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A word from the Chair

The year 2020 will be remembered for its many challenges. As a profession, engineers have risen to these challenges and will be instrumental as Queensland and Australia emerges from the coronavirus recession.

Rather than dwell on the negatives of this year I would like to highlight the many great RPEQs, companies and projects written about in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland.

In the 90 years Queensland has had the *Professional Engineers Act* and the registration system, many eminent engineers have carried the protected title RPEQ, including:

- Three knights
- 11 Imperial or Australian honours holders, such as OAMs
- Two university chancellors
- And many more award recipients and leaders

Sir John Kemp's 'great gifts and extraordinary versatility' helped make Queensland what it is today.

Clifford Calder's legacy lives on the great work done by Brandon and Associates in the Darling Downs, South West, and Central Queensland.

Nicole Morgan carved out an impressive career in engineering and aviation. In 1981, more than 50 years since the establishment of the RPEQ scheme, she became the first female RPEQ.

Then there is modern day great RPEQs like Dr Marlene Kanga who led the push to declare 4 March as 'World Engineering Day', the first international day for engineering, celebrated for the first time this year.

Or Duncan Gilmore who has pioneered research and development into emissions reduction technology and renewable energy projects since the 1980s.

At the same time many world leading engineering companies were founded right here in Queensland. The likes of Downer, Mount Isa Mines and Thiess have helped build and develop our state.

RPEQs and some of these companies have been behind some remarkable feats of engineering in Queensland

– Burdekin Falls Dam, Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas projects, Queensland-New South Wales Interconnector, the Tilt Train.

In the year that BPEQ celebrated its anniversary and these great people, companies and projects we also registered the 25,000th RPEQ. Congratulates to Darren Alcock (RPEQ# 25,000 – Civil) who was registered in December. As I write this there are 15,983 RPEQs registered.

There are two accomplishments this year that I want to mention specifically: amendments to the *Professional Engineers Act 2002*, to expand BPEQ's investigative and compliance functions, and the development of a new Strategic Plan for 2020-24. Included in the plan is the strategic opportunity to lead the discussion regarding a national professional engineering registration scheme. BPEQ's position, and something we will be working toward, is that each Australian state and territory recognises the importance of engineers and has a registration scheme for engineers that protects the public and upholds professional standards. I believe these changes will frame BPEQ's operations and objectives in 2021 but the work has already started – earlier this month BPEQ made a submission to the Western Australian's Government's consultation on a registration scheme for engineers in that jurisdiction. We hope to be able to work with the Western Australian Government going forward.

This will be the final e-news issue for the year. As much as possible we try to include information that helps engineers to comply with their legal obligations and be model professionals. BPEQ always welcomes your suggestions for e-news topics, so if you do have ideas contact engagement@bpeq.qld.gov.au.

Please be aware that the BPEQ office will close from midday 24 December until 4 January and registration applications made between now and the new year will be held off for processing until 4 January.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DAWSON WILKIE

Chair and regional representative

25,000th RPEQ Registered

The RPEQ system continues to grow with the total number of current active RPEQs soon expected to click over 16,000.

Each RPEQ is given a unique registration number corresponding to the order they were registered. Roger Hawken was made RPEQ #1 when he was registered in 1930. In 2020 Darren Alcock became the 25,000th RPEQ.

Darren is a civil engineer with over 23 years civil and building construction experience. He began his career with McIntyre and Associates working as the shire engineer in Quilpie Shire, Western Queensland. He later moved to contractor roles working his way from site engineer to project manager, for Golding, Watpac, Leighton, Thiess/John Holland, and BMD/Acciona on mining and infrastructure projects throughout Queensland including Airport Link, Legacy Way and the Kingsford Smith Drive Upgrade. Darren now works for SMEC as part of the Project Independent Certifier team at Cross-River Rail.

Find out how to become a RPEQ visit bpeq.qld.gov.au/registration/become-a-rpeq



Pictured: Darren Alcock (25,000, Civil)

COVID-19 accelerates structural shifts in infrastructure use: Infrastructure Australia

The Australian Infrastructure sector responded well to the challenges of Covid-19 but several trends will impact on future infrastructure delivery and demand, according to a report from Infrastructure Australia (IA).

