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The new Website has been registered and is <http://www.aies.net.au>

WEBSITE CONTENT

The new Website has sections for each State as well as National Areas. If you have ideas for State Division content, please contact your State registrar, for National content, email web@aies.net.au.

Please be aware that all content must go past the National Registrar prior to web publication to ensure it meets required guidelines.



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A member of the Tasmanian SES organisation assisting with roof repair during storm operations. In the background is the Hobart Bridge, which many years ago collapsed as a result of a large boat hitting one of the pylons. Many people lost their lives in this disaster.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Maurice E Massie

*QPM, LFAIES,
National President*



GENERAL COUNCIL & AGM OF THE INSTITUTE 2007

On Monday, April 16, 2007, the General Council Meeting of the Institute took place in Hobart with the venue being the Commissioner's Conference Room on Level 8 at Police Headquarters, Liverpool Street Hobart.

On the evening of the 16th, the Annual General Meeting of the Institute was conducted at the Lindisfarne RSL Club and at that meeting as National President, I presented my report. The address made at that meeting is detailed below.

"On behalf of the General Council, I would like to thank the Tasmania Division for inviting Council to your dinner this evening. I would also on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Institute welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting. I would like to especially thank the Tasmania Division President Darrell Johnson and the Acting Registrar David Paton for their efforts in organising this evening's gathering and arranging past members to be notified of the 30th anniversary and for them for attending this evening.

I would also like to thank the Commissioner of Police Mr Richard McCreadie for providing us with the Council Meeting venue and for the assistance rendered by his staff in affording us the opportunity to avail ourselves of the Conference Room facilities at Police Headquarters."

NER MAGAZINE

The NER magazine was discussed at Council today where it was highlighted that the lack of articles coming from the

divisions remains a problem which needs to be addressed in order to provide the editors with sufficient copy to properly produce the magazine. We also had the benefit of having our publishers Countrywide Media represented with Mr Tony Cornish attending.

Mr Cornish addressed the meeting and was able to advise us that from his perspective they are satisfied with the product as being commercially useful to their organisation. It was agreed that Countrywide Media would increase our distribution entitlement which now stands at 1700 copies per issue, to 3000 copies per issue, thus enabling a wider distribution of the magazine in an attempt to gain an increase in our membership.

Countrywide Media have also agreed to produce a glossy 2008 calendar for the Institute. This will be produced and distributed at no cost to us. Divisions will be asked to forward to the National Company Secretary/Registrar, Bob Maul, relevant photographs that show the various Emergency Services in action. These photographs will need to be of high resolution in landscape format and will need to be forwarded on disc to Bob by no later than the end of June 2007. We see the calendar as being another tool to raise the profile of the Institute in a professional manner.

Council unanimously agreed to renew the contract with the publishers for another three years, so that Countrywide Media will continue to provide us with four magazines a year and circulate it to the members at no cost to the Institute.

WEBSITE

The website continues to be a useful tool for the Institute, but it is necessary for the website masters Martin Page and Mark Sawszak to be regularly updated in order for the site to remain relevant. I understand that at the moment, the site is somewhat out of date but this is totally attributable to the fact that divisions are not providing the necessary input to update information. It is interesting to note that the AIES website was awarded a gold award for web design by the Australian Web Designers Network in 2006. This award is judged on the categories of Graphic, Artwork, Layout, Navigability, Functionality and Originality. It would be a pity if the website was allowed to devalue due to the lack of input.

EMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM

Alan Holley, President of the NSW Division, continues to represent Council on the Emergency Management Forum which is convened by EMA Australia. Alan presented a report to Council today where he indicated that the forum had been particularly active in the last 12 months and that he had attended a meeting at Mt Macdeon convened



by EMA to discuss issues surrounding the recruitment and retention of volunteers from non-English speaking backgrounds. Through his involvement, the Institute is recognised by the Emergency Management Forum and Council agreed that Alan should continue to represent the Institute and we thank him for his efforts in this regard.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2007/08

At the Meeting today, the following persons were elected to form the Council for the ensuing year.

