



engineers without borders australia

National Council 2016

16-18 September - Canberra, ACT





Welcome to Country

‘We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Ngunnawal people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region. We would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today’s event.’





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Welcome letter

Welcome to **National Council 2016!**

I for one am very excited by this year's National Council. It is my first one, and is occurring just 4 months after I started as CEO in May this year.

So what are the things that I am most looking forward to?

Number one: meeting all of you! As I have travelled around many of the Region chapters I have been so impressed by the passion, excitement, anticipation and sense of commitment and purpose that all the Chapter and region teams absolutely exude! EWB is a unique organisation, and a large part of that uniqueness is what you all do and bring to EWB.



Number two: engaging in stimulating discussion. We are living in challenging, complex and rapidly changing times. Since our last National Council, the world has seen the SDG's agreed to by the entire global community, the Paris CoP21 commitments made, new development financing and collaboration models, and an emerging wave of reaction and protectionism borne out of inequality and frustration with the system.

The mindset and skills to live and work 'without borders' is needed now more than ever. So too is EWB's role in ensuring everyone has access to the engineering knowledge and resources required to lead a life of opportunity, free from poverty; achieved through connecting, educating, and empowering people through humanitarian engineering.

EWB offers a genuine pathway, experience, capability development, and impact that is critical to facilitating the global engineering community to engage with and make a difference to the development challenges we face at home and overseas.

We are very grateful to our hosts this year, Australian National University and our other supporters (see end page).

Throughout the program there are times to consider the big picture, and then get down and practical around Regional Program strategies and skill building through focus sessions. NC is also a time for celebration, and there will be many people waiting with bated breath for the announcement of the Danny Awards!

Can I encourage you to use the gaps in the program to connect with the whole EWB community, share stories, inspire one another, and be mindful of the opportunity and privilege we all share as part of the global movement of Engineers Without Borders!

I hope you all thoroughly enjoy this year's National Council!

Pete Baynard-Smith
CEO
EWB Australia





National Council Objectives

National Council is Engineers without Borders Australia's (EWB) cornerstone member leadership event! Now in its fourteenth year, we're excited to be bringing over 110 of EWB's leaders and champions to Canberra for the opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, celebrate achievements, learn and develop personal and professional skills, connect and collaborate with peers and raise the profile of EWB, our partnerships and the humanitarian engineering movement!

National Council Objectives

- > Inspire, motivate and re-energise our chapter leadership
- > Enable 2-way knowledge sharing, training, problem solving and collaboration
- > Strategise and re-focus our actions
- > Amplify passion and impact
- > Provide opportunity for personal and professional development
- > Elect the Directors of the Board
(completed prior in 2016)
- > Celebrate and reward the achievements of our members
- > Galvanise our community

National Council 2016 Focus Areas



Inspire, empower and mobilise our community of leaders to build the humanitarian engineering movement and create social change



Understand the changing context in which EWB operates to achieve our 2020 strategy



Create impact through innovation, influence and storytelling



Embed systems and tools to build the foundations for success





National Council 2015

National Council 2015 was held over 3 days on Yugembah Country at the Koonjewarre Accommodation Centre in Springbrook Queensland. Sessions were held over 3 days and included an opening address from Arabella Douglas on Changemakers in engineering, a workshop on self-care and burnout, screening of short EWB films, workshop on EWB's 2020 aims, breakout sessions on our systems and celebration of outstanding achievement with our Danny Awards just to name a few!

111 attendees came from QLD, NSW, WA, ACT, VIC, SA, TAS, Returned Volunteer Alumni, EWB-NZ and staff with 47% reporting it was the first time they attended.

At the end of the weekend, key recommendations were collected from delegates so that we could respond and build upon the awesomeness of the weekend. Below are the top 10 recommendations and what we have done this year to respond to this feedback.

2015 Key Recommendations	2016 National Council Actions
Invite EWB Cambodia to NC	EWB Cambodia will not be present this year at NC. It was considered in our planning but with budget limitations we were not able to pursue this opportunity this year. Potentially something to discuss further in the Sunday 'NC 2016 and beyond' breakout session.
Provide pre-National Council survey for gathering ideas	Chapter Presidents were asked to collect NC workshop ideas and feedback from their chapters at one of their monthly meetings. These ideas were brought together at the June Presidents' Summit and workshopped to build focus and key themes for NC 2016.
Provide post-it notes board at National Council to document and collate ideas as they arise	Great Idea! There will be several boards up at NC this year to collect ideas. They'll also be a twitter handle for insights etc.
Provide post- National Council online evaluation survey	With better internet access this year, we'll be able to facilitate an online survey.
Organise Bollywood theme for EWB Celebrates in 2020	This theme was workshopped but didn't make the final cut! 80-90's theme will help us groove the night away as we Celebrate together.
Provide improved leadership and training opportunities for members throughout the year	The strategy for Member and Volunteer engagement is being developed. We are looking at being able to use digital technology to share webinars and training to members and also different ways in which we can potentially bring people together for PD opportunities.
Ensure Wi-Fi connection is much better	Being in Canberra at ANU's campus we are hoping it will be much better!
Provide more team building and reflection time	We've nominated times in the program for chapters to come together to wrap up what they've seen during the day and share with the group. There will also be time moving between ANU and YHA to walk and talk!
Offer members to facilitate train-the-trainer sessions	As the programme was prepared, Chapters were asked for expressions of interest in co-facilitating workshop sessions. We have some great chapter champions who have put up their hand and all staff facilitators will be looking to bring more chapter leadership and input into the sessions.
Facilitate follow up session to burnout and self-care and facilitate a session on Unconscious Bias	Amanda Allen is back! Following on from her session last year she is going to provide some more helpful tools and insight so you all stay well and motivated! This year we have also included a condensed workshop from our International Program pre-departure training on EWB's approaches to community development which will touch on unconscious bias and many other things!





2020 Aims

Engineers Without Borders Australia's determination to increase both the size and quality of its impact is the motivation and intention behind the extensive journey we have undertaken in creating our Engineering a Better World **2020 Strategy**. **The story, aims and objectives contained in our 2020 Strategy reflect our values, mission, culture and determination as an organisation summarised below.**

the EWB Australia team.

external aims

aim 1: solutions for social change

aim 2: redefining engineering

aim 3: a global movement

internal aims

aim 1: investing in our people

aim 2: transforming our systems

aim 3: growing our resources

aim 4: increasing our profile





Vision/Mission/Values

our vision everyone has access to the engineering knowledge and resources required to lead a life of opportunity, free from poverty

our mission we connect, educate and empower people through humanitarian engineering

our values we act with integrity, upholding our values of community, sustainability, respect, learning and quality in all that we do.



community

We are a community of people and organisations who share a common vision for the future. Through collective action and community-led change we will learn more, achieve more and have fun together.



learning

We create new opportunities for learning and lasting change. We have a passion for continuous learning and seek to embrace and harness new experiences, wisdom, ideas and expertise.



sustainability

We strive to address the immediate needs of our communities without compromising the needs of future generations. Along with our people, our planet is our most valuable resource.



quality

We strive for quality, professionalism and excellence in everything that we do. We believe we can create positive and long lasting impact in the world.



respect

We build relationships based on mutual trust and respect. We believe all relationships thrive on a two way sharing of knowledge and culture.





National Council 2016 – Programme

	Time	Activity	Summary	Facilitator	Venue
Friday 16th September – EWB Inspires!					
SO 1	9:00 – 12:00	School Outreach Workshop – Part 1		Emilie Nachtigall	ANU
	10:00- 12:00	Delegates Arrive at YHA	<i>Refer handbook / online re check-in details</i>		
	12:00 – 13:00	Delegates arrive at ANU			
	13:00	National Council Launch	<i>Welcome to delegates, welcome to country & housekeeping</i>	Nick Brown & Dave Carbines	
2	13:30	Who's Who National Council	<i>Speed networking to get to know everyone at NC 2016!</i>	Joli Price & Ali Stoakley	
3	14:00	Opening Address & Launch of the 2020 Strategy	<i>Hear from the new CEO as we get under way & learn more about the 2020 strategy and how it will guide the direction of our programs and initiatives in the future!</i>	Gavin Blakey, Peter Baynard- Smith	
4	15:00	Introduction to the Board	<i>Q & A with the Board.</i>	Peter Baynard- Smith	ANU
	15:15	Break			
5	15:30	EWB Ted Talks	<i>Be inspired! Topics include: Gender and Diversity, Disability Inclusiveness, Ancient and contemporary engineering in Australia</i>	Arabella Douglas Ali Stoakley/ Nick Brown Gavin Blakey Ian Cunningham Heidi Michael	
6	16:30 – 17:15	Chapter Reflection, walk back to YHA and refresh			
	18:00	Head to evening venue			
7	18:30	Collaboration is Key – Industry/Networking Evening		NC delegates do not need to register/buy tix for the evening event	Australian Academy of Science (Shine Dome)





Saturday 17 th September – EWB Energises!					
	7:00 - 8:15	Breakfast			YHA
8	8:30 - 9:15	Amazing “Power ‘Safe’ walk” to ANU	<i>Get your blood pumping and have fun finding your way to or around ANU campus!</i>	ACT Chapter	
9	9:30	Regional Program Strategy	<i>Build a shared national strategy for chapters/regions by defining the objectives, outcomes, and impact that the regions set out to achieve!</i>	Dave Carbines & Jacqui Bell	
	11:15	Break			
10	11:30	The Power of Storytelling		Digital Storytellers	
	13:00	Lunch	Chat rooms		
11	14:00	Group Energiser – Chapter afternoon planning		Nick Grear & Joli Price	
		Breakout Focus Sessions (inc afternoon tea)	<i>Strengthening our systems</i>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Finance Management 	<i>Everything finance! - Chapter budgeting, Xero training, financial model for regions/chapters and refresh of finance procedures and policies</i>	Nevil Kadawatha, Miho Yoneyama Tracey Cromby	ANU
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region Fundraising and Events 	<i>Share, collaborate and steal successful fundraising initiatives! Share event management tips, learn about processes and requirements for grant/sponsorship applications, insurance requirements, agreements, insurance and more!</i>	Ashleigh Peplow-Ball David Carbines	
12	14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Engagement – Value Based Comms 	<i>Communicating and mapping ways to get involved using value based communications, newbie nights, membership strategy</i>	Jacqui Bell & James Ayers	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Partnerships / Knowledge Hubs / EoC 	<i>National LP strategy refresh, KH strategy and engagement jam, Partnership management, EWB Connect, Planning for 2016-17</i>	Anna Cain, Lizzie Brown, Diarmuid Kelly	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Outreach – Part 2 		Emilie Nachtigall	
13	16:00	Focus Session wrap-ups	<i>Present back to the group outcomes/next steps from each session</i>	Dave Carbines & Nick Brown	
14	16:30	Chapter reflection, walk back to YHA and freshen up			
	18:30	Delegates walk to EWB Celebrates venue			
15	19:00	Dinner, EWB Celebrates & The Danny Awards!	<i>Groovin to the 80's /90's !</i>	MC's: Cam Nelson, Corinne Wallis Danny's : Shane Korosec	the RUC





Sunday 18 th September – EWB Mobilises!					
	7:00 - 8:15	Breakfast & Check Out		YHA	
16	8:30 - 9:00	Chapter Walk and Talk to ANU			
17	9:00	Breakout Sessions			
		• National Council 2016 & Beyond	<i>Grown from it's humble beginnings, what does NC look like and what role does it play beyond 2016!</i>	Nick Grear & Aruna Venkatachalam	
		• MERI for chapters	<i>Capturing what we do and improving on it is a sure pathway to success!</i>	Jenny Turner & Matt Imhoff	
		• Reward & Recognition Planning	<i>Recognising contribution and impact within our community.</i>	Tracey Cromby & TBC	
		• Conversations on gender diversity in engineering	<i>Dive into the current state of gender diversity in Australian engineering sector</i>	Alison Stoakley, Sarah Matthee & Nick Brown	
		• TBC	<i>Delegates decide LIVE! Crowdsourced workshop sessions - pick-up a previous conversation or workshop something new and relevant to the regions and region strategy!</i>	TBC depending on crowdsourced topics	
	10:00	Break			ANU
18	10:15	Burnout: Conversing for Change	<i>A strength based approach to looking after ourselves and others</i>	Amanda Allen	
	12:15	Lunch <i>Chat rooms</i>			
19	13:15	Group Energiser		Region Chapter Presidents Heidi Michael, Alison Stoakley	
20	13:30	EWB Sustainable Community Development Approach	<i>Explore different concepts considered central to sustainable development practice.</i>	& Ashleigh Peplow-Ball & Chapter representatives	
21	15:30	Next Steps / Survey	<i>Capture and learn from our experience.</i>	MC's: Corinne Wallis, Jacqui Bell	
22	16:00	Closing Remarks & Thanks		Peter Baynard Smith	
	16:15	Delegates walk back to YHA to pick up baggage or travel home			





Workshop Overview

CEO keynote address

We will hear from our CEO, Pete, about his personal journey and what has led him to EWB Australia (EWB). He will also give us an indication of his aspiration and ambition for EWB, drawing on years of experience of the International development sector. He will explore a bit more of what it means to be a humanitarian engineer in the context of today's world.