Infrastructure beyond COVID-19: A national study on the impacts of the pandemic on Australia was requested by the Commonwealth Government to help the development of the 2021 Australian Infrastructure Plan. Demand and use of transport, telecommunications, digital, energy, water, waste, and social infrastructure has changed dramatically since the coronavirus outbreak which must be understood to plan, fund and deliver future infrastructure.

People's willingness to use public transport has dropped significantly, by between 10-30 per cent in most cities. This means more private vehicles on the roads and local traffic congestion. Traffic data shows that road transport is nearly back to pre-Covid-19 levels after initial reductions in traffic on major arterial corridors.

An extra 4 million people (30 per cent of the workforce) have been working at home since March 2020. A third of these workers prefer to remain working from home adding to broadband network demand, energy and water consumption

in the suburbs as well as flow-on demand for local greenspace.

Online sales grew five times the annual growth recorded in 2019 seeing waste generation, such as paper and plastic packaging, spike. The 20 per cent rise in municipal waste because of Covid-19 comes at the same time as the waste and recycling industry is dealing with China's foreign waste and recycling ban.

Metropolitans have flocked to the regions with a 200 per cent increase in net migration from capital cities to regional areas putting pressure on housing stock, roads and other local infrastructure. Along with people making sea and tree changes, state lockdowns have resulted in increased tourist numbers to regional centres.

Whether these trends continue is uncertain, but most are expected to last at least until a vaccine is widely available and introduced to the Australian population. It is, however, realistic to think demand for urban transport and office accommodation will diminish or remain static and the demand for broadband network and housing stock in regional areas increase in coming years.

The report finds that governments and infrastructure service providers responded well to the changing infrastructure demand, namely in digital service delivery and local and regional built environment infrastructure.

Infrastructure construction continued during the worst of the pandemic and helped soften the economic and employment slowdown.

To read the report in full visit infrastructureaustralia.gov.au



Revised Continuing Registration Requirements Policy

BPEQ has developed a revised Continuing Registration Requirements (**CRR**) Policy for engineers applying for renewal or restoration of their registration.

CRR are requirements that, if satisfied, demonstrate that an applicant for renewal or restoration of registration has maintained competency in their area/s of engineering and within their area of competence for which the applicant is, or was, registered.

The policy sets out:

- the framework on the nature and extent of continuing professional development (**CPD**) to be undertaken by the applicant;
- the framework on the nature and extent of research, study or teaching, relating to engineering, to be undertaken by the applicant; and
- the framework on the nature and extent of administrative work, relating to engineering, to be performed by the applicant.

RPEQs registered with an assessment entity for participation in CPD

If the applicant is registered with an approved assessment entity for participation in the CPD of the entity, the applicant is to comply with the requirements of that entity.

Assessment entities can provide notifications to the Board on applicants who fail to meet the CPD requirements of that assessment scheme and would therefore not comply with BPEQ's CRR Policy.

RPEQs complying with the BPEQ's CRR Policy

If the applicant is not registered with an approved assessment entity for participation in the CPD of an assessment scheme, the applicant must comply with the Board's CPD scheme for the area of engineering for which the applicant is, or was, registered.

The Board's CPD requirements are, that to continue to be eligible for registration, applicants must:

- complete a minimum of 150 hours of CPD over a three-year period leading up to the renewal or restoration of their registration in the area/s of engineering for which the applicant is, or was, registered;

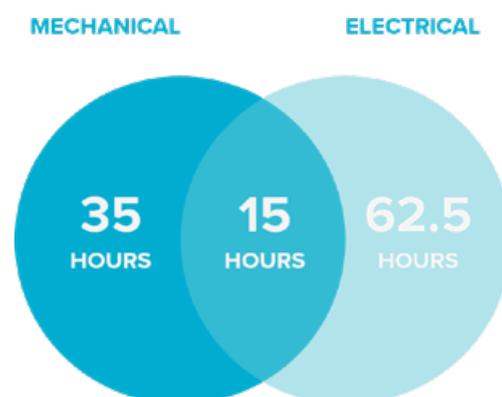
- undertake a minimum 75% (112.5 hours) of the 150 hours as technical CPD;
- undertake a maximum of 25% (37.5 hours) of the 150 hours as non-technical CPD (e.g. project management, law, communication);
- undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering ethics; and
- undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering risk management.

