

Welcome Members to a new look Newsletter.

Please find the following information on upcoming events, Subcommittee activities and general information from your Association.

Over the next period there will be a series of online General Meetings to assist in further identifying areas the Board and Subcommittees should focus on to the benefit of Members; *more on this below*.

We also encourage those interested in becoming more actively involved in the exciting opportunities presenting the WIAA to raise a hand for any one (or more) of the Subcommittees. This may be of interest to yourself or even someone else within your organisation, we welcome those willing to share their knowledge and experience for the greater good of the Weighing Industry to contact the subcommittee conveners listed below.

In closing I wish to acknowledge the stellar efforts of Mario Xuereb, Steve Dickson and Karen Biddle in their respective roles and Subcommittees for the fine work they provide in support of you the Members.... please read on.

Cheers and thanks,

Darren Putland

President.

Subcommittees

W.I.A.A. Board



The board has formed 3 subcommittees to help improve workflow and productivity. These subcommittees and their conveners are;

Membership & Marketing – Karen Biddle

Training & Development – Steve Dickson

Liaison – Darren Putland

We will be calling for members of the W.I.A.A. interested in being a part of any of these subcommittees to come on board and offer your advice and opinions.

Communications

Membership & Marketing Committee

We believe there may have been an issue with Mailchimp which has caused a lot of our communications in the past to possibly go to your spam folder. We will be monitoring the Mailchimp account to ensure all communications are getting through and will contact you directly if you don't open our emails to ensure correct delivery.



Late last year the board opted to use wiaa.com.au email addresses for communications from the Executive Committee and our Secretariat – Finehaus Management. It would appear some email servers are dumping our communications in the Spam folders. It is essential you whitelist wiaa.com.au if you want to stay up to date.

Mailing List

If any of your team wish to stay informed, forward this email to them with the advice to join the W.I.A.A. mailing list by clicking [here](#)

LinkedIn

We would welcome Members to follow the WIAA on LinkedIn and to use the hash tag #WIAA where appropriate.

Our Linked in profile can be found [here](#)

Website

The W.I.A.A. website will be getting updated more frequently from here on, with all the news that is emailed out. Can't find that article you read in your emails amongst the other 10,000 you've received? Head to <https://wiaa.com.au> and it will be there.

Membership Renewals

Membership & Marketing Committee

2024-25 Membership Renewals were due on 30th June and to those of you who have paid – thank you. If you haven't seen your renewal invoice yet, please contact secretary@wiaa.com.au to have it reissued.

There was some confusion within our membership due to change of bank details, but we can confirm our new bank account is held with Westpac, BSB 032-591 and Account # 461373.

Note: The old account is still active for now, so your payment will not be “lost in space”.

There are many benefits in being a W.I.A.A. member and with a big future ahead of us, now is not the time to let your membership lapse.

Proposed Online General Meeting

Membership & Marketing, Training & Development, Liaison Committees

The board is preparing to hold a series of Online General Meetings for our members to discuss their concerns and ideas regarding the weighing industry in general, legislation, training and any other areas of interest.



Details will be sent out shortly to gauge what areas members would like covered. Each meeting will be designed around one or two main topics to make them more relevant to you – only attend the meetings that are of interest to you. By the same token, not all board members will be present at all meetings, as that meeting may not be a specific part of their business. We have a diverse board representing all areas of the weighing industry, some who as an example are not worried about pattern approval, some are not Servicing Licensees.

OIML R76 Review

Liaison Committee



N.M.I. has released their first Committee Draft papers for the next round of consultation. It is pleasing to see, from the last W.I.A.A. submission:

- 4 changes were Fully accepted
- 4 changes were Partially accepted
- 4 changes were rejected.

Our next stage is to review the partials and the rejections with a view to rewording our submissions on those points to hopefully get them approved. If you have not received information regarding this review, please reach out to us a.s.a.p. as our response is due in under two weeks and we will need your comments by next Thursday.

If you make a submission to N.M.I, please cc vicepresident@wiaa.com.au who will then collate all feedback for presentation to the Liaison Committee, so that they may include them in the W.I.A.A. submission on behalf of the whole industry.

International Relations

Liaison Committee

The world is at our fingertips, literally. The board is currently expanding our international connections and relations with proposed mutual memberships with U.K.W.F. and C.E.C.I.P. and continued relations with I.C.W.



U.K.W.F. – United Kingdom Weighing Federation

We have had initial discussions with UKWF regarding mutual Associate Memberships. The UKWF have had many similar issues to WIAA, especially in the area of training and have developed their own “Scale Technician” course. Whilst not recognised at a Government/Country level, it is a valuable asset designed to promote recruitment into the weighing industry.

We are currently waiting to hear from UKWF after their next meeting of the newly elected Board Members regarding the mutual Associate Membership progress and entitlements

C.E.C.I.P.

CECIP is an Association of Weighing Associations from all countries in Europe. It represents associations in Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and United Kingdom along with the other countries (Portugal and Turkey) where there is no association. The core idea is to further unite with CECIP to enhance commitment, information flows and collaboration with the WIAA on matters of mutual and global concern.

I.C.W. – International Conference of Weighing

The WIAA have been invited back onto the Steering Committee for ICW26 (International Conference of Weighing 2026) being held in **Japan** on the **8-10 June 2026** at the **Kitakyusyu International Conference Center**.

“Innovative weighing solutions for a sustainable world” is the suggested theme that will be echoed across the three pillars of ICW; Scientific Metrology, Applied Metrology and Legal Metrology. We have also been enlisted on the Marketing Subcommittee and there will be opportunities for Members to present at the event should they desire; more information on this will become available as things progress. We would strongly urge Members to ‘save the date’ with a view to attending the event where possible.

Annual General Meeting



Just a bit of advanced notice that the board has voted for South Australia to host our 2024 A.G.M. in November. As the time gets closer, we will advise more details so you can make arrangements.

Whilst we would love as many delegates as possible to attend, we are investigating an online option for those of you who cannot make the trip.

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