Launch of 2020 strategy

This session, led by Pete, will unpack our 'Engineering a better world - 2020 Strategy'. We will hear about the many parts and activities of EWB and how collectively we seek to achieve impact and influence. Bring along your questions about our strategy and be ready to think about your role and contribution to engineering a better world.

EWB Tedtalks

EWB believes in the power of ideas and stories to change attitudes, lives and ultimately the world - which is great because we have some amazing people in our community with amazing ideas and stories to share! Be inspired, informed and curious as we hear and learn about themes and topics relevant to EWB and what we're passionate about!

Collaboration is Key – Industry/Networking Evening

As part of National Council, we are hosting a flagship public industry event which will bring members of industry, technology, science, education and innovation together.

The event will be framed around a panel discussion on 'the importance of partnerships and supported pathways in achieving appropriate technical solutions and the SDG's', and time for networking for the rest of the evening. It will be a great way to connect and galvanise the development, engineering and business sectors in Canberra and provide a wonderful opportunity for NC delegates to make connections with new people.

Regional Program Strategy

We know why EWB exists and we've got EWB's 2020 strategy, now let's map out and articulate the why, what and how of regions and chapters as we look forward to achieving success. In this workshop, we'll develop the '95%' of a national region strategy, brain dump all the cool and impactful things we do around Australia and gear ourselves up to plug in all the pieces that will mobilise our regions to keep doing great things that build a movement and create social change!

Democratising Digital Storytelling

Join Digital Storytellers for an interactive storytelling workshop where you'll learn to FIND & MAKE captivating digital stories. This will be a hands-on workshop where you'll be learning how to use your smartphone for maximum impact and you'll even have the chance to be involved in creating a short story from scratch!





Regional Finance management

There's been lots of exciting changes in our financial systems and processes over the last 8 months and so this session aims to provide an overview of what's been happening, workshop and review new processes, policies and procedures, map out handover processes and on-board finance champions with the new tools and systems that have been developed to manage finances across the organisation.

Region Fundraising and Events

Join an interactive conversation and workshop around fundraising and the management of sponsorship and grants. From this session, you'll come away with an understanding of how we can collaborate and share ideas to further our resources, develop a draft national fundraising calendar of events and activities and identify the tools and systems that we can use to help get us there!

Member Engagement – Facilitating meaningful transformative experiences

Why are you a member of EWB? What resonated with you that made you take action and volunteer with your local chapter? Are these motivators the same for everyone that comes to EWB? These are the questions we'll be asking in this session plus more! We'll learn how to understand different individual's motivators and values, tailor our communication to tap into these, provide opportunities to engage with individuals on their level of contribution and how doing so will build our social capital and provide people with opportunities for meaningful volunteering experiences.

Local Partnerships / Knowledge Hubs /EoC

Creating social impact through collaborative partnerships, 2-way knowledge sharing and an understanding of culture are fundamental in EWB's approach to community development and engagement. Our local programs have an important role to play in engaging with local communities in Australia in capacity building and facilitating access to appropriate solutions.

This workshop will dive into Local Partnerships, Knowledge Hub, EWB Connect and Engineering on Country programs and review and refocus objectives and activities in line with the 2020 strategy and other programs and initiatives.

National Council 2016 & Beyond

National Council is EWB's cornerstone volunteer and member leadership event. Now in its fourteenth year, National Council has grown from a small gathering of friends passionate about humanitarian engineering to over 120 of EWB's leaders and champions coming together to determine ways of maximising the impact of their programs through strategic planning, training and team building.

This session aims to review the strategic role that National Council plays for our volunteers, membership and organisation beyond 2016!





MERI for our regions

With our 2020 organisational aims and objectives and an understanding of what the Regions are setting out to achieve, how do we define and then evaluate what success looks like? In this session we are going to look at defining what MERI (Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement) is, why it is important and how we develop a framework to measure success, impact, failure! If you think MERI is all about evaluation forms and surveys, then this session is sure to give you some new ideas on how you can make MERI fun and exciting!

Recognition & Celebration

“Our strength is our people” (EWB 2020 Strategy), and it is vital that we consider the important role that recognition and celebration of impact, passion and purpose has in building a movement of humanitarian leaders and agents of change! From just saying thank you, to providing a unique opportunity for personal and/or professional development, we’d like to explore the reasons and ways in which we can recognise and celebrate the contribution our volunteers make and the leadership they demonstrate within EWB and our community.

Conversations on Gender diversity in Engineering

This workshop will dive into the current state of gender diversity in the Australian engineering sector, with a particular focus on the university space. Participants will have the opportunity to input into EWB’s research project, ‘humanitarian pathways in engineering and gender diversity’, and explore the role EWB members and the wider organisation can play in contributing to this challenge.

Self Care and Burnout Management

In 2015, burnout was put on the agenda of National Council by popular request. In the session, EWBers explored individual and systemic factors that had the potential to increase the risk of burnout or conversely, contribute to sustainable practice and self-care. This year’s session builds on last year’s. It will provide a practical forum for applying a structured, peer conversation framework that can help mitigate the prospect and impact of burnout. As well, feedback and survey results from last year’s National Council session will be shared with participants.





EWB Approaches to Community Development

This session will allow participants to explore their own understanding of development and to consider EWB's models of engaging in community development, and to explore different concepts considered central to sustainable development practice for engineers, designers and any development practitioner, including technical capacity development, institutional strengthening and appropriate technology design and development. Participants will also look at different approaches to development, especially those that emphasise ownership and control by the local beneficiary communities or partners.

Objectives include:

- To reflect on our own experiences and strengths within, and learn from others;
- To provide an understanding of EWB's approach towards achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs);
- To introduce 'strength-based' approaches and capacity building methodologies for designers and engineers and development projects that work towards achieving sustainable outcomes through local ownership of development projects;
- To introduce tools and techniques for designing and developing appropriate technologies.

- To create an understanding of core principles to sustainable development and how to incorporate them in the design process, including gender equity, cross-cultural awareness, social inclusion, environmental sustainability and economic sustainability.





Facilitator Profiles

Agnes Shea

Agnes Shea is a highly respected elder of the Ngunnawai people of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and its region. She is a foundation member of the United Ngunnawai Elders' Council and a member of the ACT Heritage Council. Throughout her life Agnes has worked towards building a better understanding of Aboriginal culture among other Australians and is known for her traditional Ngunnawai 'Welcome to Country' ceremonies in the ACT.

In 2001, Agnes received the Centenary Medal for her contribution to reconciliation and the community. Agnes Shea OAM was the first person to receive the Chief Minister's Award in 2003 and was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2004 for her service to the Ngunnawai people and the wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the ACT.

Digital Storytellers

Disrupting the traditional media landscape has been a lifelong mission for **Pete Dowson**. With a strong emphasis on environment, sustainability and community resilience, Pete has an already established track record in the corporate space, having worked with some of Australia's largest production companies and events. Today he brings an extraordinary bag of tricks to the Digital Storytellers team. Storytelling career favourites include travel writing across America, filming Ben Harper and Jack Johnson perform the Dylan classic 'Masters of War', producing a 120 metre long seamless projection of the Great Barrier Reef, and telling the co-creation story for Hub Sydney - a place that would become home-base for Digital Storytellers in Sydney, Australia.

Tania Sheward consults as a Video Producer/Director for creative agencies in Melbourne and Sydney. The former BBC Journalist / TV Producer also tutors university students in video journalism covering the art of engaging storytelling and the practical side of video production. Tania regularly facilitates workshops for startups, not for profits and businesses on story development, video production and how to craft visual stories using a smartphone.

Amanda Allen

Amanda is an independently consulting psychologist who provides psychological services to Australia's international humanitarian and development sector. Amanda has a special interest in the psychology of adjustment and integration. Amanda was the Founder and CEO of the Mandala Foundation and led its establishment and development from 2003-2012.

Website: www.thehumanitarian.com.au





Region Profiles

Australian Capital Territory

Short Profile:

Last year the ACT Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary and has gone from strength to strength. Over the past year the ACT Chapter has managed to form new and exciting partnerships from working more closely with the local Engineers Australia division, collaborating with Engage University Outreach on Regioneeering initiatives to working towards gender equality in engineering with the ANU Fifty/50 group.

With the Engineering for a Humanitarian Context Course kicking off last year, EWB ACT continues its close partnership with the ANU including new initiatives in the works focusing on formal recognition of volunteer work with the chapter and more opportunities for professional engagement.

We're a close social group that use our small chapter size to our advantage by moving quickly between projects and events and having heaps of fun in the process.

This year we are super excited to host National Council for the first time and would like to welcome everyone to Canberra.

Programs:

- Schools Outreach:
 - Youth Leading STEM (YLS) program set to begin in 2017 - 2018
 - Engage University Outreach partnership
- Community Engagement:
 - Annual trivia night
 - Annual industry networking night
- Projects:
 - Bike generator project
 - Collaboration with research projects at the ANU
 - Development of new Schools Outreach modules

Greatest impact:

The continuing strong growth of our Schools Outreach program:

- 583 students in 2014,
- 879 students in 2015, and
- Over 830 students so far this year
 - With an additional 400 students engaged with at the Science in ACTion event

Most Important Lessons:

Even if you're small you can do big things.





New South Wales

Short Profile:

EWB NSW is made up of university and professional members who work actively to create positive social change for marginalised communities in Australia and internationally. In the last year, our focus has been on four key areas: School Outreach; Leadership and Training (building the capacity of our existing members); Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities; and Corporate engagement. These areas were identified when we launched EWB's 2020 strategy at our region retreat in February 2016. Our region is made up of university chapters, knowledge hubs, Engineering on Country, local partnerships with a connection to EWB's International Development Program through the Buddy Program.

Programs:

EWB NSW is made up of university and professional members who work actively to create positive social change for marginalised communities in Australia and internationally. In the last year, our focus has been on four key areas: School Outreach; Leadership and Training (building the capacity of our existing members); Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities; and Corporate engagement. These areas were identified when we launched EWB's 2020 strategy at our region retreat in February 2016. Our region is made up of university chapters, knowledge hubs, Engineering on Country, local partnerships with a connection to EWB's International Development Program through the Buddy Program.

Greatest impact:

The greatest impact NSW region has is in redefining Humanitarian Engineering from something that is done outside of Australia to something that is part of every Australian engineer's engineering practice. Being part of EWB makes our members better engineers and we benefit from having these better engineers in our region and in the local engineering sector. There has also been a significant effort put into ensuring that the school outreach and region engineering programs make their greatest impact. This has been done by consistently training volunteers and actively seeking out schools and areas that might get the most out of being a part of these programs.

Most Important Lessons:

The most important lesson that we have learnt is that investing in our people is vital. How we stay engaged, how we communicate, and how we support emerging leaders, are all very important. We do our best to elevate awareness of burnout in our members. Each region executive meeting, we have a short session where a personal experience, a case study, resources or techniques for identifying, preventing, and recovering from burnout are shared. Our biggest successes come from collaboration. EWB has a complex structure and it is often difficult to work out who is best to talk to or collaborate with. We are currently developing a communications plan to address this. We have tried to strengthen support for leaders and successors by having multiple coordinators and developing hand-over resources.





Queensland

Short Profile:

The QLD Region has focused on leveraging off existing partnerships to reach out to the broader QLD communities.

