

Special points of interest:

- New Association was finally incorporated on the 7 May 2014.
- AGM was held on the 14 July 2014.
- Office Bearers and Board members appointed.
- Board representation was determined by election and resulted in representation from across all parts of the state.

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Local Government Infrastructure Design Association Formed

The Local Government Infrastructure Design Association was formally incorporated on the 7 May 2014.

The first annual general meeting of the association was held on the 18 July 2014.

The meeting was attended by 32 people representing 25 municipalities.

At the meeting the following people were elected to the Board of the Association:

Office Bearers

President: Jon Griffin (Shepparton).

Secretary: Dr John Webster (Wangaratta)

Treasurer: Justin Hinch (Warrnambool)

Ordinary members of the Board:

Leigh Goulet (Mildura) – term 3 years

John Bryce (Geelong) – term 3 years.

Paula Gardiner (Colac Otway) – term – 2 years

John Inglis (Wellington) – term 2 years

Evan Nisbet (Baw Baw) – term one year

Naga Sundararajah (Buloke)– term – one year.

Increase in the number of Board Positions

The AGM also moved a motion that at the next AGM it would increase the number of ordinary members from 6 to 9.

Other Business:

The AGM also resolved that the joining fees for 2014/15 financial years would be \$4,000 and that the annual subscription would be \$500 for small Councils and \$3,000 for large Councils.

First Board Meeting

The first meeting of the new Board was held on the 29 August.

Members of the association who are not Board members may attend meetings and sit in as observers.

The first meeting focused on administrative matters such as setting up a bank account for the association, purchasing policy, insurances, development of website, logo, letterhead and other related matters.

In addition to the administration issues the new Board also considered a request from the South Australian branch of IPWEA who are requesting the Board to use the IDM as a basis for developing a manual for their state.

Board Members at the inaugural meeting of the Board on the 29 August 2014



Back Row: Paula Gardiner, John Webster (Secretary), Evan Nisbet, Justin Hinch (Treasurer), John Bryce.

Front Row: Leigh Goulet, Jonathan Griffin (President), John Inglis, Naga Sundararajah.



Steampacket Place Geelong one of the demonstration projects designed using Sustainable Infrastructure Guidelines



The LGIDA recently completed a case study on the sustainability outcomes achieved for three demonstration projects.

The three projects were:

Steam Packet Place (City of Greater Geelong)

Grant Street Footpath (Colac Otway Shire)

Pavement rehabilitations at Grange Park Drive and Townsend Road (City of Greater Geelong)

Preparation of the Guidelines and the case study report were funded with the support of the Victorian Government under the Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership. The City of Greater Geelong and the Colac Otway Shire were the lead agencies on behalf of the IDM Group for the funding grant. The project was administered by the City of Greater Geelong.

The use of Sustainable Infrastructure Design Guidelines resulted in a reduction of overall embedded energy of 4.9 tonnes in the Steampacket project; 7.8 tonnes in the Grant Street footpath and 22.13 tonnes for the asphalt projects.

This was achieved in the case of the first two projects with an increase in costs of \$49,700 which is less than 10% of the total estimated cost using conventional materials. In the case of the third project there was a total saving of \$197,000 using the greener materials.

Whilst there were some issues with sourcing materials and constructability it is believed that these issues will disappear when these materials become commonplace in their use.

Greater Shepparton City Council Planning Scheme Amendment

The Greater Shepparton City Council has moved a step closer in its stand alone amendment to its planning scheme to have the IDM referenced.

It is likely that an independent panel or advisory committee would be appointed by the Minister for Planning to hear submissions and would make recommendations to Council as to whether the amendment should be adopted. This would then form the basis of other Councils referencing the IDM

in their planning schemes.

As part of this process the amendment is being advertised across the state. It is proposed to hold 6 consultation meetings across the state in October and November this year.

Sessions will be held in the following locations Geelong, Warrnambool, Bendigo, Benalla, Wodonga and the Latrobe Valley

The key dates the Council is working towards are shown

below.

John Keaney (Planning Consultant) will be responsible for the consultation briefings at each of the various Council venues.

Interested parties will be able to attend, ask questions and if they so wish, lodge submissions.

Keep your eye for a session near you and make a submission. Remember submissions supporting the referencing of the IDM would be appreciated.

