



Australian Institute of Building Surveyors

TRAINING CONNECTION

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Hello everyone,

You may have noticed a slight change in my title at the end of emails and this newsletter. It is now the National Education & Training Coordinator. While training is an important part of my role, much of what I do day to day also involves the Education functions and responsibilities of AIBS. It was felt that in order for people to better understand what I do, the title should reflect the activities in which I am involved.

As part of the Education responsibilities, I am setting up a master file of all Education issues, particularly those relating to Building Surveying courses and universities course/s accreditation. Currently, there are gaps in paperwork and evidence which presents some problems when AIBS (eg. Clay Anderson and/or I) need to discuss issues relating to course accreditation.

Therefore, could I request that if Chapters hold copies of any decisions or agreements relating to course development and/or course accreditation, that have occurred since 2000 and particularly those courses that are AIBS accredited, would you please forward a copy to me so that I can build up an AIBS National Education master file. This request applies for both TAFE and University courses.

Finally, I would also appreciate being copied into emails/memos/letters that involve the National Education Committee and/or Clay Anderson who is the NEC Chair.

Course Accreditation News:

Recently, Central Queensland University (CQU) has been formally notified of AIBS interim accreditation for their Advanced Diploma of Building Inspection and their Bachelor of Building Surveying until 31st December 2006. CQU have also recently advised that the Advanced Diploma of Building Inspection will become the Associate Degree of Building Surveying, taking effect immediately.

The change is in title only. Existing students due to graduate in 2005 will be given a choice on their testamur. QTAC should advertise the new title for the 2006 intake.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) have been requested to seek an AIBS accreditation visit so that the interim accreditation for the Bachelor of Applied Science Construction Management (Building Surveying Minor) might be converted into an ongoing AIBS course accreditation.

AIBS May Training Events: (contact local chapter for details)

NSW:	Compartmentation and Separation Wksp	Londonderry	11 th May
QLD/NT:	Categorising Bush Fire Prone Areas	Brisbane	16 th May
SA:	TBA		
TAS:	Nil		
VIC:	TBA		
WA:	Nil – State Conference		

AIBS Chapter & Allied Conference Dates:

Western Australia	12-13 May	Perth
New South Wales	25-26 July	Sydney
Tasmania	Early September	To be advised
Queensland NT/ABCB	11-15 September	Surfers Paradise
Victoria	6-7 October	Melbourne

Website News:

The Training/Seminars section of the website has been updated and has a new look. Gone are the boxes on the right hand side where access was not available without a password. In their place are now a series of clickable headings appearing in the centre section of the screen. There is a section for State Training Events.

So, when AIBS Chapters are next promoting a training event on your Chapter site, request that it be listed on the Training/Seminars site as well under your state's heading. Check the site out for yourself. Other improvements such as the updated National Training Calendar along with Training Resource documents and past issues of the Training Connection can be found there as well. Further updates are being implemented in the Careers section over the next couple of weeks. Thanks Ross.

News from the States:

Queensland/NT:



AIBS Qld/NT Chapter President, Stan Spyrou has entered into a Sponsorship agreement for a Golf Tournament set up by Students (present and past) from QUT's Construction Management Degree. AIBS see this as an opportunity to promote both the Institute and the Building Surveying profession. A match is held every month at which our new AIBS Banner is displayed. The August match will feature an AIBS day, with exposure opportunities as part of the AIBS 'hole in one' competition. AIBS Members are able to participate but must attend every match in order to be eligible for the prizes at the end of the year. Any enquiries can be directed to the Chapter Office.



QUT Construction Management Students enjoying their golf day along with the AIBS Banner



On another front, the accompanying photo is of a kitchen fire demonstration held recently by QFRS Caloundra for AIBS Sunshine Coast members. The kitchen fire demonstration topped off what was an enjoyable evening. Another session is intended early next year which will involve the QFRS gas fired training unit. Many thanks to the gents from QFRS Caloundra.

Western Australia:



Recently in the Shire of Denmark Merv Stewart, a member of the WA Chapter Executive Committee, arranged a regional meeting with a training session component. The session focussed on Steel Truss Roofing and was well received by the attending delegates, many of whom are young students working as Building Surveyors in the distant regional areas of the massive WA state.

Here we see (L to R) Keith Barnett, Rodney Byl (WA State President and Matthew Grey (Manager Building Services Shire of Esperance)

A second session was conducted by the eminent solicitor and member of the WA Chapter, Geoff Owen. The session dealt with the various day-to-day issues impacted by the recently introduced State Administrative Tribunal, whose role is to review decisions made by the many statutory boards, including Local Governments.

ANTA News:

As part of the Federal Government's changes to the vocational and education sector, the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) is undergoing a transition whereby their responsibilities and functions are being transferred to the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

ANTA was established in 1992, and the result has been consistent improvement in the training system through collaboration between governments and Australian business and industry. The proposed new arrangements are anticipated to enhance this success. For those who do not know, ANTA has responsibility, with industry bodies, for the identification and training package development of the national competencies for a wide variety of occupations, including Building Surveying. Therefore, the proposed changes to ANTA's responsibilities and structure may impact on the TAFE courses being offered

Currently, consultations by DEST on the new national structures are underway with a range of stakeholders and a set of draft proposals being developed for consideration by

the Ministerial Council meeting held on the 15th April. We are advised that the current proposals are not dissimilar to the ANTA arrangements, with the following bodies

- The Ministerial Council
- National Industry Advisory Group
- A Quality Agency
- Continuing Industry Skill Councils

developing training packages and a state and territory CEO's committee to establish "Action Groups" on specific issues.

Funding negotiations between the Australian Government and States have commenced. Once more is known about the outcomes of these negotiations, there is likely to be a better understanding of new expectations or responsibilities.

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Feedback on the Training Connection is always appreciated. Ideas for future directions as well as information on what is happening training-wise in your area gladly welcomed.

Your next edition will arrive

Regards,

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