President	Maurice Massie (Tas)
Vice President	Brian Lancaster (SA)
Company Sec/General Registrar	Bob Maul (NSW)
Directors	Alan Holley (NSW) Alan Alder (Vic) Reg Marshall (Qld)
Auditor	Ross Gatwood
Solicitor	McPhee/Kelshaw

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION WEBSITE

Chris Ainsworth, of the South Australia Divisional Board, informed the Council of the new website he had established in South Australia to better inform members in remote locations. As a result of the website, members in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Port Lincoln areas have been given access to information and the various addresses given by guest speakers at their Institute dinner meetings. The Council deems this to be a worthwhile exercise and thanked Chris for his efforts in this regard.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Chris Ainsworth addressed Council on the South Australian proposal to appoint a Professional Development Officer. This particular proposal has been canvassed with each division. Council considered the proposal and whilst it agreed with the concept and the principles involved in the appointment, before proceeding with such a recruitment and implementation, the South Australia Division are to prepare a submission outlining all the activities that would be undertaken with due regards to the cost and funding required to complete such activities.

STATE REPORTS/MEMBERSHIP

Each divisional representative on Council presented their state report, which indicated the various activities undertaken by them in the preceding 12 months. Arising out of these reports, it was revealed that the membership of the Institute currently stands at 704 which is an improvement on last year's number, which stood at 689. This represents an increase of 15 members over the 12 months under review.

DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS

Council agreed today that there ought to be an opportunity for the divisional Registrars to meet with the National Company

Secretary/General Registrar, in order to provide those individuals with the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual concern and better inform them of their duties as Registrars. For this to be achieved, it was agreed that this meeting take place in Brisbane on Sunday, April 13, 2008, which will be the location of the next General Council and Annual General Meeting of the Institute. This was thought to be an excellent opportunity for Registrars to achieve a uniform approach to Institute business. As well, it provides some reward to Registrars for the important work that they do for us.

FELLOW/LIFE FELLOW

It was the delight of the Council today to elevate in status members Graham Pretty and Ian Cunningham of the New South Wales Division to the status of Fellow.

The status of Life Fellow of the Institute was bestowed upon the President of the South Australian Division, Barry Presgrave. Barry has been the South Australian President for the past 12 years and is worthy of the award. The Council congratulates those members on their elevation.

PRESENTATION FOR BEST ARTICLE - NER

It was agreed today, that a special award of a fountain pen, suitably inscribed, to the value of \$350, be awarded to an Institute member who is the author of the best article published in the NER magazine for the year. The determination on this award will be made at next year's General Council meeting.

This presentation, which will be an annual event, has been brought about by the need to encourage more effort on the part of members by providing suitable articles for publication in the NER magazine.

"I understand that at the moment, the site is somewhat out of date but this is totally attributable to the fact that divisions are not providing the necessary input to update information."

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The meeting decided today that subscriptions remain unchanged and should be as follows:

Members	\$30
Fellows	\$40
Corporation	\$250
Entry	\$20

VICTORIA DIVISION COMBINED EMERGENCY SERVICE CONFERENCE

After hearing of the success from Alan Alder of the Victoria Division of the conference in 2006, Council agreed to provide \$500 to the Victoria Division to assist them in conducting their conference in 2007. This funding will go towards the production of brochures and other material necessary. The conference which will be the 29th, will be held on October 27, 2007 at the Hawthorn Campus of the University of Melbourne.

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ACT DIVISION

The Council today agreed to the formation of a new division of the Institute in the ACT. Mr John Rice of the NSW division has been making all the necessary arrangements for this formation to occur on April 24, 2007 in Canberra. Myself and the President of the NSW division Alan Holley, will be attending the inaugural meeting. Council agreed that this particular action will serve to better service members of the Institute in the ACT and southern NSW area as well as providing the opportunity to increase our membership.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The marking of the 30th anniversary of our Institute was celebrated at our Annual General Meeting on April 16, 2007, in Hobart.

Fortuitously, the date of our AGM was only two days before, April 14, which was the date the Institute was formed some 30 years earlier. We were also lucky to have two of our Foundation members present in Bob Maul and Brian Lancaster.

