bachelor of Public Health (Environmental Health) is a flexible, innovative degree program which offers graduates a strong foundation for a career in environmental health and related areas. Graduates are eligible for membership of the Australian Institute of Environmental Health.

Students undertaking the Bachelor of Public Health degree make a choice the end of their first year to study either an Environmental Health or Health Promotion major stream. Students who elect to take the Environmental Health major learn about the social and environmental factors that cause ill health as well as those factors that sustain and create good health. Environmental Health graduates have a range of skills including environmental health risk assessment and management, knowledge of environmental law, environmental science and extensive knowledge in the field. They learn about health research, community development, health education and program planning. Graduates find work in local, state or federal government and in private enterprise. Our graduates from the Environmental Health stream have an almost 100% success rate in finding employment at the conclusion of their studies.

Students undertaking Field Experience in their final semester work as part of an environmental health team in

their sponsoring agency, usually a rural local government department. Students complete a project of direct relevance to the environmental health of the communities served by these agencies. There are a number of benefits of this semester long program. Agencies are able to have projects completed which they may not ordinarily have time or the research skills to undertake. The breadth of study in the Bachelor of Public Health (Environmental Health) program means that students bring a range of research, health promotion and health education skills to their agency in addition to the accredited environmental health literacies. We believe this is a particular advantage of the La Trobe program given the important role in community education which accredited EHOs are expected to fulfill. In addition, students get a real life experience in their field of practice and assistance in the transition from student to professional employee. Many students are placed in rural settings and a number of students are offered employment directly arising from their Field Experience project, a significant factor in addressing the shortage of rural EHOs.

Further information can be found at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook/bendigo/rbph.htm> and <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook/pg/bendigo/rgeh.htm>. Enquiries can be made by calling (03) 5444 7463 or emailing publichealth.bendigo@latrobe.edu.au



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