CPD for multiple areas of practice

If you are registered for more than one area of engineering, you must record as a minimum at least 50 hours of technical CPD for each area of engineering. You must also continue to meet the minimum requirement of 112.5 hours overall of technical CPD.

For example, if you are registered for mechanical and electrical engineering, you must undertake a minimum of 50 hours of technical CPD related to both mechanical and electrical. Some technical CPD activities may overlap and in this case, you can label the activities as both mechanical-related and electrical-related CPD.

The diagram below illustrates a situation where 15 hours of technical CPD is related to both mechanical and electrical. The RPEQ in this example complies with the minimum requirement of 112.5 hours of technical CPD, and the minimum requirement of 50 hours per area of engineering.



Total technical CPD: 112.5 hours

Part-time or casual employment provision

BPEQ's CRR Policy is more flexible for RPEQs who are working in a part-time or casual capacity.

For the purpose of this provision, full-time employment is defined as usually working 37.5 hours per week or more. Part-time/casual employment is defined as usually working less than 30 hours per week in all jobs.

While the Board has the discretion to review CPD compliance on a case-by-case basis, RPEQs who fall within the definition of part-time or casual employment may be eligible to complete reduced CPD hours over three years.

The Board's requirements are, that to continue to be eligible for registration, RPEQs who are considered to be part-time or casual may:

- a. complete as a minimum, 112.5 hours of technical CPD over a three-year period leading up to the renewal or restoration of their registration in the area/s of engineering for which the applicant is, or was, registered;
- b. undertaking additional non-technical CPD is encouraged but will not count toward the required 112.5 hours that is required;
- c. undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering ethics; and

- d. undertake as a minimum, 1 hour of non-technical CPD covering risk management.

Career break provision

BPEQ's CRR Policy is more flexible for RPEQs who have been on a career break of at least six months during the three year period. RPEQs who fall within the career break provision, may be eligible to complete 150 hours of CPD over five years rather than the standard three years.

A RPEQ is regarded to have had a career break if they have a period of leave from the workforce of at least six continuous months, but less than five years for any proper cause, such as:

- a. a serious illness
- b. parental leave
- c. extended travel
- d. caring for family members
- e. involuntary unemployment

The career break provision does also apply to RPEQs registered as non-practising.

CPD types and limitations

BPEQ's CRR Policy applies limits to certain types of CPD activities:

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LIMITATIONS
1	Formal post-graduate study or tertiary course units not undertaken for award purposes.	There is no limit to the maximum numbers of hours you can claim.
2	Short courses, workshops, seminars and discussion groups, conferences, technical inspections and technical meetings.	There is no limit to the maximum number of hours you can claim.
3	Structured learning activities in the workplace that extend competence in the area/s of engineering.	A maximum of 75 hours of you total CPD may be claimed.
4	Private study which extends knowledge and skills*.	A maximum of 18 hours of your total CPD may be claimed.
5	Service to the engineering profession.	A maximum of 50 hours of your total CPD may be claimed.
6	Practitioners employed in tertiary teaching or academic research.	A maximum of 45 hours for papers published in journals and conference proceedings, or a maximum of 75 hours for papers subject to critical peer review.
7	Practitioners employed in tertiary teaching or academic research.	A minimum of 40 hours of industry involvement must be claimed.

*RPEQs employed in a part-time or casual capacity and complying with the part-time or casual provision are not able to claim CPD hours for private study toward their required 112.5 hours.

To view the policy in full visit bpeq.qld.gov.au/continuing-registration-requirements-policy

Local government engagement 2021

BPEQ will start a new round of local government engagement in 2021 and has developed a region by region plan to meet with council engineers. The engagement plan follows the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) finding that professional engineering services in local government carried out by unregistered persons and without direct supervision amounted to corrupt conduct.