The Tasmania Division rose to the occasion by sending out specific invitations to past and current members who

had not attended meetings for some time. A number of these persons took the trouble to attend which added to the occasion.

A birthday cake suitably inscribed, was presented at the end of the evening by the Tasmania Division President Darrell Johnson and our foundation members Bob and Brian were called upon to cut the cake.

This proved to be a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable evening.

NEXT MEETING

The next General Council and Annual General Meeting of the Institute will be conducted in Brisbane on April 14, 2008.

CONCLUSION

I would like to pass on the Council's thanks to the Company Secretary/General Registrar Bob Maul, for the diligent and effective way that he has carried out his duties over the past 12 months. Council is only too aware of the onerous responsibilities that the position entails with the financial reporting standards being equal to that of any major corporation.

I now move the formal adoption of my report. Thank you.

ERRATA

In the last edition of our journal NER, in the article entitled "Australian Emergency Services" we mentioned that this article was written by John (Lew) Lewis-Hughes. This was in error as the correct spelling of his name is Joseph (Lew to his friends) Hugh Lewis-Hughes. We apologise for this error.

AIES ANNUAL 2007 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members of the Institute are reminded that annual subscriptions to the Institute are now due and payable as from January 1, 2007. The Institute's financial year is now from January to December 31 each year. Subscriptions should be paid to the relevant State Registrars of the Institute as shown on page 32 of the journal.

Subscriptions are as follows:

Members	\$30 Annually
Fellows	\$40 Annually
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Persons or organisations who are not members but wish to obtain our quarterly magazine can obtain the journal at a cost of \$30 annually. This is to defray the cost of publishing and posting the journal. Payment should in this case be forwarded to "The General Secretary/Registrar of the AIES at No 14/159 Middle Head Road, Mosman, NSW 2088"

By order of General Council

Bob Maul, LFAIES

General Secretary/Registrar

NEW AIES STATE REGISTRARS

We are pleased to advise that the Institute now has three out of five women State Registrars. This is a first for the Institute and just shows the keen interest being shown by our lady members in agreeing to undertake these onerous appointments, which are carried out on a voluntary basis, as are all the other Executive Board positions at National and State levels.

The two new women Registrars are:

South Australia:

Jan Burgess, MAIES

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(Mob) 0411 446 656

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New South Wales:

Gaye Cameron, MAIES

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or 0407 401 597

Address for AIES mail (for time being)
PO Box 57 Oatley NSW 2223
Email: enquiries@gayecameron.com.au

We welcome both ladies aboard the ship and trust that their tenure will be both an enjoyable and rewarding one.

Our sincere thanks must go to our two retiring State Registrars, John Lenton from SA (who is understood to be retiring to the temperate hills of Tasmania) and Ian Cunningham from NSW. Both these gentlemen have done an outstanding job as Registrars and both the National and State Boards express their gratitude to them for the sterling work they have carried out on behalf of the Institute for so many years. We wish them well in their future endeavours and hope that they retain their membership for many years to come.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Presented to the SA AGM on April 2, 2007

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present the SA Registrar's report for the Institute for the year ended December 31, 2007. The following are some general comments on the activities of the Division for the past 12 months.

MEMBERSHIP

During the calendar year 2006 applications to join the Institute were received from five new members. The five members are employed by the following organisations:

South Australia Health -2
 South Australia Country Fire Authority -2
 St John Ambulance - 1

There were 21 members lost. This loss was made up of 15 non-payments of subscriptions even after several notices were served. I find this very disturbing, because I believe that if you are a member of an organisation you should support it or resign, not just ignore notices and not pay your dues. The remainder were due to 6 members retiring from their emergency management agencies. Even with this loss, membership still looks healthy but we need to stem the loss. A membership drive has continued during 2006 and is ongoing. In the new year a number of persons applied to join the Institute. Total Membership at present stands at 206.

It is of great interest to note that there are over 40 services and other organisations represented by membership of this Division. This shows that there is interest in the Institute across a wide spectrum.