Programs:

School Outreach, Appropriate Technology Workshops, Speaker Nights, you name it. However, this year we have also focussed on bringing our partners on board with our EWB journey.

For example, the School Outreach and Local Partnership teams have focussed on leveraging our existing partnerships with the universities, Wonder of Science, Gold Coast STEM Cup, Women in Engineering, Multicultural Development Association, Corporate Partners and many more to reach out to more schools, corporates and refugee groups.

Greatest impact:

The QLD Region has achieved many great things this year with our enthusiastic volunteers, but depending on who you ask, our highlights are possibly reaching out to students in the Torres Straits as well as revamping our ATSI Focus Group.

If you haven't seen it already, the video that EWB captured during our Regioneering trip to the Torres Straits highlights the growing impact of EWB to the Australian community as the organisation matures, not to mention it will definitely bring tears to your eyes.

In the ATSI space, the ATSI Focus Group has built upon our corporate relationships to gather high calibre volunteers with strong connections to both the communities in need and organisations that could potentially become key contributors to the EWB Connect Program to strengthen this newly established program in the ATSI context.

Most Important Lessons:

Tap into available resources! We have many connections through EWB for ideas sharing, brainstorming and events crashing. There is no need to reinvent the wheel or undertake massive planning exercises to be changemakers.

Maintain enthusiasm and legitimacy in all areas of EWB by having volunteers developing ongoing activities as well as looking at "where to next" to keep the team purposeful.





South Australia

Chat to South Australia to see what they've been up to.





Victoria

Short Profile:

Focus: Aligning current activities to the EWB Australia 2020 strategy, building a strong and committed core team, and maintaining a focus on all aspects of member engagement, including development of new partnerships

Achievements: WildOne, Vic Region Trivia Night (100+ attendees from 7+ corporate organisations). University events including Monash Pathways and Careers to Social Change, Uni of Melb Rebuild, RMIT Sustainability Ball, continued growth of our newest chapter Deakin.

Important partnerships: SAIL continues to be a successful and high achieving partnership via our Spokes and SEW programs. The ASRC partnership continues to grow and develop, with plans to run programs together in 2017.

Programs:

- School Outreach
- WASH Knowledge Hub
- SAIL - Ongoing programs Spokes in the Wheel and SAIL Engineering Workshop (SEW)
- ASRC - EWB Vic began work to support the Working Online Refugee Connections (WORCS) program via professional mentoring.

Greatest impact:

The Victorian region has managed to establish a large reach within the community. There are five Uni chapters and numerous partnerships with schools (via school outreach), community groups (such as ASRC and SAIL) and likeminded organisations like the Australian Water Association via our well established WASH knowledge hub. We continue to strengthen current relationships while looking for new partnerships to grow our reach and have a broader impact.

Most Important Lessons:

Open and honest communication - to effectively support and assist each other, we need to talk freely about what and how we do things, as well as how we are feeling.

In order to continue to strengthen the region, it is important we have an environment that allows people to suggest new ideas or processes, or challenge old ones. This behaviour fosters continuous improvement and alignment to the EWB 2020 strategy.

It is also important that everyone looks out for each other and recognises when the load might be getting too much for themselves or a fellow volunteer.





Western Australia

Short Profile:

- Establishment of Connectivity Program
- Establishment of new partnership with the Police and Community Youth Centre in Hilton & Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
- Continuous support with emerging ECU and Curtin Chapters
- Fundraising events such as Trivia Night, Yoga Day and Gala Night

Programs:

- Connectivity
- Spokes in a Wheel
- School Outreach
- Leadership and Training
- WASH Knowledge Hub
- Renewable Energy Knowledge Hub
- Local Partnership: SAIL WA
- Local Partnership: PCYC Hilton
- Local Partnership: Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
- Local Partnership: Roeland & ATSI

Greatest impact:

- Established partnership with two new communities
- Multiple successful fundraisers during the year
- Greater exposure of chapter to the industry overall

Most Important Lessons:

- Developing an approval process for planning big events and accounting
- Importance of handover within the chapter





New Zealand

Short Profile:

EWBNZ undertakes programmes that improve the quality of life in communities within New Zealand and in the South Pacific region and provides educational and development opportunities for members and communities to become more socially aware, engaged, and empowered to effect positive change.

Programs:

Learning and Change

InSchools - The In Schools programme extends our mission into local schools and universities, using fun and interactive visits to teach students about engineering and technology, and how these can be used to address global challenges.

Odyssey Design Challenge - A locally focused challenge open to all tertiary students focusing on engagement with local disadvantaged communities.

EWB Design Challenge - The EWB Design Challenge is aimed at first year university engineering students and lets students design solutions to real humanitarian development projects overseas.

Research - EWBNZ supports a range of research initiatives. These include undergraduate and postgraduate projects, and are a great way for us to garner a deeper understanding of the challenges we face, and develop innovative solutions.

Leadership and Training

Annual Conference - Engineers Without Borders' annual conference 'Elevate' brings together students and professionals, academics, development workers and representatives from our community partners. We meet to learn, discuss and act on EWBNZ's vision to connect, educate and empower people through humanitarian engineering.

Dialogues on Development - The Dialogues on Development study tour is an initiative to provide training in the field to development enthusiasts. While there are many theories as to how aid and development should be distributed and approached, we believe there is no better way to learn than via first-hand experience with the local humanitarians.

Pathways to impact - EWBNZ provides opportunities for members to learn more about development. Many of the attendees at these events are volunteer staff, but the target audience is the wider member base, and any non-members who may be interested. The Development Journey offers training to people with a variety of existing skill sets- from those just starting out with no real knowledge of aid to those preparing for an EWBNZ international placement.

Working with Communities

EWBNZ provides engineering assistance to communities in need throughout the Pacific Islands and New Zealand. We do that through working with partner organisations in the local communities, and helping them to achieve their self-identified needs. These partner organisations may be NGOs, community groups, schools or universities, based in the communities that will benefit from the engineering assistance.

Greatest impact:

While we work throughout the South Pacific, the majority of EWBNZ's work happens in New Zealand. Our largest chapters run through our universities and our student cohort has been very successful in implementing small scale local initiatives such as Warm Homes and InSchools.

Most Important Lessons:

EWBNZ relies almost entirely on volunteers to operate - this can be a huge challenge at times! We have learned to make the volunteer experience as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. This keeps EWBNZ's motivated and productive.





Delegate Profiles

Adam Rasko

Region Delegate NSW



Im an undergraduate biomedical engineering and science combine student. Am the current secretary of the NSW region and am excited to meet other delegates from other states.

I'm excited about NC because:
Collaboration and Inspiration

This will be my 1st NC

Alec Jones

Region Delegate WA



I am a Third Year Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) Honours student. Having established the Edith Cowan University Chapter with a colleague, I am actively filling the role as 'Vice-President'. Outside my academic efforts, I find value and fulfillment in community based activities.

I'm excited about NC because:
Collaboration As a Delegate to 2016's National Council, I am looking forward to presenting and discussing the milestones and challenges that the Edith Cowan University Chapter has overcome. I aim to establish an ongoing relationship with Interstate Universities and National Representatives with the intent of furthering EWB's visions and values and Inspiration.

This will be my 1st NC

Alexandra Motus

School Outreach delegate SA



I'm fun, adaptable, culturally sensitive, resilient and passionate about creating change! Never say no to food, love the beach and am slowly learning to crochet.
On a serious note... I believe supporting the local community is key to enhancing the social, economic , environmental and ultimately long-term sustainability of society.

I'm excited about NC because:
Keen to grow professionally and personally through working with like minded individuals on a cause I feel so passionately about!

This will be my 1st NC





Ali Rahimi

Region Delegate VIC



I love the colours blue and green. Love everything water related (probably because it looks blue). And I love a teamwork well done (it makes for a fun after party!)

I'm excited about NC because:

I get to meet an enthusiastic bunch ready to take the plunge (it rhymed!)

This will be my 3rd NC

Alice Howes

University Delegate
New Zealand



I am a 3rd year Chemical & Materials engineering student at the University of Auckland. I am passionate about renewable energy and I love the outdoors! I am involved with EWB NZ through the Auckland Students committee.

I'm excited about NC because:

I can't wait to be inspired, get ideas to take back to NZ, and meet people from EWB Australia!

This will be my 2nd NC

Alison Stoakley

Staff member VIC



Happy National Council All! My background is in civil/environmental engineering and I'm currently an Engineering Education Officer at the EWB National office. I've been living in Melbourne for five years now, but you'll notice as soon as we chat that I have yet to drop my American accent. Things that make my day include: scenic runs, quick-witted people, picnics and stumbling across one of the many free events in Melbourne.

I'm excited about NC because:

you don't get many opportunities to be surrounded by as many inspiring, passionate, generally interesting individuals!

This will be my 2nd NC





Alli Devlin

School Outreach Delegate
NSW



I am a 4th year civil and environmental engineering student at UTS. After being inspired by the humanitarian engineering design summit in Cambodia last July I joined the EWB UTS Chapter. I am now the SO coordinator and have visited several schools since in outer suburbs of Sydney as well as rural NSW. Ps yes I'm tall but I don't play basketball.

I'm excited about NC because:
I can't wait to meet passionate, like-minded people, learn in a creative environment and be inspired to make actions back at UTS.

This will be my 1st NC

Andreas Henschke

Region Delegate SA



Originally a country boy grown up on a winery, I have a natural respect for the agricultural needs of society. I am fascinated by history of the human being, and love to philosophise about technologies to enable humans to evolve further. I'm an engineer, and a humanitarian engineering advocate and believe in sustainable solutions to benefit the whole world.

I'm excited about NC because:
Meet corporate galvanizers from other states.

This will be my 1st NC

Andrew John

University Delegate VIC



Environmental engineer. I love rivers. Most comfortable with a pair of hiking boots.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's fantastic to learn about the progress happening all around Australia, and see all the wonderful people driving it.

This will be my 2nd NC





Angela Rozali

Volunteer VIC



I was born on the land of the Gu-ring-gai people, NSW. Now I'm living on the land of the Wurundjeri people, VIC. I'm passionate about environmental sustainability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights.

I'm excited about NC because:
of the new energy with the Engineering on Country strategy!

This will be my 4th NC

Anna Cain

Region Delegate NSW



Grew up in Danghutti country (mid north coast of NSW). Value social justice. Work in renewable energy.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm looking forward to mapping out how regions can collaborate and contribute to EWB's 2020 goals.

This will be my 2nd NC

Arabella Douglas

Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Member VIC



Arabella is a Minyunbal woman from Fingal Head and her country straddles Yugambah country (South East QLD) and Bundjalung country (Far North NSW) respectively.

Arabella works passionately with her family revitalising their traditions, song lines, stories and information for the cultural consistency and knowledge it will bring to future generations. Her family values begin with "lead with kindness" and instill the practice of "acting your values."

Arabella's values of sustainability, resources and land rights are definitely at the forefront of her work as a Senior Development and Environmental Lawyer, Government Adviser, Senior Executive of Public and Corporate Sector, and CEO.

At Douglas and Associates a firm specialising in 'strategic eloquence' Arabella is the firm's Principle focusing on large-scale infrastructure, environment and planning, social and economic sustainability and strategic business improvement, specifically within the organisational, legal and political areas.

Arabella also holds roles as Board Director and Trustee and is a graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors.

With many great role models including Martin Luther King, Angela Davis and her great-grandmother Jane Currie, Arabella has numerous achievements including being awarded inaugural winner of the Chief Executive Women's Indigenous Scholarship 2012 for Women in Leadership (AGSM – CEW), and admission to the Supreme Court of NSW as well as the High Court of Australia to name a few.



Arbaz Khan

Region Delegate ACT



I am a Engineering and Commerce studying at the ANU. I've been involved with humanitarian engineering throughout my degree. I've worked on decomposition toilets, assistive technology for people living with disabilities and the elderly, and currently project managing the ANU solar car.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm excited to meet people doing interesting and remarkable work

This will be my 1st NC

Aruna Venkatachalam

Staff Member VIC



I'm Indian Australian with a bit of Venezuela, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka in me through my upbringing and work. I'm really passionate about community-led development and humanitarian work, people-driven leadership and coaching others. I also love world music and jazz, a consequence of being married to a muso!

