

**ANZ ChairReport**  
**To the**  
**CIBSE ANZ – 2022 AGM**  
**4pm, 4 March 2022 – Online**

Good afternoon to you all,

So 2021 turned out to be somewhat similar to the previous year, despite hopes that it would be more normal. We can only keep our fingers crossed that there is now light at the end of the tunnel (and it is not just a train coming).

If you have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic on behalf of the CIBSE ANZ Region I offer my condolences and sincerely hope that the situation is improving for you.

Rather than dwell on the negatives I shall reflect on the positives from the past year.

It is really gratifying to see that the chapters are still finding great subjects and speakers to continue to provide quality technical presentations. We are also attracting great sponsors for these events who enjoy the virtual interaction. They also realise the benefits of the recorded sessions and the large post-event audiences.

In September and October we held our online Seminar Series. Following feedback from our members after the 2020 Seminar Series we chose to deliver this year's event as a series of 2-hour lunchtime sessions over five weeks. This proved popular and attracted a good number of attendees and sponsors. Thanks to all that contributed, it really was a great series.

In November we finally held the Young Engineer's Award Ceremony online, having postponed the face-to-face event twice in the year. The submissions for the three awards categories (Student, Graduate and Young Engineer of the Year) were mind-blowingly good. It was incredibly difficult for our judges to select the finalists, let alone the winners. I congratulate all who took part, especially our finalists and winners. It is my intention to host a live celebratory event this year, circumstances allowing. Keep an eye out for details in the monthly updates.

I must thank the hard-working committees and organisers for their hard work in delivering these. Our region is skillfully managed by Sharon Pestonji, without whom we would struggle to operate. I thank you for all that you do, Sharon. I now also extend this thanks to our new member of staff, Tayana Grundy, who is engaged part-time as our Marketing and Events Coordinator. Tayana provided much-appreciated input into the Seminar Series and Young Engineers awards event. She is taking the lead in organising the 2022 Seminar Series and early indications are that it will be awesome.

Sharon will provide further information in her report that follows.

Other notable change to our committee is that our long-standing Honorary Treasurer, Mat Klintfalt, has now stepped down from the role. Mat has provided sterling support and guidance on our region's finances for many years. On behalf of the CIBSE ANZ Region, I thank you. Stepping into the role is a person you will all be familiar with, our past chair, Paul Angus. Thanks to Paul for agreeing to take this role. You have high standards to follow and I know Mat will be around to assist when needed. Also, Gemma Collins, the treasurer for NZ and holder of many roles in the past, including Auckland chair, has stepped away from active work, having changed career. Thanks to Gemma for her many, many years of hard work for CIBSE.

A significant achievement for our region in the last 12 months is the approval by the Board of Professional Engineers Queensland for CIBSE's assessment scheme, to provide engineering accreditation in Queensland. Details are being finalised as we speak by CIBSE UK.

Our building services training modules are now near completion. These are expected to be released in the first half of this year. A huge thanks to all involved with this mammoth achievement. It has certainly required a huge effort but has resulted in a fantastic set of training modules. If you are keen to receive this training, please do contact Sharon for details.

Some of the training modules we have shared with Engineers Australia as a joint offering, for online delivery. This is a great collaborative effort, and we look forward to seeing this be a success.

To sum up, I thank you all for your continued membership and input to this organisation. We are here to help provide you, our members, with a great experience. If you have feedback or would like to assist more in the chapter organisation please contact me or your local chapter chair for more details.

I personally look forward to seeing more of you in person in the coming 12 months.

Thank you.

Mark Crawford

Chair, CIBSE ANZ Region