ACTIVITIES

The major program of the Division continues to be the conduct of dinner meetings at about two-monthly intervals. Guest speakers are chosen carefully for their involvement in emergency and disaster matters and, on occasions, of general interest to the members. Average attendance has been very close to 40 persons at each dinner meeting.

There has been, once again, a varied program provided for members, as shown hereunder.

February 2007 Professor Chris Baggoly
 Dept of Health
 "My Time in Emergency Medicine"

April 2007 Asst Police Commissioner Brian Fahy
 SAPOL
 "Terrorism"

June 2007 Kenton Robinson MAIES
 "Terrorist Bombing-Victim Survivor"

August 2007 Dr Andrew Pearce ED
 Royal Adelaide Hospital
 "Deployed to Banda Aceh- The Problem"

October 2007 Cherryl Dalling
 Australian Volunteer Coast Guard
 "The Role of the AVCG"

December 2007 Operational SGT
 SAPOL
 "Use of Dogs in Modern Policing"

February 2007 Val Smythe
 SA Dept of Health
 "Pandemic Influenza"

Our sincere thanks must go to the the Keswick Barracks Officers Mess and their staff for the magnificent support and service they have provided to the Institute. Our thanks also go to the Mess Manager, Mr Rob Dewar, for his personal help and assistance.

CONCLUSION

The Institute in South Australia continues to provide a forum that encourages communication between all the different services and organisations that respond to personal and public emergencies and disasters. As individuals, it enables us to have a greater understanding of each other's capabilities and this is invaluable in the management of crisis situations, as and when they occur. For the greatest benefit to be achieved, it is in everyone's interest to encourage other people to become members of the Institute, and where possible, to attend Institute Dinner Meetings.

I will be standing down as Registrar immediately after the conclusion of the AGM. Jan Burgess has kindly offered to take over and I am sure she will do a very professional job. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during the time that I have spent as Registrar. In particular, a special thanks must go to Mr Bob Hegarty for his tireless efforts in personally undertaking to photocopy all Institute paperwork and source guest speakers. He has achieved this feat in a timely manner, despite his involvement with disaster recovery efforts.

It is also appropriate to thank on behalf of the membership, the Divisional President Barry Presgrave, whose keenness, energy and great interest is an inspiration to all of us.

Thank you.

John Lenton, MAIES

Registrar, SA Division

TASMANIA

Our Divisional Board met on a regular basis with eight board meetings being held in the period January 1 to December 31, 2006. Additionally, there have been three dinner meetings for members, one of these was conducted in the northern part of the State in an attempt to service members in this area of Tasmania. Membership of the Tasmania Division stands at 53 but efforts are being made to encourage officers from various emergency management agencies to join the Institute.

The Division has been very active during the year, with an information session being held in the Port of Launceston Authority Complex at Bell Bay (in the north of the State). There, members were addressed by Regional Staff of the State Emergency Services, one of whom gave a briefing of his visit on a Rotary Exchange trip to the United States. His address was in relation to the recovery period following Cyclone Rita, which devastated New Orleans. Additionally, we were advised of the emergency arrangements for the Northern District of Tasmania and were also given information on the workings of the Bell Bay Port which is the largest shipping port in the northern part of the State.

“A number of guest speakers addressed the gathering in relation to emergency response planning in the event of landslips, mass casualty clearance, bush fire threats, State terrorism incidents, earthquakes, and avian pandemics, as well as exposure to hepatitis C blood-borne viruses.”

On Saturday October 14, 2006, a major seminar was conducted at the Tasmania Police Academy at Rokeby. The seminar was attended by approximately 40 people, which included Institute members and other emergency services workers. A number of guest speakers addressed the gathering in relation to emergency response planning in the event of landslips, mass casualty clearance, bush fire threats, State terrorism incidents, earthquakes, and avian pandemics, as well as exposure to hepatitis C blood-borne viruses.

The Director of Tasmania State Emergency Service also spoke to the gathering on the new Tasmania State Emergency Service Act. This was a particularly worthwhile exercise on the part of the Tasmanian Division of the AIES, and was conducted with the aim of informing Emergency Service personnel of the latest strategies and planning for emergency response. Additionally, this seminar was held with a view to furthering the aims of the Institute and creating an opportunity to expand membership.