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a great opportunity to meet others in the movement, to get inspired and to learn!

This will be my 2nd NC

Ash Peplow Ball

Staff Member VIC



- Passionate about good conversations, great food and brilliant people
- 90% of my focus is currently on convincing our landlord to allow us to have a cat
- I love musicals and want to live in NYC so I can see one musical a night for a year

I'm excited about NC because:
it reminds me that we work at head office to support and catalyse the work of our members

This will be my 2nd NC





Ashley Ellis

University Delegate ACT



Fan of sport, science fiction, and travelling! From Perth originally but moved to Canberra for uni to study Science/Engineering and about to graduate at the end of the year.

I'm excited about NC because:
Science Dome

This will be my 2nd NC

Basia Mitula

University Delegate VIC



I'm a uni student at Monash uni doing eng/science and a diploma in French. I love chocolate, physics, and get curious about everything. I also have a newfound love of learning languages.

I'm excited about NC because:
meeting EWB people from all over Australia

This will be my 1st NC

Bianca Anderon

Staff Member VIC



I'm a long time EWB'er - office intern, field vollaie, and now kicking about the Dream Factory. I prefer simplicity and value personal connection above others. In my down time I can be found chilling in my shed-loft-snuggle-haven, self-sustainifying the house, hanging off rocks or somewhere out in wide open spaces.

I'm excited about NC because:
I get to experience, at long last, what all the fuss is about.

This will be my 1st NC





Brock Holland

Region Delegate ACT

Geez what to write... I think I am a pretty normal person, really enjoy the EWB chapter and getting involved in different initiatives.

I'm excited about NC because:
Meeting more EWBer's is a delightful experience

This will be my 2nd NC

Bronwyn Cameron

Region Delegate NSW



I have been volunteering with EWB for about 2 years now, predominantly in the Buddy Program. In my professional life I am a water engineer working in Sydney, and in my private life I love food, hiking and netball.

I'm excited about NC because:
Meeting delegates from other states and learning about what they are achieving with EWB

This will be my 1st NC

Cameron Nelson

Region Delegate ACT



I am in my final year of studying engineering and IT at the ANU and in the past few years have been involved with EWB doing schools outreach and now running the ACT Chapter. In my free time I enjoy watching the footy (go North Melbourne!) and custom painting Nerf guns.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm excited about running it in the ACT for the first time.

This will be my 3rd NC





Carla Frankel

University Delegate NSW



I'm in my final year of studying Environmental Engineering, and I think water recycling is pretty cool. Some of my other favourite things are llamas, eggplants, noodles and cacti.

I'm excited about NC because:
To meet more of the lovely EWB community and hear about everyone's EWB journeys

This will be my 2nd NC

Catherine "Peps" Pepper

Board or Committee Member
Newcastle



I'm a creative thinker, innovator, educator and engineer with a passion for sustainability, justice and grassroots social change. I've over 10 years of experience as an environmental professional in the fields of water engineering, environmental impact assessment and operational environmental support. Outside of work I'm on the EWB Board, President of EWB's Newcastle Chapter, sit on the management committee of The Commons Café, People's Library and Arts Space, volunteer as a coordinator of a community garden project in Newcastle, sing acapella with singing group Momentum and occasionally remember to go home, do the washing and relax with a good book.

This will be my 6th NC

Cherilyn Hoe

Region Delegate QLD

I am currently in my 3rd year studying Chemical and Materials Engineering at UQ. I initially became an active EWB member by helping with organising Appropriate Technology workshops. I enjoy music and occasionally exercise!

I'm excited about NC because:
I am excited to meet EWB members and execs from other states

This will be my 1st NC





Chi Ho Ng

School Outreach Delegate
QLD



I'm studying mechanical engineering at QUT and I'm in my 4th year. I've been with EWB from 2015 and I've been a active member of the HSO team.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm keen to learn what I can bring back to my chapter!

This will be my 1st NC

Chloe Mellitchey

School Outreach Delegate
WA



I am a 3rd year Chemical Engineering student. Originally from South Africa, moved to WA 3 years ago. I have been a part of EWB for over a year now and I am excited to be involved for many more years to come.

I'm excited about NC because:
I am starting up school outreach at my chapter so I am excited about attending the HSO workshop.

This will be my 1st NC

Chris Browne

Staff ANU ACT



I am a Lecturer in the Research School of Engineering, investigating building conceptual models of complex systems, particularly the role of conceptual models in STE(A)M subjects in higher education. I also currently teach the second-year undergraduate core systems engineering topics Systems Engineering Design and its sister course Systems Engineering Analysis and convene two VC's courses, Creating Knowledge and Unravelling Complexity in 2014.

This will be my 1st NC





Christina Bruno

Region Delegate SA



I'm kind-hearted, lively, adaptable and positive. I enjoy being fit and healthy and am always up for a challenge. I am currently working at a design consultancy where I have gained experience in water and wastewater engineering.

I'm excited about NC because:

Meeting like-minded people who are passionate about creating change excites me. I'm also looking forward to seeing what the other states have introduced into their chapters, and to see how this can benefit the SA region.

This will be my 1st NC

Ciaran Hoare

Univeristy Delegate SA



I am in my fourth year of civil & structural engineering at Adelaide Uni. I hold the position of vice president within the university chapter of EWB and have specific interests in social enterprise and capacity building.

I'm excited about NC because:

It is a chance to meet people who hold the same position as me within university chapters around the country.

This will be my 1st NC

Claire Harris

Region Delegate VIC



I've recently rejoined EWB after a few years away. I studied Engineering but ended up as a "non-gineer" lawyer. I like yoga, blue cheese and vintage dresses.

I'm excited about NC because:

I'm looking forward to meeting some EoC reps from other states!

This will be my 2nd NC





Claire Wild

Region Delegate
New Zealand



I am Wellington's Marketing and Comm's Manager for EWB NZ, and have been on board with EWB NZ throughout my time at the University of Canterbury. I'm only pretending to be a New Zealander though - I was actually born in Canberra (although I wouldn't admit that to the EWB NZ team!)

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm most looking forward to seeing how things are done across the ditch and how we can apply this at EWB NZ

This will be my 1st NC

Clare Idriss

Region Delegate ACT



Humanitarian engineer, writer, business owner, educator. I love improving outcomes using informed, strategic, participatory approaches. Social justice and humanitarian engineering coordinating with other disciplines is where I want my career to go.

I'm excited about NC because:
Receiving a much needed dose of EWB enthusiasm and inspiration.

This will be my 1st NC

Clare Paynter

Region Delegate VIC



I grew up in Darwin, studied in Canberra, and now I'm a graduate power systems engineer in Melbourne. I adore both good food and the outdoors, which is handy - they go together well. I love getting people together to discuss things we care about - or things we should talk about some more.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm looking forward to learning about EWB's breadth.

This will be my 1st NC





Conor Rossiter

Region Delegate ACT



5th Year Engineering Student here at the ANU. I am the current Vice President of EWB ACT and I love engineering to make a difference. Building, creating and teaching are my favourite things.

I'm excited about NC because:
Industry Night, EWB Celebrates and getting to know other like-minded people.

This will be my 1st NC

Corinne Wallis

Board or Committee member
ACT



Corinne is an MBA qualified General Manager with a technical background. She has worked in everything from wind-farms to teaching and volunteering with EWB in Timor Leste last year. A recent Canberra local, she spends her weekends hiking the Australian Alps or in the yoga studio.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a collaboration of humanitarian engineers - an innovation wonderland

This will be my 1st NC

Courtney Venn

University Delegate VIC



Civil engineering student by day, contortionist by night. Cheese cake enthusiast 24/7.

I'm excited about NC because:
Meeting EWB'ers from all around the country and gaining valuable knowledge.

This will be my 2nd NC





Courtney Dunn

Region Delegate ACT

My name is Courtney Dunn
I love talking and having fun!
I love getting to know other people.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm excited to speak with all the other students from other chapters around Australia to see what great events they did to raise money for EWB !

This will be my 2nd NC

David Carbines

Staff Member VIC



I've been around EWB for 1.5 years, and am excited about helping us think and act entrepreneurially. Although a non-engineer, I'm hoping to help EWB considering the business models and potential markets to play in. Outside of work, I enjoy opera and musicals, running and travelling.

I'm excited about NC because:
I've never been before and am looking forward to meeting everyone!

This will be my 1st NC

Diana Bethune

Region Delegate NSW



I work as a civil engineer for WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. I am the current Treasurer for the NSW Region. I'm proud to be part of EWB and to be able to represent the NSW Region at National Council 2016.

I'm excited about NC because:
It provides me the opportunity to meet and connect with the leaders from other regions. I am looking forward to being able to share the findings and discussion points from NC with the NSW region.

This will be my 2nd NC





Diarmuid Kelly

Staff Member VIC



I'm a qualified chemical engineer with 8 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry and have worked in the NGO sector for the past 5 years after following my passion for creating social change. I'm Irish and Australian, having lived here for 11 years and am now married to Ornella and have a 12 month son with a nice Irish-Italian blend! I love coffee and the general café culture of Melbourne - so I'm always open to meetings in cafes!

I'm excited about NC because:

This is my first one! I've heard LOTS about it and can't wait to experience it with all cirital EWB stakeholders.

Particularly with a new members, a new CEO, a new look board and 2020 strategy all part of the mix!!

This will be my 1st NC

Elise Pearson

Volunteer QLD



I'm a little too obsessed with Indian food and fresh scones (with jam and cream, obv!). I can order a beer in five different languages #cultured. I would snowboard every single day if I didn't have to be part of the real world.

I'm excited about NC because:

Incredible energy and ideas are created from putitng a bunch of really cool people in the same room

This will be my 2nd NC

Emelia Milliner

Challenge Scholar NSW



I'm currently in my 3rd year of studying Mechanical Engineering and Commerce at the University of Sydney, but in my spare time I enjoy classical music, and going to the theatre and ballet. I've have been involved with EWB through the USyd Chapter, and recently returned from the Cambodia Design Summit, with renewed passion for humanitarian engineering.

I'm excited about NC because:

I've heard so many awesome things about it.

This will be my 1st NC





Emilie Nachtigall

Staff Member VIC



I coordinate the national School Outreach program, and am really passionate about working with young people. I constantly change my hair and nails- I love doing nail art! I grew up in Hawai'i but I also love living in Melbourne.

I'm excited about NC because:
I can't wait to meet my School Outreach team in person!

This will be my 1st NC

Emily Cox

Region Delegate VIC



Aside from being EWB Victoria's current president, I also work at Siemens in energy efficiency of buildings. I love being a part of EWB because it provides a way for me to be the engineer I want to be; being a part of a global movement that illustrates how engineering at it's core is about improving quality of living for all. Outside of work and EWB, I like to play tennis, do puzzles and create art!

I'm excited about NC because:
It is an invigorating and inspiring event that brings together passionate people who want to make the world a better place

This will be my 2nd NC

Erin Hughes

Region Delegate QLD



I am a surface water engineer at Jacobs. I am also currently doing my masters in integrated water management so i love WATER. As well as water i have a passion for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I'm excited about NC because:
To hear the vision for EWB's commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This will be my 1st NC





Gabrielle McGill

Alumnus ACT



Gabrielle was born in Dhawaral Country, Sydney as the 8th child to parents Irene and Michael. Worked and studied until she went to uni and now working as an engineer in Canberra. Loves laughing, a good heated discussion and wishes Canberra was about 20 degrees warmer.

I'm excited about NC because:
I live in Canberra and it was so close

This will be my 3rd NC

Gavin Blakey

Board or committee member
QLD



Passionate advocate for working together to make a constructive difference in the world.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a chance to have people who are passionate humanitarian engineering sharing, growing, learning together.

This will be my 2nd NC

Geraldine Terada-Bellis

Region Delegate QLD



I've been in EWB for 3 years now. Just joined the professional chapter this year and hoping to learn about being a humanitarian engineering whilst learning to be an engineer!

I'm excited about NC because:
I get to catch up with other regions across Australia and find out what wonderful stuff everyone is doing

This will be my 3rd NC





Grace Ashby

Region Delegate QLD



I'm a 3rd year Civil Engineering Student at the University of Queensland. I first learnt about EWB when I attended the February Design Summit in India, and have since become part of the QLD Local Partnerships team.

