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## President's Report

As we continue to rotate the WIAA AGM around the Country as a truly national body we can look forward to this year's WIAA AGM scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 in Glenelg SA. The AGM continues to attract great patronage with more than 24+ attendees indicated so far. We have now moved the event to a larger location at the Stamford Hotel in Glenelg SA due to numbers exceeding the available rooms at the NMI Offices in SA (initially indicated for the AGM). We hope to see as many who can attend and information will continue to flow over these next weeks on the NMI Tour and relocated AGM (Incl. morning tea and lunch) ...see more below...

A reminder of the 'Ask NMI' structured Q&A, please provide your questions before the deadline ... see more below...

Over the last period the WIAA has been working in the background on aspects of governance and stewardship along with other areas communicated. We have ratified a new Constitution (amending the 1983 Constitution) as well as ensuring all the records are current with ASIC etc.. A huge thanks to Steve Dickson (Secretary / Treasurer) spending countless hours working through these processes with ASIC.

Membership has increased due to the stellar efforts of Karen Biddle (Members Sub-Committee) and the Web Site is in better shape than ever. Now offering a better overview of all Members and will extend further to include NMI scopes.

I would also like to thank Mario Xuereb (Vice-President) along with all Board members for their input, support and council over this last year; remembering they all give their time and effort with no remuneration for the greater good of Members and the Weighing Industry. Mario Xuereb (Wedderburn), Steve Dickson (Coastal Scales), Karen Biddle (PCS), Jason Ferguson (Diverseco), Brian Johnston (AND), Phil Maillols (Ricelake), Phillip Moraitis (NWI Group) and Chris Nussey (Aptella)

The WIAA is now in a good position regarding governance, stewardship and finances thanks to the efforts of all.

Hope to see as many at the AGM who can attend... read on for further information.

Cheers and thanks,

Darren Putland

President.

## N.M.I. Q&A



N.M.I. have again agreed to an invitation for our Members to ask questions which will be submitted in advance for response at our A.G.M. on November 21<sup>st</sup> in a structured Q&A session.

So far we have had a couple of responses and a couple more indicated to come in. This is an opportunity to hear it from “the horse’s mouth” on the day.

Please! If you have an issue, concern or just an opinion – email it to [admin@wiaa.com.au](mailto:admin@wiaa.com.au) with the subject “I want to ask NMI”. **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submissions.**

## W.I.A.A. Annual General Meeting

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is now being held at the Grand Stamford Hotel, Glenleg, Adelaide. SA – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We will be having a tour of N.M.I. Adelaide at 9:00am in Edwardstown, then a welcome morning tea at a Grand Stamford Hotel from 10:00am, with proceedings to commence from 10:30.



This year, aside from the N.M.I. Q&A, we will also hold an informal General Meeting – an Open Forum for members to discuss their concerns, needs, wants, frustrations, etc. We are all travelling long distances to attend this A.G.M., let’s make the most of it. During/after the Open Forum, the W.I.A.A. will be supplying a buffet style lunch.

If you haven’t already registered, please click this [link](#).

We’d love to see you there!

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## Mailing List



It is extremely important to relay to your team to “whitelist” [wiaa.com.au](mailto:wiaa.com.au) for receipt of emails. Some people are not receiving them which is extremely disappointing. It may be because we are using our own identity now and it is fresh. The more people who whitelist, the better chance for others to see our emails.

Anyone in your organisation can sign up to the mailing list now by clicking the link on the website [www.wiaa.com.au](http://www.wiaa.com.au)

## C.E.C.I.P. Update

We continue our strong association with International Bodies such as CECIP (Comité Européen des Constructeurs d'Instruments de Pesage) who are an Association of 13 separate Weighing Associations in Europe from different Countries. CECIP also hold a chair on the OIML Board and feed directly into OIML recommendations and policies. We are waiting on their next Board Meeting where the WIAA will be presented as one of the first 'International' Affiliates. The process requires a constitutional change in CECIP's Charter to allow for Associations outside of Europe to participate, we are advised this should be completed by the end of this year. The aim is to have mutual Affiliations to strengthen our position internationally.

## U.K.W.F. Update

Our affiliation with the U.K.W.F (United Kingdom Weighing Federation) has stalled after a new Board change and we are now waiting their advice going forward. Several of our Board met online with Members of the UKWF Board and were shown a presentation of the "UKWF Training Program" which they will soon extend to a "UKWF Legal Metrology Apprenticeship and Certificate". The WIAA's aim is to look towards development of similar approaches for its Members.

## 2023/24 Financials

We have had our 2023/24 Financial reports signed off by our auditor – Lambourne Partners – and these were sent with our A.G.M notification.

## Online General Meeting

Our first Online General Meeting is done and dusted. Very exciting to see the turnout for the first one and we are certain there will be more interest in the future. Some great feedback from the members who attended and this will be formulated by the new board for ways to action.

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