About Us

IPWEAQ is the peak body representing those actively involved in the delivery of public works and services in Queensland.

Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life for all Queensland communities by advancing the skills, knowledge and resources available to those involved in the planning and provision of public works and services.

Our History
A meeting, chaired by Geoff Wilmoth was held in Rockhampton on 7 October 1970 proposing the formation of a Queensland local government engineer’s association. The inaugural meeting of the Local Government Engineers’ Association of Queensland (LGEAQ) was held at Southport, on 2 October 1972, attended by approximately 50 engineers from various local authorities. TJ (Jim) Abbiss was elected as our founding President.

The name of the association was changed in 1999 to the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia, Queensland then again in 2015 to the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia, Queensland.

Our Board
Craig Murrell
President
Angela Fry
Vice President
Sarah Hausler
Board Member
Trevor Dean
Board Member
Celisa Faulkner
CQ Branch President
Glenda Kirk
NQ Branch President
Raad Jarjees
SEQ Branch President
Andrew Johnson
SWQ Branch President

Our Chief Executive Officer
Leigh Cunningham
Chief Executive Officer

 Queensland Water Directorate (qldwater)
In 2003, the Institute established the Queensland Water Directorate to provide services to the urban water industry. qldwater is a registered business of IPWEAQ.

 Registered Charity
IPWEAQ is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

President’s Charity
IPWEAQ presidents nominate a charity for members to support during their term. Craig Murrell has chosen Rural Aid Australia
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Our Value Propositions
1. Our globally recognised Knowledge Centre is an essential resource for anyone involved in public works in Queensland.
2. Our quarterly e-journal is valued for its technical and industry-relevant content.
3. Our technical publications and products are widely-adopted and are leading-edge.
4. Our comprehensive professional development program is innovative and exceeds the needs of members and industry.
5. Our water directorate (qldwater) strengthens the urban water industry to maintain and improve the safety, health, wellbeing and sustainability of Queensland communities.
6. Our conferences are must-attend events.
7. An IPWEAQ excellence award is highly sought after.
8. Our members enjoy a strong sense of community through our proactive branch network.
9. We uphold professional standards as an RPEQ (Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland) assessor.
10. IPWEAQ influences government and industry.

Our Goals
- provide for the personal and professional development of those involved in the delivery of public works and services in Queensland through education, training and leading-edge resources.
- ensure that those responsible for the delivery of public works and services for communities across Queensland observe and respect the natural environment and work to enhance it for the benefit of future generations.
- ensure that projects and infrastructure delivered to communities across Queensland incorporate best practices to guarantee the health and safety of our citizens.
- develop and exchange ideas, information and technology in the science and practice of all aspects of public works and share with other industry associations to further benefit society as a whole.
- encourage and recognise excellence in the delivery of public works and services.
- advance the knowledge and understanding of the public works sector within the community generally.
- provide education tools and resources to enable public works practitioners to observe and respect native title and cultural heritage requirements.
- promote IPWEAQ as the principal source of credible, authoritative advice and information on all public works and services matters in Queensland.