I'm excited about NC because:
I can't wait to learn about all the cool stuff EWBers are doing all over the country!

This will be my 1st NC

Grace Cannon

Volunteer VIC



I am currently in my 4th year of Sustainable Systems Engineering and Business at RMIT. I intern at the EWB National Office and part time work as a Nanny. I enjoy sport, travel and adventure, especially hockey and cross country skiing!

I'm excited about NC because:
Meeting all the other EWB volunteers and hearing about the amazing work they do!

This will be my 1st NC

Grace Tjandraatmadja

Alumnus VIC



Engineer, researcher, dreamer, past field volunteer - I believe this world is lent to us and that we have a responsibility to be look after it and a rare opportunity to impact and transform society so that it becomes more equitable and sustainable.

I'm excited about NC because:
It our chance to contribute in the design of a more informed and more equitable future

This will be my 1st NC





Heidi Michael

Staff Member VIC



I've been involved with EWB for over 10 years since I did an undergrad research project with EWB and UWA in Timor-Leste, and since then I've also been involved in the VIC chapter committee and local projects, and now as staff on the International Development Program. So I live and breath EWB a bit, but I also love hiking and camping out in the bush, hanging out with my nieces and being a big kid, and recently I've been trying to find my creative talents through some painting but finding a great meditation tool instead (and not so much creative talent)!!

I'm excited about NC because:
it's the inspirational moment of every year where the members come together and think BIG for the impact EWB can have making the world a better place!

This will be my 4th NC

Henry Spry

Region Delegate SA



I've been involved with EWB for about 5 years, and I'm, currently the VP for South Australia. I am a controls engineer with a passion for sustainable buildings and smart cities.

I'm excited about NC because:
Another chance to soak up some knowledge & inspiration from EWB!

This will be my 4th NC

Ian Cunningham

Alumnus NSW



Former volunteer, former staff member, current PhD researcher in WASH and development practice. I'm fascinated by inter-species animal interactions.

I'm excited about NC because:
the mojo

This will be my 5th NC





Jacinta Noone

Region Delegate NSW



I'm the NSW WASH Hub Coordinator. I'm a big fan of toilets and menstrual rights! I'm not an engineer, but have an Arts degree with majors in Geography and American Studies.

I'm excited about NC because:

It's a chance to connect with other teams and learn and share our knowledge and experience.

This will be my 1st NC

Jacqui Bell

Staff Member VIC



I am a non-gineer - an architect with a passion for culturally appropriate and sustainable design. I was an EWB Field Professional in 2012 in Vietnam and have volunteered for EWB in many different and fun ways since. I joined staff this year to work on Member and Volunteer Strategy and most recently to support the Connect program. I love warm weather, chocolate (any sweets really), netball, travel and catching up with friends!

I'm excited about NC because:

It's a fantastic opportunity to meet all of our amazing EWB Community and be mobilised for the year ahead.

This will be my 2nd NC

James Butler

Volunteer ACT

I'm a 5th year engineering student of the ANU, and I come from a farm in Central Victoria. I became interested in engineering because of the machinery we would work with on the farm, and Humanitarian Engineering became a passion for me when I was able to travel over to Cambodia on an EWB design summit and experience another culture and the good that can be done with Humanitarian engineering.

I'm excited about NC because:

I've never experienced the national council before and hear only good things, but primarily, after attending a design summit over in Cambodia, I've been looking for more ways to get involved with EWB, and the National Council is ideal for me getting more involved.

This will be my 1st NC





James Ayers

Staff Member VIC



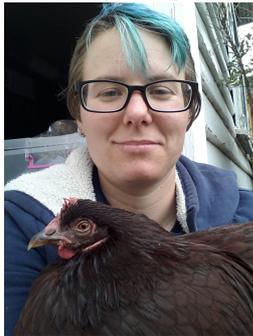
I'm an EWB staff member and all around pretty swell guy. I work in communications, like to run and enjoy cardigans as apparel.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm a staff member.

This will be my 1st NC

Jayt Buchanan

University Delegate VIC



I'm a first-year, mature-age engineering student at RMIT. I haven't chosen a major yet because I want to DO ALL THE THINGS. I spend my spare time trying to keep the chooks out of the vegie garden and listening to old shoegaze.

I'm excited about NC because:
I've just recently started to get involved with the RMIT chapter, so I'm just looking forward to meeting some like-minded people and learning more about EWB.

This will be my 1st NC

Jeffery McAllister

Staff Member VIC



I was born in Canada but have lived and worked on four continents; my goal is to spend substantial time on all seven.

I try to split my time between studying engineering and working as a writer - sometimes that's tough but there's certainly a lot to write about.

My longest running personal goal has been to watch sunset every night.

I'm excited about NC because:
To engage with out of state EWB members in the shadows of mountains(!!!)

This will be my 1st NC





Jenny Turner

Staff Member VIC



I was born in Canberra but grew up in Queensland. I love being outdoors in nature. I get excited about all things engineering education and monitoring & evaluation. Come chat to me if you also get excited about these things or even if you are just vaguely interested.

I'm excited about NC because:
Spending time with amazing people

This will be my 7th NC

Jeremy Smith

Staff ANU ACT



Living in domestic bliss with a partner, 4 1/2 year old daughter, two dogs, house, garden, car, bikes and full overflowing storage cupboards, but I get to play with Lego and call it parenting.

I'm excited about NC because:
I have not been to one for a long time!

This will be my 5th NC

Joli Price

Staff Member VIC



I'm Joli, long-term EWB volunteer and staff member. I coordinate the Design Summit program and very happy to say that it is a dream job! I love EWB's work and meeting the amazing people that make this organisation so great.

I'm excited about NC because:
I love meeting the tribe!

This will be my 4th NC





Julian Goh

Region Delegate WA



I am in my fourth year of chemical engineering at Curtin University. I became actively involved in EWB after attending the awesome 2016 Cambodia Humanitarian Design Summit. I also happen to like bikes, a lot.

I'm excited about NC because:

I get to be in the same room and connect with so many other like-minded and passionate individuals!

This will be my 1st NC

Karats Eisenmenger

School Outreach Delegate

NSW



I'm part of the powerhouse that is UNSW EWB's SO team and have been involved with EWB for almost 2 years now. Through thick and thin we get things done (and in style of course). Personal belief: Dwayne Johnson is a third dimensional being.

I'm excited about NC because:

Seeing how I can help future SO coordinators have the most impactful experience with EWB.

This will be my 1st NC

Kate Hryczyszyn

Region Delegate QLD



I became involved in EWB after attending Link Festival in 2013 and soon after became the GHD Corporate rep. I'm now an Environmental Planner at Brisbane City Council and the EWB Local Partnerships Coordinator in Queensland.

I'm excited about NC because:

I have never been before and I have heard it is a fun and inspiring weekend!

This will be my 1st NC





Kate Read

School Outreach Delegate
QLD



I'm a final year Mechatronic Engineering student at UQ. I've been a member of EWB School Outreach for the past two years. My main role has been running a focus group to develop new and improve current workshops.

I'm excited about NC because:
Interacting with like minded people interested in humanitarian engineering.

This will be my 1st NC

Klarizza Quilandrino

Region Delegate SA



I'm currently studying biomedical engineering at Flinders University.

I always try to have a positive outlook on life!
I'm always eager to expand my knowledge.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a great opportunity to further increase my passion towards helping those around the world in need and to see the different types of projects fellow EWBers are involved in.

This will be my 1st NC

Krutika Ambani

School Outreach Delegate
VIC

3rd year Engineering - Science student at Monash University. Studying materials engineering as part of Engineering degree. Enjoys bike riding and waiting for warm weather to start again!

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a chance to meet other people doing the same thing we're doing, but in a different way. An awesome opportunity to learn.

This will be my 1st NC





Lexi Randall- L'Estrange

Board or Committee member
VIC



I'm an environmental engineer by training but start-up / IT / small business chick in reality. I love the strategic thinking, business modelling and the unknown elements of early-stage businesses, and pride myself of being a change-loving chameleon / generalist / "Jill of all trades". I love people, food, whisky, bushwalking, travel, the ocean, and talking to intelligent and inspired people, like you.

I'm excited about NC because:
Experiencing world's highest awesome / sqm

This will be my 6th NC

Lily Harris

School Outreach Delegate SA



I'm an international student from the USA studying mathematical science in Adelaide. I play the cello and the french horn, and love zumba. I have owned dogs, cats, spiders, and praying mantises.

I'm excited about NC because:
I can't wait to meet other School Outreach volunteers and build a network through which I can improve my University's school outreach program.

This will be my 1st NC

LiRoy Lourenco

Volunteer VIC



Portuguese national born in South Africa, I moved to Australia 3 years ago after taking a few years off to travel. I am a design summit Alumni, and an intern at the EWB office on my day off at uni where I study physics & Engineering. Looking forward to meeting everyone.

I'm excited about NC because:
I want to get to know the wider EWB family!

This will be my 1st NC





**Liya Mariyam
Francis**

School Outreach Delegate
WA



I study Chemical Engineering and am currently in 2nd year at Curtin University. I love to keep myself busy. I also do part time work at Kumon Tutoring Centre!

I'm excited about NC because:
it will help me to gain more knowledge and skills that are relevant to my position as a School Outreach Coordinator.

This will be my 1st NC

Lizzie Brown

Staff Member VIC



I am passionate about lots of things - community building, humanitarian engineering, pro bono work, technology for social change, leadership and business development, social enterprise, diversity in STEM, reconciliation, climate change mitigation and adaptation.....

I also love working with people - inspiring and supporting others, finding new connections, initiating collaboration and working in a team to build an idea into something new.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's a wonderful opportunity to share new ideas with friends from around the country.

This will be my 11th NC

Louis Wong

University Delegate QLD



I like sushi.
I'm a rover.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's will be an awesome collaboration with like minded people who are energetic to make a difference!

This will be my 2nd NC





Luan Nguyen

Region Delegate WA



Hi everyone, by day I am a civil engineer working mainly in land development and roadworks, by night, I'm a humanitarian engineer/caterer. I'm currently the WA Region Vice President but I work in Sydney.

I'm excited about NC because:
Opportunity to collaborate with other chapters

This will be my 4th NC

Lucy Preiss

University Delegate SA



I'm a fourth year civil, structural and environmental student at the University of Adelaide. I participated in a design summit in India at the end of last year, where I began to be involved in EWB. I love to travel and love spending time outdoors in the sun.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm keen to meet other chapter members from around Australia, and to continue to increase my knowledge about humanitarian engineering.

This will be my 1st NC

Margarita Moya

Board or Committee member
NSW



I am a cookbook-afficionado, small space gardener, and a wanna-be Data Science Jedi (Data Science Padawan?) When not at work or helping out in the Sydney chapter, I can usually be found in my kitchen or catching up with friends and family

I'm excited about NC because:
It's always a great time to meet the faces behind the emails and get to know new members in other regions.

This will be my 2nd NC





Mark Machado

School Outreach Delegate WA



A passionate Civil Engineering & Finance student at UWA who grew up in the north of WA. My career choice itself was a product of HSO when I was young, and as such I wish to do everything I can to pay it forward. I love my rugby and I love mountain climbing.

I'm excited about NC because:

. I believe EWB Australia is great beacon of humanitarian engineering an organisation that truly represents what a not for profit should be. I see National Council as the epitome of EWB's strategic work

This will be my 1st NC

Mary Ballener

Region Delegate VIC



I studied Mechatronics Engineering and Commerce (Business Statistics) at Monash University. I enjoy dancing, sporting events and escape rooms. I'm always up for new adventures and trying new things.

I'm excited about NC because:

Of all the inspiring and motivated people i'll meet.

This will be my 1st NC

Matthew Imhoff

Region Delegate NSW



Since joining EWB I've followed development through a masters and an internship in energy policy at the United Nations in Thailand. At my day job I work at the University of Sydney helping to build farming robots and working out fuel use in airplanes.

I'm excited about NC because:

I want to know how all our members and volunteers can work together across regions to achieve our new 2020 aims!

This will be my 6th NC





Merrin Allen

University Delegate QLD



I am in my third year of a civil and environmental engineering degree at Queensland University of Technology. I wanted to study engineering to help people and the environment.