BPEQ staff will contact the following councils to arrange seminars and meetings on the PE Act and RPEQ system on the dates listed below.

Further dates to meet with councils not listed will be advised. Councils can request a seminar on the PE Act and RPEQ system as needed.

For further information or to request a seminar contact engagement@bpeq.qld.gov.au.

South West Queensland

Date: 9-12 February 2021

Regions: Maranoa Regional, Balonne Shire, Murweh Shire, Quilpie Shire, Bulloo Shire, Paroo Shire

Sunshine and Burnett

Date: 23-24 February 2021

Regions: Sunshine Coast Regional, Noosa Shire, Gympie Regional, South Burnett Regional, Somerset Regional

Darling Downs

Date: 3-5 March 2021

Regions: Western Downs Regional, Southern Downs Regional, Lockyer Valley Regional, Toowoomba Regional

Far North Queensland

Date: 24-26 March 2021

Regions: Cairns Regional, Douglas Shire, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire, Mareeba Shire, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire, Cassowary Coast Regional, Tablelands Regional

Central Queensland

Date: 14-15 April 2021

Regions: Gladstone Regional, Banana Shire

Central Queensland

Date: 4-6 May 2021

Regions: Rockhampton Regional, Livingstone Shire, Central Highlands Regional

North West Queensland

Date: 25-27 May 2021

Regions: Mount Isa City, Cloncurry Shire, McKinlay Shire, Richmond Shire, Flinders Shire, Boulia / Diamantina Shires



QUEENSLAND BUDGET 2020-21

Queensland's 2020-21 Budget was handed down on 1 December 2020 and includes allocated spending for infrastructure and capital works worth \$14.8 billion.

To read the learn more about the Queensland Budget 2020-21 visit budget.qld.gov.au/budget-papers



ENERGY

- \$500 million Renewable Energy Fund
- \$145 million commitment to establish three Queensland Renewable Energy Zones
- \$10 million for hydrogen industry development



MANUFACTURING

- \$600 million for 20 new locally made trains
- \$16.5 million to drive development of advanced manufacturing skills through the creation of Manufacturing Skills Queensland Renewable Energy Zones
- \$10 million for hydrogen industry development



RAIL

- \$1.5 billion to continue works on Cross River Rail, 10.2km of track from Dutton Park to Bowen Hills and new train stations and upgrades to existing stations
- \$709.0 million for Gold Coast light rail, jointly funded with Commonwealth
- \$550.8 million for North Coast Rail Line between Beerburrum and Nambour, jointly funded with Commonwealth



STADIUMS & LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$148 millions for building and construction of stadiums, including Ballymore, Browne Park, the Gabba and Sunshine Coast Stadium
- \$200 million for the Works for Queensland program to support local governments outside South East Queensland for maintenance and minor infrastructure projects relating to assets owned or controlled by local governments



WATER

- \$195 million to the Townsville City Council toward Stage 2 of the Haughton Pipeline
- \$150 million for dam improvement projects
- \$42.5 million over three years from 2021–22 for the proposed \$80 million Bundaberg flood levee to protect the local community from widespread inundation



ROADS

- Approximately \$5 billion for Bruce Highway capital program
- \$3.4 billion for M1 works, jointly funded by Australian Government includes major projects such as the Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade, Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade, and the Yatala South (Exit 41) and Pimpama (Exit 49) interchange upgrades
- \$1.5 bill for Coomera Connector (Stage 1) between Nerang and Coomera
- \$40 million for Ipswich Motorway upgrade from Rocklea to Darra
- \$244 million for Centenary Bridge upgrade, jointly funded with Commonwealth
- \$4 million for initial planning for a new Bribie Island bridge



PORTS & SHIPPING

- \$54 million for transport industry and North Queensland ports
- \$52.2 million for channel capacity upgrades at the Port of Townsville
- \$30 million to support the upgrade to infrastructure at the Ports North owned Cairns Marine Precinct and fund a business case for the future development of the precinct
- \$21 million over two years to revitalise Queensland's coastal shipping industry and create maritime jobs, including the establishment of a new shipping service between Townsville and Brisbane

WELCOME

TO OUR NEWEST RPEQS



BPEQ extends a warm welcome to the following engineers who recently became registered:

25115	Pouyan	Abbasimaedeh	Civil, Structural
25180	Yazeed	Abdelhadi	Civil, Management
25191	Nermeen	Abood	Mechanical
25110	Saroj	Adhikari	Civil
25082	Saeed	Akhter	Electrical
25121	Irshad	Ali	Electrical
25187	Mostafa	Ali Ahmed	Mechanical
18376	Shyam	Ambati	Civil
25142	Robert	Arnott	Civil, Management, Mechanical
25125	Tim	Aujard	Chemical
10926	Roger	Baker	Mechanical
25090	George	Banks	Structural
25152	Thomas	Bayley	Mechanical, Structural
25147	Ivan	Beirne	Management
25143	Gregory	Biernat	Electrical
25183	Philippe	Bolard	Mechanical
25179	Ashleigh	Braden	Civil
25161	Jonathan	Briner	Civil
25077	Daniel	Brink	Aerospace
25146	Leonid	Bronfentrinker	Civil, Environmental
25105	Steven	Brown	Structural
25098	Gary	Bruyeres	Geotechnical
25162	Daniel	Bryant	Civil
25099	Michael	Butler	Mechanical
25080	Asad Riaz	Butt	Electrical
20700	Michael	Camilleri	Mechanical
25102	Craig	Caplick	Civil
25140	Somnath	Chakraborty	Structural
25136	Victor	Chiodi	Electrical, Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25104	Chun	Choi	Building Services, Electrical, Information Telecommunications & Electronics, Management
25114	Alan	Chong	Mechanical
9381	Emilio	Cianetti	Civil
25076	Gregory	Claydon	Civil, Environmental

25074	Dale	Cokley	Management, Mechanical
25130	Dale	Coles	Information Telecommunications & Electronics
2285	Donald	Cooper	Civil
25178	Shaun	Croton	Electrical
25193	Julian	Da Silva	Information Telecommunications & Electronics, Management
25096	Alain	Daya	Civil, Structural
25095	Malcolm	D'Cruz	Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25165	Merennage	De Costa	Civil
25108	Faramarz	Dehghan	Electrical, Information Telecommunications & Electronics
6097	Richard	Drew	Civil
25169	Debashis	Dutta	Electrical
25182	Kashif	Ehsan	Mechanical
25118	Mark	Elphinston	Mechanical, Management
25100	Mohamed	Eltahir	Civil
25204	Mohsen	Eslami	Mechanical
25138	Reza	Fakhr	Electrical
25094	Tristan	Fennell	Mechanical
25186	Christophe Flavien	Feuillye	Civil
10674	Jason	Fior	Chemical
25119	Paul	Follett	Civil
25134	Michael	Foster	Building Services, Mechanical
25158	Ewald	Fourie	Civil, Management
25174	Sherie	Francis	Electrical
12633	Allan	Garrard	Civil
25207	Jibin	George	Electrical
25103	Subir	Ghosh	Structural
6078	Eddy	Giacomel	Electrical
19348	Andrew	Gibson	Civil
25107	Praveen	Gopathi	Electrical, Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25172	Manoj	Goswami	Electrical
25189	Michael	Gray	Management
25109	Ashley	Greenwood	Civil
25196	Matthew	Grieshaber	Mechanical
25200	Adrian	Hardy	Mining
25171	Kelly-Ann	Harkin	Electrical
25190	Phil	Harley	Mechanical
25124	Baden	Harrison	Structural
25164	Roozbeh	Hasanzadeh Nafari	Civil
25116	Samuel	Hatwell	Chemical
25101	Thomas	Haupt	Building Services, Electrical
4167	Majed	Hawatt	Civil, Structural
25078	Michael	Hoppe	Civil
25093	George	Ip	Civil, Structural
25151	Vanessa	Iquin	Chemical
25195	Mohammadmehdi	Irani	Mechanical
25177	Najif	Ismail	Civil, Structural