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmania Division of the AIES was conducted at the Lindisfarne RSL Club on February 24, 2007. Immediately following that meeting, the new Divisional Board met and confirmed the following positions for the year:

President	Darrell Johnson (SES)
Vice President	John Makonis (SES)
Board Members	David Paton (Police Retired) Peter Geard (Fire Service/SES) Les Batchelor (Chaplain) Maurice Massie (Police Retired)
Registrar	Jannene Geard
Treasurer	Les Batchelor
Auditor	Bob Graf
National Representative	Maurice Massie

The evening of February 24, 2007, was also a regular dinner meeting for members at which the PJ Parsley Award for 2007 was bestowed on Mr Colin Triffett. Colin is the Fire Chief with the New Norfolk Fire Brigade and has held this position since 2003. He has been a firefighter for some 32 years and has been involved in fighting some of Tasmania's worst bushfires, as well as carrying out extensive work in training volunteers to ensure the Tasmania Fire Service maintains an effective pool of trained firefighters. He was a very worthy recipient.

The Tasmania Division looks forward to the challenge of raising the profile and increasing the membership of the Institute within the State throughout 2007/8.

Maurice Massie QPM, LFAIES

*AIES Representative, General Council,
National President*

NEW SOUTH WALES

The 2007 AGM of the NSW Division was held at the Burwood RSL Club, Burwood on the night of April 3, 2007. 25 members and guests were in attendance.

The guest speaker for the evening was the very prominent NSW surgeon, Associate Professor Dr Gordian Fulde, Director of Emergency Services at St Vincent's Public Hospital, Sydney. Professor Fulde is a world-renowned surgeon whose daily activities include dealing with numerous and various casualty and other cases at the very busy emergency theatre at St Vincent's Hospital. He recently assisted the United Kingdom medical authorities, when he was in London last year, with casualty handling following the detonation of a number of large bombs within the London Metropolitan underground rail system by terrorists. His assistance was greatly appreciated by the United Kingdom Medical Authorities. His address to members centred mainly on his activities in London during the 2006 London Terrorist bomb disaster. Members were very impressed with his address and asked many questions.

The Annual Meeting voted in a new NSW Division Board for the year 2007. Those elected to the Board and appointed were:

President	Alan Holley FAIES
Vice President	Graham Pretty MAIES
Treasurer	Ian Cunningham MAIES
Board Member and General Secretary/Registrar National AIES Council	Robert Maul LFAIES
Board Member	Gregory James FAIES
Board Member (Meeting Co-ordinator)	Steve Anderson MAIES
Registrar (appointed by Board)	Gaye Cameron MAIES

The new Board met after the meeting and resolved a number of initiatives, details of which will shortly be circulated to members, including advising members of all remaining 2007 meetings by means of email, letter and the Institute website, where appropriate. It also resolved that remaining meetings for 2007 will be held at the Burwood RSL Club, Shaftsbury Road, Burwood, as this is the most centrally situated venue for all our metropolitan members. Parking is also available at this location.


The outgoing Treasurer/Registrar, Ian Cunningham, mentioned in his report to the meeting that as at the end of December 2006, there were 135 financial members in NSW, but a further 15 new members had recently been accepted and there were another 20 members who had indicated that their subscription cheques "were in the mail". His report to the meeting indicated that the NSW Division remained a viable entity.

The President, Mr Alan Holley, gave a report on the Australian Emergency Management Volunteer Forum (sponsored by the Federal Government), of which he is a member, as a representative of AIES. He advised he had attended a number of meetings, held in Sydney, and he was to attend another meeting at the Australian Emergency Management Institute at Mt Macedon the following day.

He also advised that he was one of five persons in Australia invited to a United Nations funded Local Government Emergency Management four-day Working Party which was held in Germany in February this year. He represented Local Government. Mr Holley informed members that the Working Party achieved a great many things and representatives from around the world were greatly impressed with the way in which the NSW Emergency management structure is set up, and the manner in which the services respond to emergencies.