I'm excited about NC because:

I get to meet a whole group of amazing people who share the same goals and values as me

This will be my 1st NC

Miho Yoneyama

Staff Member VIC



I started as EWB's CFO last year after living overseas for the last 16 years. My kids, Naomi (5) and Ira (2) keep me pretty busy!

I'm excited about NC because:

I get to meet lots of dedicated EWB'ers and finally understand what NC is all about!

This will be my 1st NC

Mike Shewan

Board or Committee member
QLD

New to the EWB Board, and really enjoying it! Married to Nadia with 2 great kids, Eloise and Fraser. Love the outdoors, travel and great food!

I'm excited about NC because:

Being a new Board member who hasn't attended NC before I'm really excited to meet many of the people who make this great organisation tick!

This will be my 1st NC

Min Hamid

Region Delegate WA

Only these come to mind, pro bono, capoeira and business where both parties succeeds

I'm excited about NC because:

To learn more about ATSI support with EWB

This will be my 1st NC





Monica Chong

Staff Member VIC



I am known as the organiser and planner. I get so much enjoyment from bringing people together to share good food and wine. Love travel, love camping, love people and new cultures.

I'm excited about NC because:

There is always so much enthusiasm and passion in one room, and this inspires me!

This will be my 3rd NC

Mugundan Radhakrishnan

University Delegate WA



I was born in India, raised in Zambia, lived for a bit in India and now I live in Australia. I'm studying Civil Engineering and Science Communication. I am an expert in all things Taylor Swift (feel free to test me).

I'm excited about NC because:

it will give me the chance to meet with some of the amazing changemakers in the humanitarian engineering movement.

This will be my 1st NC

Natasha Rayan

Region Delegate SA



Jack of all trades, master of none. Never leaves home without a dSLR and deck of Monopoly Deal cards. Closet entrepreneur, self-proclaimed chef, avid op shopper.

I'm excited about NC because:

I'll have the opportunity to meet and bounce ideas off volunteers from around the country.

This will be my 2nd NC





Nevil Kadawatha

Staff Member VIC



I am working finance at EWB. i have recently joint to EWB. i have several years of accounting experience in Australia. Before to Australia i lived in Sri lanaka.

I'm excited about NC because:
This is my first NAT Council Meeting

This will be my 1st NC

Nicholas Grear

Region Delegate SA



I have a passion for the built environment, and the way these spaces are lived and experienced.

I have a background in engineering, with a knowledge base covering structural design, waterway management, environmental design, urban planning and project management. I work in Property Development in Retail, Commercial, Industrial and the Residential Space. I have been president of the SA Chapter for 3 years, and a member for more than 6.

I'm excited about NC because:
Its a great chance to learn from the lessons of other Chapters and Share Ideas

This will be my 3rd NC

Nick Brown

Staff Member VIC



I enjoy talking about design. I like wearing nice jumpers. I prefer hot to cold food.

I'm excited about NC because:
I get to meet other members that drive the organisation

This will be my 2nd NC





**Nikolaus
Marschallek**

University Delgate QLD



I'm a first semester Business student, past Engineering student and avid volunteer. I love the water, food and tech, along with comma'd lists. EWB is pretty cool too I guess.

I'm excited about NC because:
Getting to experience EWB on a national scale!

This will be my 1st NC

Olivia Blair-Holt

Board or Committee member
VIC



I like long walks on the beach and candle-lit dinners...

I'm an Environmental Engineering undergrad at RMIT; passionate about STEM outreach and science communication, and pretty much any subject with "geo" in it, especially if it involves field trips.
I like cooking, coffee, staying active, and the Foo Fighters.

I'm excited about NC because:
Keen to meet EWB-ers from around the country and learn about the great things happening across the organisation.

This will be my 1st NC

Peter Bowtell

Board or Committee member
VIC



words that describe me in no particular order: dad, trekker, engineer, energy, designer, humanist, ethical, honest, "tech"y, family, global wanderer, responsible, renovator, photographer, entropic, chaotic, reliable, passionate

I'm excited about NC because:
chatting chilling hangin out

This will be my 1st NC





**Peter
Baynard-Smith**

Staff Member VIC



I have over 20 yrs of international development experience. Working at EWB brings together my engineering background, passion for renewable energy, love of social enterprise and social change through innovative models, extensive NGO management, leadership and governance experience.

i am a husband and father of 4 wonderful teenage kids!

I'm excited about NC because:

I have had the privilege to be CEO at EWB for the past 3 months and am looking forward to my first NC! I am keen to meet all the regional teams and looking forward to engaging and stimulating conversations and sessions

This will be my 1st NC

Rahul Das

Region Delegate WA



I am a Mechanical Engineer at Rio Tinto. I largely work with power water and fuel assets across North west Australia. When I am not working, i enjoy exploring the country and taking long hikes

I'm excited about NC because:

I want to see how other chapters are engaging their members

This will be my 1st NC

Rebecca Brown

Region Delegate NSW



I have been with EWB for nearly 5 years, in many different capacities.

I work in astronomy, and love learning about new technologies (and all the cool stuff we can do!)

I am always down for a sing-along.

I'm excited about NC because:

I love sharing knowledge with other regions, and gathering momentum and ideas for amazing future events

This will be my 2nd NC





Robert Hoffmann

Region Delegate QLD



I'm a Civil & Geotechnical Engineer at GHD. I am the treasurer of the EWB Queensland Region. This is my first time visiting Canberra.

I'm excited about NC because:
I've never been before and have heard it inspires very powerful discussions.

This will be my 1st NC

Ruby Wang

University Delegate NSW

I am studying civil engineering and architecture (but have discovered I could never be an architect!). I am incredibly excited for the future of humanitarian engineering. I still collect movie tickets.

I'm excited about NC because:
As a university student, it would be great to meet other young aspiring engineers with similar goals to myself. NC will also be a great opportunity to be inspired and discover how we can better engage university members.

This will be my 1st NC

Sabrina Moir

Volunteer ACT

I am a Science and Engineering student who recently went on my first Design Summit to Cambodia, and have enjoyed the introduction to EWB.

I like to keep active and am apart of the ANU Swim team.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm looking forward to meeting new and likeminded people, advancing my involvement in EWB.

This will be my 1st NC

Sam Cunningham-Nelson

Region Delegate QLD



First year PhD student, and electrical engineering graduate.

I'm excited about NC because:
See what everyone has been up to over the last year!

This will be my 3rd NC





Samuel Palmer

School Outreach Delegate ACT



Originally from Hobart, Tasmania, I moved to Canberra in 2013 to study Engineering and Science. It wasn't long before I got involved in EWB's Schools Outreach program and discovered my passion for engineering's potential to have a positive impact on people.

I'm excited about NC because:
To hear about the great work that everyone is doing in Australia and overseas

This will be my 3rd NC

Sandeep Grewal

Region Delegate WA



I'm a Civil Engineer at AECOM Perth working in the water sector. I joined EWB nearly 3 years ago and am currently the coordinator of the WA WASH Knowledge Hub. Of the plethora of initiatives run by EWB, my personal interest is in those that empower disadvantaged communities.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'll gain a better understanding of EWB National and meet like-minded people from all over the country.

This will be my 1st NC

Sarah Matthee

Staff Member VIC



I work as EWB's Corporate Coordinator, and have been involved in the organisation since it kept me studying engineering at uni. My husband runs a sourdough bakery out of our kitchen north of Melbourne, and we love finding new small businesses in our community.

I'm excited about NC because:
The EWB Tribe are a special bunch, and National Council is the best time to catch up with everyone!

This will be my 4th NC





Sarah Phillips

University Delegate QLD



I am in my third year of my dual degree in Civil Engineering and Business Management at Griffith University. I am one of four girls, love mathematics, like to play netball, do Taekwondo and I work casually as a checkout chick. I tend to smile a lot (maybe a little too much).

I'm excited about NC because:

I am excited to meet others who want to change the world through humanitarian Engineering.

This will be my 1st NC

Shane Korosec

Staff Member VIC



EWB co-founder & currently on staff as EWB's web developer and in-house IT systems. I also run my own web development company.

I'm excited about NC because:

its always a great weekend

This will be my 8th NC

Sheena Ong

Region Delegate WA



Sheena is an energy consultant with a background in mechanical engineering and philosophy. After roughly 8 colour-filled years of EWB involvement, she is the WA chapter president and has had the privilege of travelling to Cambodia on the DELE, leading the UWA chapter, undertaking the Mickey Sampson Leadership Program, making a crowdfunded documentary on humanitarian engineering and learning about Aboriginal culture & development on Murray Darling Dialogues. By day she works in the renewable energy sector with Perdaman Advanced Energy and she loves art, writing, books made out of paper and walking in the sunshine.

I'm excited about NC because:

EWB folks are "home crowd" and never fail to inspire & humble me - plus jumping on a plane is always exciting!

This will be my 5th NC





**Sharath
Vijayananda**

University Delegate WA



Life enthusiast with a love for traveling, books & photography, a huge supporter of mental health & wellbeing, with a strong passion for anything humanitarian! ♡ (*breaks into 'Imagine'*) Grey's Anatomy, Friends, HIMYM, The Office, Sherlock, British comedy plus all things sci-fi: Doctor Who to Star Trek. A student of Computer Systems Engineering at uni by day, and by night... well, let's be frank, studying engineering is pretty much an all day job, got no time for that superhero stuff. Just kidding, I'm Batman.

I'm excited about NC because:

It's an excellent place to learn more about the internal working and operations of EWB on a national level, build valuable skills and share stories & personal experiences with EWB. I'm also excited to meet, interact and bond with other like-minded volunteers from all around Australia. :)

This will be my 1st NC

Sidharth Savadia

University Delegate WA

I am a 4th year student studying Chemical Engineering from Curtin University.

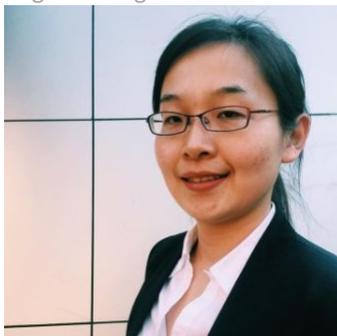
I'm excited about NC because:

I like to meet like minded people

This will be my 1st NC

Sienna Xue

Region Delegate NSW



I'm passionate about utilising my engineering mind to build stronger connections in the communities.

I'm excited about NC because:

I'd love to meet other EWB members from other parts of the country. I'm looking forward to exchanging my fundarising ideas with other region delegates.

This will be my 1st NC





Stephen May

Board or Committee member
VIC



I am a Senior Executive with extensive experience in fundraising, alumni relations, strategic marketing, financial management and business development roles. I have built significant expertise and experience in international education markets through growing engagement with international alumni, students and their families.

I'm excited about NC because:

As a Board member I am looking forward to gaining a better understanding of our work and the impact we have and meeting the critical volunteers who are so important to the success of our work.

This will be my 1st NC

Susmitha Suresh

University Delegate NSW

Fourth year of civil engineering and commerce at the University of Sydney. I wish to pursue infrastructure development as a future civil engineer.

I'm excited about NC because:

I look forward to meeting representatives from the other chapters.

This will be my 1st NC

Suzanne Mustafa

Region Delegate NSW



I love swimming, cycling, reading and board games. Unfortunately, I am scared of dogs.

I am trying to live more sustainably these days (and would appreciate any suggestions!).

I'm excited about NC because:

From past experience, it is super inspiring and full of energy! I'm looking forward to the discussions around local partnerships and developing leadership skills.

This will be my 2nd NC

Tasha-Lee Anderson

Region Delegate ACT

I'm a local Canberran who graduated from university last year. I enjoy sports, hiking and travel. One day I hope to complete the Trans-Siberian Railway.

I'm excited about NC because:

it's my first one so I'm just excited to come along and see what it's all about.

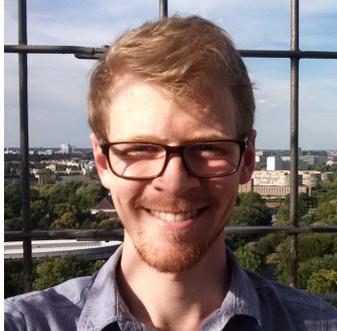
This will be my 1st NC





Thomas Fay

School Outreach Delegate
WA



I'm a civil engineering student from the remote outpost of Perth. I ride a bike, play the trumpet and watch a lot of cartoons. I enjoy watching the ducks go about their business while I study at university.

