

FROM THE CEO'S DESK

What a whirlwind start to 2023 for IAQ. We are already at the beginning of June, and what a full calendar we have had to date with: a series of strategic webinars, breakfast events focused on harnessing Queensland's project pipeline from inception to delivery, and regional forums, forging relationships in North and Central Queensland.

Across the past few months, I have had the pleasure of working closely with our members and government to discuss the affordability, capacity, reprioritization, and delivery of infrastructure for the Games, for Townsville Copper String, Hydro, Green Star, and Market Sounding for the two largest Games venues. It is great to see IAQ working hand in hand with government to determine best practice and delivery models for the extensive scope of works in this state which will take us through to the next decade and beyond.

Steering Committees and working groups form the backbone of much of the discussions underway and it is always a privilege to be asked to represent IAQ in these conversations. More recently our IAQ community has led the roll out of workshops to assist TMR with its collaborative contracting implementation. I have also been invited to join with a group of other likeminded industry bodies, to discuss mutual interests with a view to solidifying solutions to assist Queensland's productivity, supply chains, cost of living, housing, critical minerals and energy transitions to achieve positive outcomes for all.

It would be reticent of me to not mention the open door IAQ enjoys with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP). My thanks particularly to Mike Kaiser and his team who are willing to explore new ideas and drive change to create the outcomes needed for all types of infrastructure delivery.

Speaking of delivery, IAQ delivered a Joint venture Summit with Sunshine Coast Council and Sunshine Coast Business Council in early June. A sold out Energy and Renewables industry breakfast is set for late June. Check our events page and event invitations. With the second half of the year already upon us, our calendar is full and includes specialist webinars, Diversity & Inclusion events, a surprise unveiling of a special IAQ project and of course our annual Infrastructure Assembly on 20 October 2023.

IAQ will continue to deliver for its members, and I am happy to report an ongoing interest and increase in membership of our Association. To ensure we are delivering our strategic plan and priorities our team is now three, with Policy & Communications Officer, Harvey Williams, joining us in late April. Kim, Harvey and I look forward to working with and for you this year, to ensure you as members reap the benefits of being part of the peak body for Infrastructure in Queensland.

Cheers
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CEO