Bob Maul, LFAIES

National Secretary/General Registrar



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Minutes for the first meeting of the ACT Division of AIES

Attending:

Maurice Massie AIES National President
 Alan Holley NSW Division President
 John Rice Acting ACT Division President / Registrar
 Shane Johnson
 Kevin Anderson
 Mike Barton
 Glenn Staff
 Jeffrey Bollard
 Richard Blackwell
 Stephen Carter

Apologies:

Bob Maul
 Gregor Manson
 Darryl Coventry
 Pat Barling
 Louise Baer
 Mark Cuthbert
 Joe Barr
 Wayne Goodrem

Meeting opened at 19:25

1. John Rice welcomed everyone assembled and introduced the National President, Mr Maurice Massie.
2. Mr Massie addressed the meeting.
 - a. Thanks to Mr John Rice for establishing the ACT Division of AIES.
 - b. Welcomed new members and urged those not yet members to strongly consider it.
 - c. Explained the history of the organisation and its evolution over the past 30 years.
 - d. Encouraged the success of the division, through diversity of membership and work of the board.
3. Nominations and Election of members of the Committee.
 - a. Mr Mike Barton nominated Mr John Rice for the position of President, seconded by Mr Richard Blackwell. Elected unopposed.
 - b. Mr Philip Gaden nominated himself for the position of Registrar, seconded by Mr John Rice. Elected unopposed.
4. Question from Mr Jeffrey Bollard regarding the constitution of the Institute and makeup of the Committee.

Response: Have responsibility to act within articles of association. The Institute is incorporated in NSW as a national company with an ABN. The National Council approves state Committees, and the state Committees are responsible to the National Council. The Articles of Association were examined, in particular section 92, with respect to the make-up of the Committee.

5. Nominations and Election of members of the Committee.
 - a. The position of Registrar and Treasurer were deemed to be held by the same person. Mr Philip Gaden agreed to stand for position as Registrar/Treasurer and was elected unopposed.
 - b. Mr Jeffrey Bollard nominated Mr Kevin Anderson for the position of Vice President, seconded by Mr John Rice. Elected unopposed, subject to acceptance of membership.
 - c. Mr Philip Gaden nominated Mr John Rice to be the Divisional member of General Council. Elected unopposed.
 - d. Mr Kevin Anderson nominated Mr Jeffrey Bollard to be a member of the Committee. Elected unopposed.
 - e. Mr John Rice nominated Mr Stephen Carter to be a member of the Committee. Elected unopposed.
 - f. Mr John Rice nominated Mr Glenn Staff to be a member of the Committee. Elected unopposed.

6. Having determined that in accordance with section 93 of the Articles of Association, sufficient members were present to constitute a quorum.

7. Motion to establish ACT Division of AIES. Mr John Rice proposed that "The ACT Division of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services is established by the membership present and that the commencement date be recorded as January 1, 2007." Mr Mike Barton seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

8. Motion to accept Finances. Mr John Rice as acting Treasurer tendered IMB statement balance of \$325.75. Outstanding liability \$4.25 for purchase of stamps and receipt book. He also requested that the President, Vice President and Registrar/Treasurer be permitted to access the funds with any two of the three authorising access. The move to establish the accounts was established.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Membership, particularly with respect to NSW members living in ACT and surrounding areas: Mr Alan Holley: NSW is still finalising current list of active members, and will write to all active members in ACT and the surrounding area (not defined) asking if they want to change to the ACT Division. Such members willing to do so will be transferred through the National Register and their membership fee component will be also transferred to the ACT Division. The aim being for the Division best able to provide services to members providing return for membership. Mr John Rice expressed thanks on behalf of all members for this generous motion. Membership numbers will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. Travel Subsidy. Mr John Rice suggested that we could offer to subsidise members in the surrounding areas to assist with travel to meetings. After discussion, it was determined that this would not be in the best interests of the Division until firmly established when the issue could be revisited.