I'm excited about NC because:
I'm keen to meet all the other passionate people from around the country who make this organisation tick!

This will be my 1st NC

Tim Kuiper

Staff Member VIC



I once jumped on a bus because I was being held up at knife point, that bus went to Canada (I had never been to Canada before that day). I failed getting my driver's licence the first time because I hit a pedestrian (they were ok). I was climbing Krakatoa volcano in Indonesia when it spontaneously erupted...I ran the other way so fast, screaming!

PS: Every introduction needs a PS

I'm excited about NC because:
Meeting all the people and hearing all the stories!

This will be my 1st NC

Tim Ha

Region Delegate WA



I'm into food, travel, running, technology, kickboxing, guitar and puns (and of course EWB). Currently working as an engineering consultant in the resources industry. I wish I had a better emoji vocabulary.

I'm excited about NC because:
It's my first time going and everyone says that it's awesome!

This will be my 1st NC





Tina Miller

Staff Member VIC



I'm the newest kid to stand around EWB's water cooler. I'll be helping to Optimise our Melbourne offices and support the team while they make Engineering happen.

I'm excited about NC because:
Getting to meet the staff, the board and all of those people out in EWB Land.

This will be my 1st NC

Tracey Cromby

Staff Member VIC



I love working with EWB.
When not working, I love going out dancing rock n roll/rockabilly style.
Currently I'm inspired by Rob Bell.

I'm excited about NC because:
the energy generated by so many incredible EWB-ers in one room is amazing. It really inspires us to keep doing what we're doing.

This will be my 3rd NC

Vivian Foeng

Region Delegate SA



I have quite a few interests and passions and always like to try new things. I am fairly laid back and open with my views. I am also a firm believer in egalitarianism.

I'm excited about NC because:
I will be able to meet other EWBers and see how everything works on a grander scale.

This will be my 1st NC





Zoe Kwak

Region Delegate VIC



Passionate about sustainable development
Curious about social impact brought on by behaviour change and knowledge sharing
Nature and culture enthusiast at heart

I'm excited about NC because:
Representing Vic Region and connecting with delegates from other regions

This will be my 1st NC

Vlasta Jeftic

Alumnus VIC



Vlasta Jeftic is a Graduate of Architecture and an alumnus Timor Leste volunteer field professional with Engineers Without Borders.

After almost a decade working in the architecture sector in Australia and overseas, Vlasta refocused her efforts towards international development, with the hope of creating sustainable and meaningful change to communities through high-quality, affordable architecture.

She's an active member of a number of organisations, including Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute), Engineers Without Borders (EWB) and UN Volunteers. As a member of the Institute, she dedicated her time to various committees and events, including FACTION (ACT Emerging Architects Committee), ACT Events Committee, 2006 Venice Biennale and ACT speaker series.

Sustainable and conscientious architecture has always been the focus of her professional interest and work. Vlasta is currently completing her post-graduation studies in Masters in International Development at RMIT, Melbourne.

This will be my 1st NC

Zohreh Keshavarz

University Delegate VIC



Super energetic scientist/engineer hoping to use her knowledge and energy towards better life for those who are less fortunate

I'm excited about NC because:
To see where we will go next!

This will be my 1st NC



Canberra Information

Fast Facts:

- Canberra has the highest percentage of early adopters of technology and the greatest NBN take-up in Australia.
- Over 70 per cent of the ACT is open space!
- The ACT has the highest participation rate in sport of any state or territory.
- A higher percentage of households in Canberra recycle waste than the rest of Australia

Cheap Food:

- Civic food court located within the Canberra shopping Centre, 148 Bunda St
 - Offers many fast food options and quick and cheap food.
- The Hamlet – Canberra food vans !
 - Located at 16 Lonsdale St Braddon, the Hamlet is an urban village in the heart of Canberra inner city offering amazing street food and friendly vibe. The Hamlet contains a self-styled space with many vans surrounding the area offering yummy food. It's also BYO.

Bars and Restaurants:

- Provini, 50 Bunda St
 - Serves amazing traditional Italian food.
- White Rabbit, 65 Northbourne Avenue
 - Cocktails, Savoury bites, high tea all in Alice Wonderland Theme!
- Mollys, 35-37 London Circuit
 - Classy fun cocktail bar.

Coffee:

- The Cupping Room – Famous for its coffee !
 - Serves boutique coffee
- Oliver Brown, City Centre

Places to See While in Canberra:

- Floriade 2016, Opens Saturday 17 September
 - Floriade is a flower festival that is located within Canberra every year using flowers as artistic displays. Floriade offers music, cultural celebrations and events, food and wine, market traders, artistic displays and entertainment.
- Questacon, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600, Australia
 - The National Science and Technology Centre
- Canberra Merry-Go-Round, Canberra Centre, 73 Petrie Plaza
 - Go round and round and up and down on the magical carousel located in Petrie Plaza





Canberra Information – Transportation

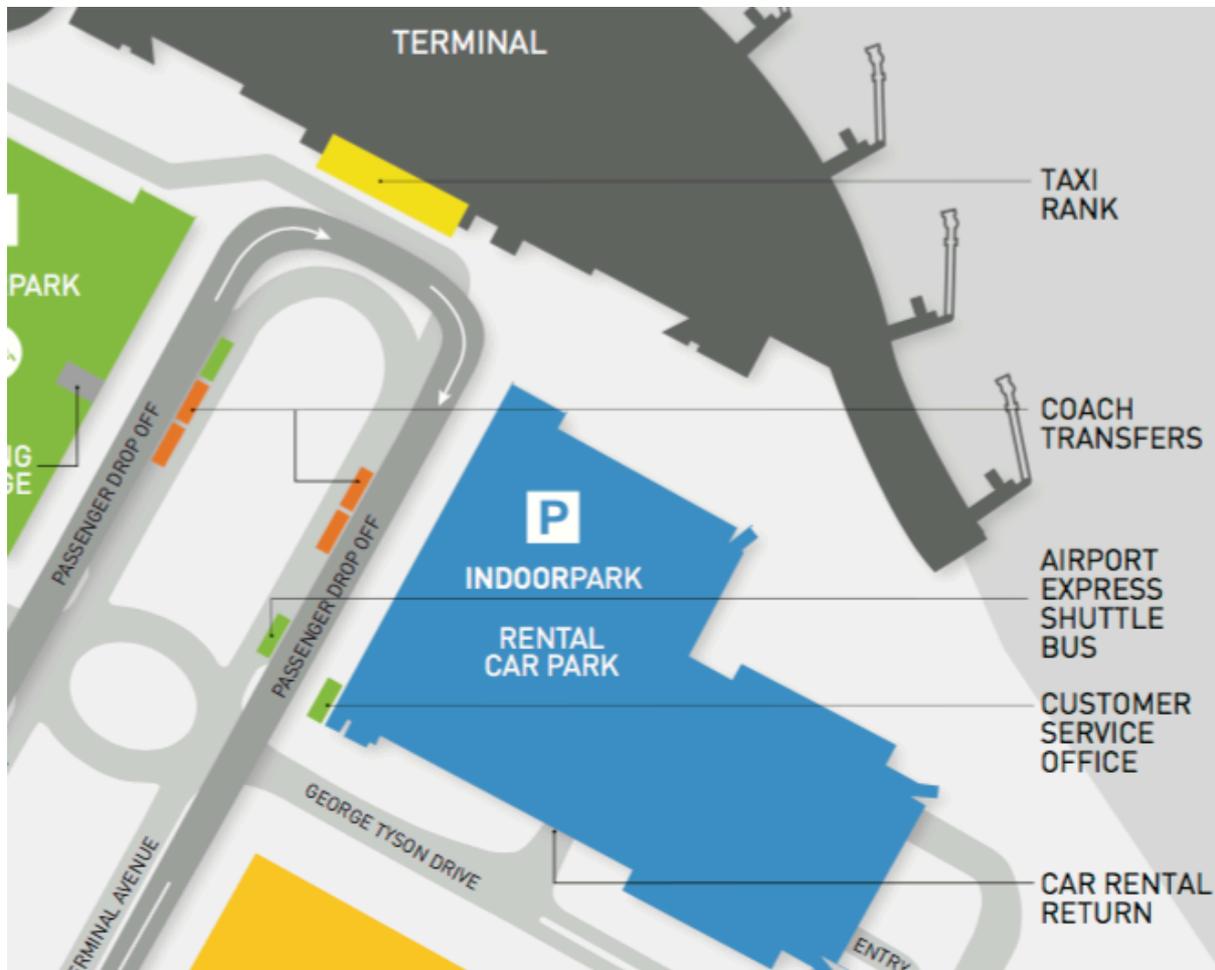
The **Airport Express shuttle bus** offers airport-city-airport services daily during peak periods, stopping at the YHA (see website for details), journey is approximately 20 minutes, with buses leaving every 50 minutes during the week.

Cost is \$12 one way and \$20 return. Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

- Direct from the bus driver (EFTPOS or cash);
- At the car park customer service office located opposite the bus stop;
- Pre-booked at www.royalecoach.com.au; or
- By calling 1300 368 897.

The bus stop is located kerbside upon exiting the arrivals hall.

Taxis and **Uber** are also available from Canberra Airport.

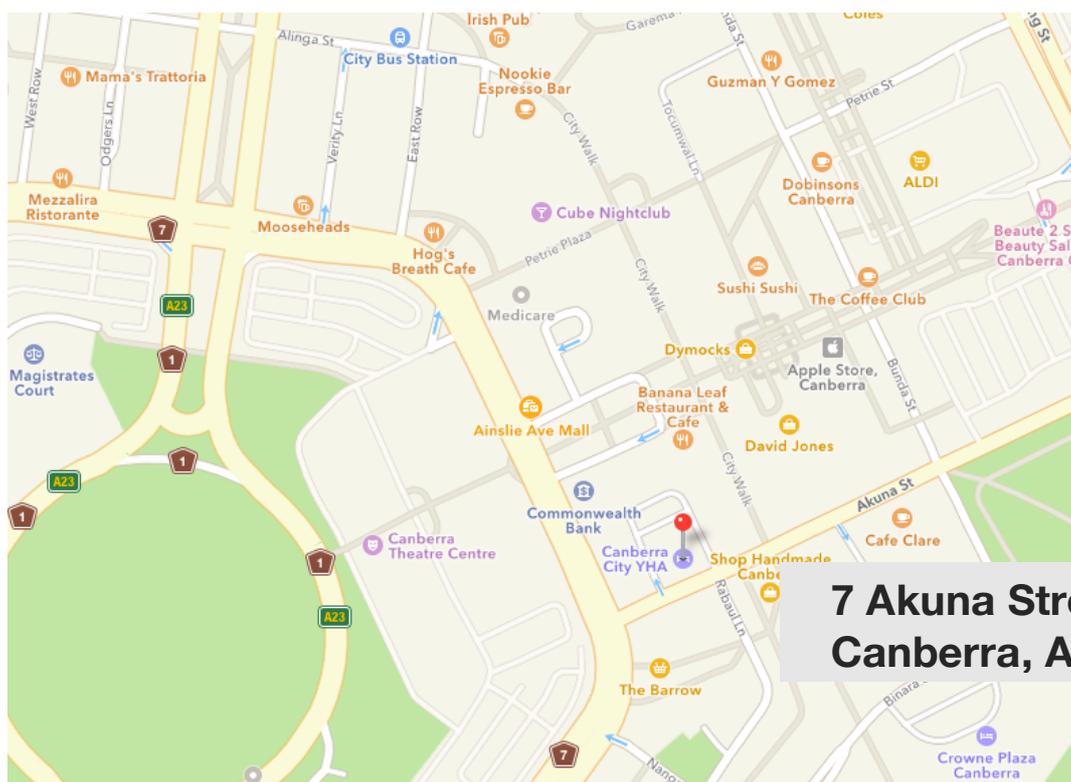




Canberra Information – Venues

Accommodation

Canberra City YHA is located right in the heart of the nation's capital. A huge range of shops, cafes, restaurants and theatres are around the corner and coach terminal is a short walk away.



Check-in is on **Friday 16 September between 11:00 am– 12:00 noon** (except for school outreach delegates). You'll be able to leave your bags in a secure storage area before you head to the venue for the start of National Council.