25088	Dorothea	Jackson	Chemical
25154	Nauman	Jahangir	Civil
22744	Seyed Abolhasan	Jalali Mosavi	Mechanical
25163	Matthew	James	Electrical
25201	Muhammad	Javid	Civil
25192	Fangming	Jin	Civil
25137	Saeed	Karimisabet	Structural
25145	Swapnil	Karkare	Electrical
25069	Kamyar	Kildashti Komsari	Structural
25175	Michael	King	Structural
25123	Han Boon	Koi	Civil
15951	Sing-Siu	Lee	Civil
22290	Li	Li	Electrical
25144	Allan	Little	Management, Mechanical
25149	Angus	Livingstone	Civil
11277	Mark	Locke	Civil
25067	Yiping	Lu	Electrical
25150	Rajesh	Maharaj	Chemical
25111	Bandula	Mallawapitiya	Civil
25194	Elliott	Martin	Civil
25203	Kevin	Matthias	Management, Mechanical
25199	Carol	McDade	Electrical
25085	Stuart	McTaggart	Civil
25184	Hannah	Meenan	Chemical
25084	Remon	Mehany	Civil, Structural
12312	David	Metcalfe	Structural
25003	Joel	Miller	Civil
2278	Richard	Morwood	Civil
7304	Roderick	Mould	Mechanical
15141	Rana Imran	Munir	Civil
25122	Bradley	Murdoch	Mechanical
25113	Rakesh	Mysore Srirama Prasad	Structural
25065	Amirhossein	Naderi	Structural
25086	Dang Phong	Nguyen	Structural
25091	Bernard	Oliver	Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25097	Alistair	Osborne	Structural
25133	Marco	Panichi	Structural
23106	Jeong Soo	Park	Electrical
25129	Kalpeshkumar	Patel	Electrical, Management
25159	Babubhai	Patel	Civil, Management
25075	Eddy	Perabo	Management, Electrical
25139	Alekzander	Piekarski	Building Services, Mechanical
25176	Tyler	Plowright	Mechanical
25167	Mark	Powell	Civil, Structural
15660	Terrance	Presley	Mechanical
25071	Shaun	Price	Chemical
25155	Rizwan	Qadeer	Structural
25135	Xiaoxia	Qiu	Chemical, Management

14418	Joe	Rahme	Electrical
25073	Ashiq	Rasheed	Civil
25072	Jayantha	Ratnayake	Civil
25208	Rahul	Ray Biswas	Civil
25197	Darren	Reilly	Civil
25126	Barry	Robertson	Building Services, Management
25128	Paul	Rogers	Management, Mechanical
25141	Rodrigo Bartholomeu	Romano Da Silva E Oliveira	Structural
25153	Mark	Roots	Aerospace, Structural, Mechanical
9805	Clive	Ross	Management, Mechanical
25079	Andrei	Rotaru	Civil, Structural
25081	Joseph	Saba	Civil
25087	George	Salama	Electrical
25070	Girish	Sasikumar	Electrical
25092	Andrew	Selley	Mechanical
25157	Dwijinder	Sharma	Chemical
25166	Ming	Shi	Information Technology and Telecommunications
25168	Nilima	Singh	Electrical, Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25068	Matthew	Slade	Structural
25089	Reuben	Smith	Mechanical
25160	Tuan	Sourjah	Civil
25117	Darren	Srblin	Chemical
25185	Purushothaman	Srinivasan	Electrical
25156	Deyang	Su	Electrical
25131	Xin	Su	Electrical
25198	Kabir	Suara	Mechanical
25188	Richard	Tarr	Mechanical
25106	Ryan	Thierry	Mechanical
25132	Varun	Thomas	Mechanical
25127	Philip	Thornton	Civil, Structural
15719	Dusan	Tosovic	Mechanical
15656	Nhat	Tran	Fire Safety
25173	Zbynek	Vala	Electrical
17872	Christophe	Van Berendonck	Aerospace, Information Telecommunications & Electronics
25202	Todd	Webster	Civil
25083	Terrence	Wex	Chemical
25170	Alexander	Wilkinson	Civil, Management
25181	Rahsn	Witt	Civil
25120	Xiaoxuan	Xie	Information Technology and Telecommunications
25066	Andrew	Yao	Building Services
10794	Dale	Young	Environmental

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