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Request Authorisation	Wednesday, 3 September
Send exhibition documents to DTPLI Regional Office	Monday, 15 September
Send out Exhibition Notices (including venue details, times etc.)	Monday, 29 September
Exhibition commences	Thursday, 2 October
Road Show / Consultation Days (at the six Councils)	Monday, 20 October to Friday, 14 November (approx)
Exhibition closes	Monday, 1 December

South Australian Councils interested

IPWEA South Australia contacted the Association to say they were looking at developing infrastructure standards for their state.

They advised as follows:

“We have reviewed a number of guidelines nationally and feel that without reinventing the wheel, that the IDM is close to what would be suitable for South Australian Councils

Although the Victorian IDM would need to be modified to

suit the SA requirements, it would be a very good base document. In addition, the ownership / maintenance / funding arrangements / website would tend to suit the South Australian Councils. “

The Board at its last meeting decided to advise IPWEA SA as follows:

1. The Association will assert ownership of the copyright of the manual.
2. The Association will licence the IDM using a Attribution

Noncommercial Share Alike licence .

This means that IPWEA SA could use the IDM as a basis to develop their own manual providing it was not used for commercial purposes and they shared their manual with the Association.

The Board believes that this is the best way forward and will enable the IDM to be used by others who will contribute to improving the IDM in the future.



SA Councils interested in developing a Infrastructure Design Manual for their state

LGIDA Budget for 2014/15

The Board has adopted a budget for 2014/15.

Highlights of the budget are as follows:

1. Joining fees and maintenance fees remain the same
2. \$25,000 allocated for training and education
3. \$5,000 allocated for planning scheme amend-

ments for referencing the IDM.

4. \$35,000 for technical support
5. \$61,000 administrative and financial services
6. \$8,000 Meeting venues and catering
7. \$5,000 Standard Drawings updates

Invoices for the 2014/15 financial year will be sent out in next few months once the Association’s administrative and financial systems have been setup.

“Budget adopted for 2014/15”

Formation of Association means minor changes coming your way

The formation of the LGIDA means that there are some changes to the way the association runs its business.

The first change that you will notice is that invoices will no longer be sent out by the Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC) but by the Association.

The second change that will occur is that the GSCC will no longer host the Associations webpage.

The Board is currently considering a quotation from a company to host and manage its webpage.

This will mean that the webpage is upgraded with new features such as:

- a members section where files and data can be uploaded.
- Forum replacing the groups forum currently being used

- A section for photos and videos

Another change is that the Association has opened up its own bank account with the Bendigo Bank..

Administrative services previously performed by Rose Massloch of the GSCC will now be provided on a temporary basis by Ralph Kop.

The Board thanks Rose for her dedicated service over many years.

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The Local Government Infrastructure Design Association is a group of 43 Councils who have adopted a single infrastructure design manual (IDM) that applies to their municipality. They have agreed to work together to maintain and promote the IDM. The group have identified the following benefits of the IDM:

- sharing financial and human resources to produce an IDM that will satisfy the requirements of the councils involved in the project;
- developing more consistency amongst design requirements for council officers, consultants and developers working in the municipalities;
- providing a stronger basis for the IDM at the Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal as the design requirements have been developed and adopted by a number of municipalities rather than one;
- sharing of ideas and practices helps councils to adopt the best practice of each; and
- providing greater certainty for developers and reducing assessment timeframes which ultimately leads to reduced costs for developers.

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Bits and Pieces

New Members

The Association welcomes the Horsham Rural City Council and the Mildura Regional City Council as new members to the Association.

This brings the number of members to 43.

Review of Standard Planning Permit Conditions

Warrnambool City Council has reviewed the Association Standard Planning Permit Conditions and the Association has appointed a sub-committee consisting of Justin Hinch, John Bryce, Evan Nisbet and John Inglis to review these with a view to make a recommendation to the Technical Committee for their adoption and use within the IDM.

Remote access to meetings

The Association has been considering the use of technology to allow members to remotely access future meetings of the Technical Committee and the Board.

GoToMeeting software is to be trialled at the next Technical Committee meeting. If you are interested in participating please contact Justin Hinch by email on jhinch@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Retired Members

Retired members are able to contribute to the Association and the development and maintenance of the IDM by attending the Technical Committee meetings and participating in the discus-

sion.

New Version of the IDM and Standard Drawings are to be released soon.

A minor update of the IDM version 4.3 is currently under preparation. This will include the selection tables for the 2 new municipalities and the non controversial changes since v4.2 was adopted.

Updated standard drawings will also be released at the same time.

Changed Meeting Date for next Technical Committee Meeting.

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