Check-in is on **Thursday 15 September after 2:00 pm** for School Outreach delegates.

Check-out will be **Sunday 18 September by 8:30 am**. Bags can be left in the secure storage and collected at the conclusion of National Council.

Delegates will be responsible for the following expenses:

- Parking at YHA; available through the hostel at Canberra Centre Carpark for a flat rate of \$10 per night (reservation essential), Additional parking at Canberra Centre Rooftop Parking (\$11).
- Laundry at own expense
- Damage at own expense

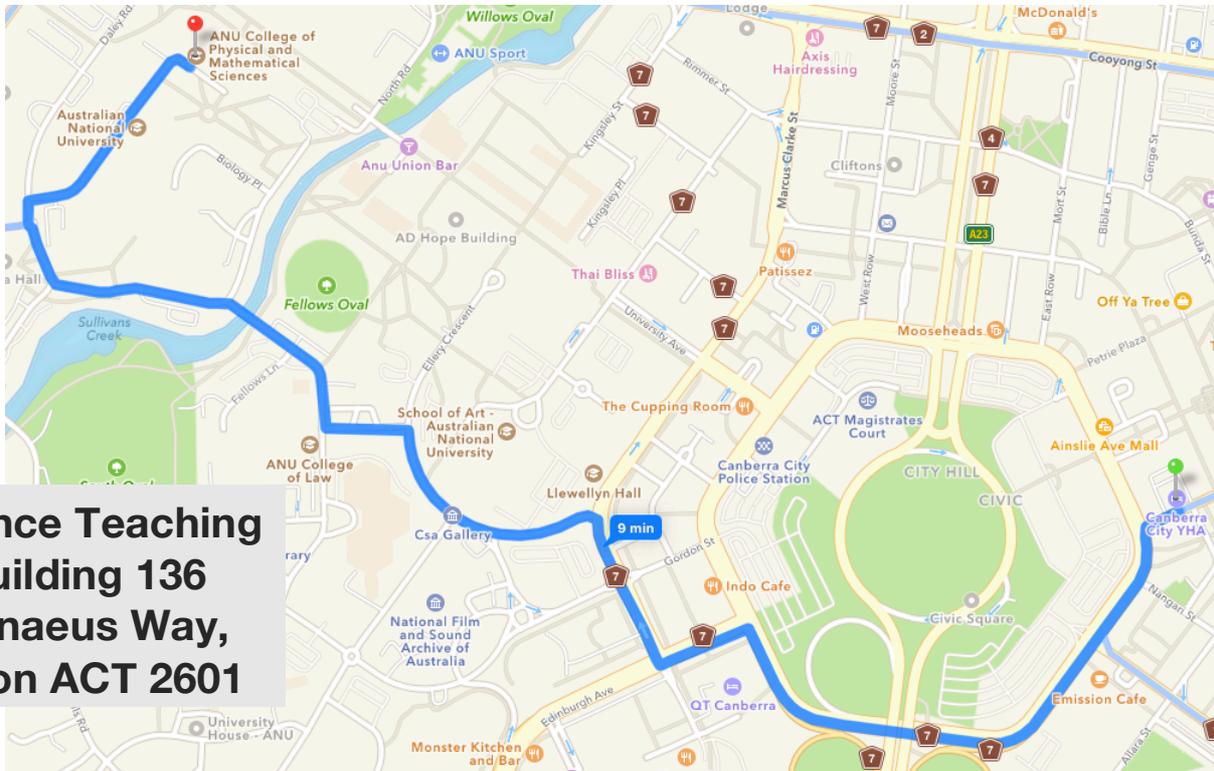
Canberra City YHA is pro-active in taking preventative measures at its property to ensure we the highest possible standards in the field of risk management. YHA staff are trained and capable of handling emergency situations. A comprehensive risk assessment is available at yhagroups.com.au.





National Council

Getting there/back: Delegates will find their own way to ANU Science Teaching Building (10-minute Walk from YHA, Uber or Taxi).



**Science Teaching
Building 136
Linnaeus Way,
Acton ACT 2601**

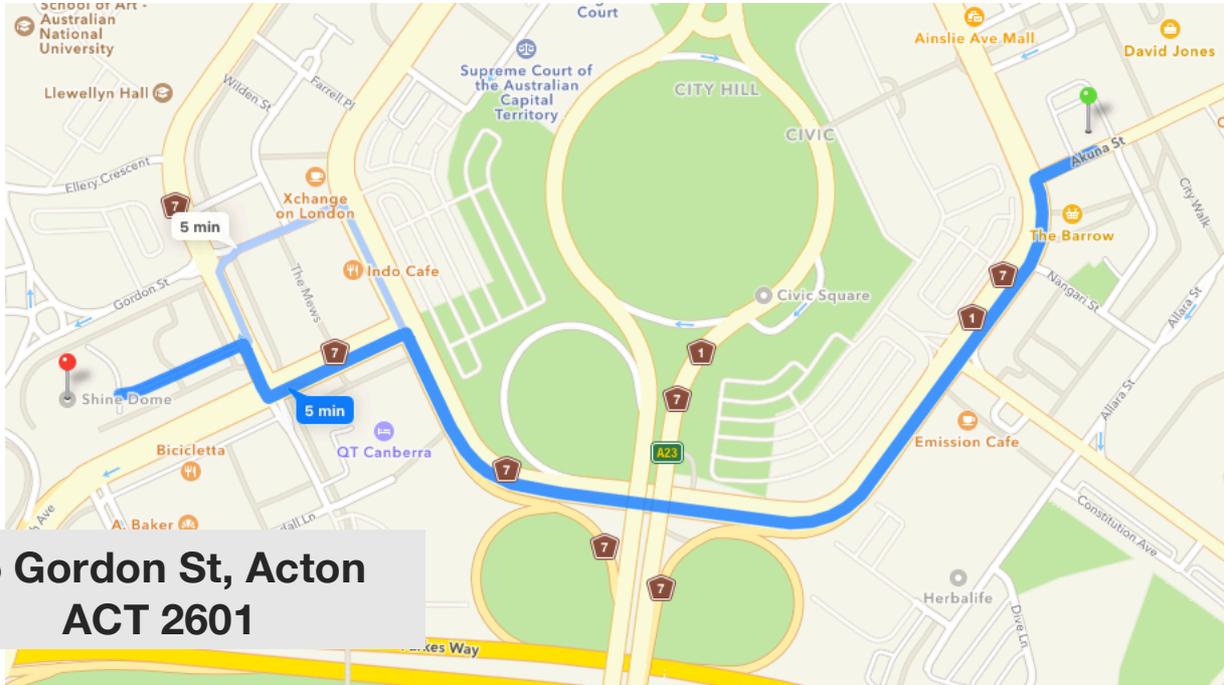


Industry Night



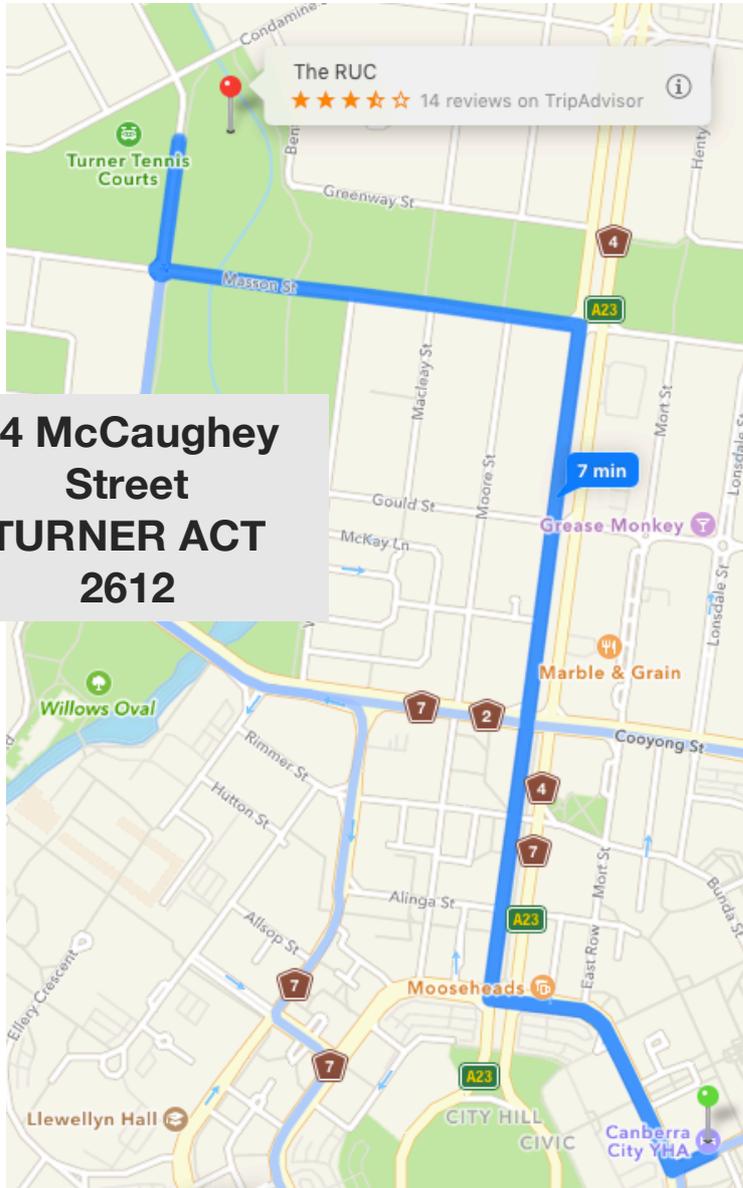


Getting there/back: Delegates will find their own way to Shine Dome (5-minute Walk from YHA, Uber or Taxi).





EWB Celebrates



Getting there: Delegates will find their own way to the RUC (7-minute Walk from YHA, Uber or Taxi).

Getting back: EWBus to YHA.



What to Pack?

You'll be walking between venues, so **comfortable shoes** are a really good idea and definitely remember your **refillable water bottle**.

Smart clothes for the Friday evening event and **something 80s – 90s** themed for the Celebration on Saturday night.

Pyjamas – you'll be in shared dorm-style accommodation. **BYO Towel**.





Canberra Information – Meals

Breakfast will be provided at YHA, at check in delegates will receive breakfast allocation times for either the 7am sitting or the 7:30am sitting.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday at ANU. School outreach will have lunch provided on Friday also.

Dinner Thursday: School Outreach Delegates will have dinner provided.
 Friday: Light refreshments available at Industry Night.
 Saturday: Dinner at RUC as part of EWB Celebrates, Drinks at bar prices.

Morning and Afternoon **tea** will also be provided during National Council

Snacks will be available in the YHA foyer.

Canberra Information – Wifi Access

Free wifi hotspot at YHA, as well as Paid (own expense) Premium Wi-Fi also available. ANU has guest wifi, password will be provided on the day.

Canberra Free City Wifi:

Free Wi-Fi is now available at Canberra Centre, Free Wifi is available at the following 7 locations:

- Food Court near City Walk
- Level 1 opposite Apple
- Ground Floor opposite David Jones
- Ground Floor near Coffee Guru
- Ground Floor outside Grill'd
- Level 1 outside JB Hifi

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Please fill in:

Chapter President _____

Chapter NC Champion _____





First Aid

There will be first aid officers and kits present at all activities throughout National Council. **Please notify staff or National Council volunteers should you need assistance.**

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Garema Place Surgery Garema Place, Canberra City ACT 2601
Ph: (02) 6257 1000

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Australian National University (NC venue) - a very big thank you to them for hosting us this weekend!

Shine Dome (Collaboration for Innovation)

RUC (EWB Celebrates)

Accommodation:

YHA Australia – Lexi & Staff

Catering:

Coyote Catering (NC lunches and tea breaks)

Kitchen Witchery (Collaboration for Innovation)

The RUC (EWB Celebrates), Ashley Ellis (Cake) Monica Chong (Co-Ordinator)\

Friday Night Event Support:

Engineers Australia Canberra Division

Guest Speakers:

Agnes Shea - Welcome to Country

Digital Storytellers - Storytelling for Change

Amanda Allen - SelfCare and Burnout management

Sarah Pearson - Canberra Innovation Network

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