VICTORIA

11. Advertising. The institute is very keen to increase awareness in ACT and Commonwealth Emergency Services; however, is very keen not to be seen as a SPAM generator. As such, members were encouraged to think about ways to increase awareness of the AIES in the Emergency Services community. All were encouraged to spread the word through their contacts. Mr Stephen Carter said that a good opportunity would be the Emergency Services Open Day to be held on June 23 at Epic Park in Canberra. The Committee agreed to look into organising a stand for the day.

12. Thanks. Mr John Rice wished to thank Mr John Young, Manager Emergency Response at AMSA for provision of the venue for the meeting, and the provision of stationery, email and other facilities to assist in the establishment of the ACT Division.

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13. Next Meeting. The Committee agreed to meet on May 15 at 7pm at the AMSA ERC Briefing Room (same venue) with the aim of organising a Dinner Meeting.

14. Meeting Closed 20:40.

15. Mr John Rice invited everyone for tea/coffee and cake followed by a tour of the Emergency Response Centre (Rescue Coordination Centre).

John Rice

President, ACT Division

Philip Gaden

Registrar/Treasurer, ACT Division

As at December 31, 2006, there were 102 financial members of the Victorian Division. This represents three more than last year. We are pleased to report that the decline in the number of members has ceased. We attribute this increase to the regular production of our magazine (NER) and to the ease with which membership can be applied for on our excellent website www.aies.net.au

The new Director General of Emergency Management Australia, Tony Pearce, has assured the Institute that we have the EMA's ongoing support. Past Director General of Emergency Management Australia, David Templeman and Tony Pearce, both recognise that we are the only organisation in Australia that represents all branches of the Emergency and Support Services. The Institute has a vote on several government supported committees. You will see reference to these committees from time to time.

The Australian Institute of Emergency Services is associated with two very high profile seminars. These are the Biennial Emergency Services Seminar held in Queensland under the auspices of the Queensland AIES and the Annual Combined Emergency Services Seminar held in Melbourne.

The Annual Seminar in Melbourne has been supported by the Institute for the past twenty-five years. The last seminar which was held at Melbourne University Private Hawthorn Campus exceeded all the committee's expectations. It was attended by Chief Commissioner of Police, Ms Christine Nixon, who opened the seminar, and the Federal Attorney General, Philip Ruddock, who gave the keynote address.

Speakers from each of the Emergency Services plus the Department of Human Services (DHS), Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) and Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (BFCRC) outlined their services' vision for the immediate future, hence the title of the seminar "Towards 2010- Planning for the Future". It was an outstanding success and the Institute is very proud to be one of its sponsors.

I am pleased to announce that the General Council of the Institute has arranged the implementation of a personal accident policy to cover all AIES members whilst attending meetings or functions on behalf of the Institute's name. Rest assured that you are insured whilst we speak! This policy is an extension of the policy that is in place to cover members who travel on Institute business either interstate or intrastate.

It just remains to be said that the Australian Institute of Emergency Services continues to play a vital role in maintaining links between emergency service personnel. With the ongoing drought conditions across the continent, Australia may be facing one of the most dangerous fire-risk periods in history. This is all the more reason why we need to continue to keep our communication lines open, respect each others' roles in emergency services and continue to look out for each other at all levels of responsibility.

Alan Marshall, O.St.J, FAIES

President, Victoria Division

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EMA VOLUNTEER FORUM NEWS

A report presented to General Council of the Institute on April 16.

During 2006/2007, I represented the Institute on two occasions at the Australian Volunteer Forum. On the other two occasions I was unable to, but I am happy to report that the General Secretary/Registrar Bob Maul and the National Vice President Brian Lancaster took up the role.

The topics covered by the Forum have continued to be "volunteer" focused and as minutes become available, I have forwarded them to the General Registrar for dissemination to the State Division AIES Boards. The amount of correspondence from the Forum's Executive Officer continues to be very voluminous to say the least. In the past twelve months, I have received 114 emails, most of which required some action.

On April 4, 2007, I attended a workshop at the Australian Emergency Management Institute at Mt Macedon, Victoria, sponsored by Emergency Management Australia. EMA have engaged a consultant to look at "volunteerism"; specifically issues surrounding the recruitment and retention of volunteers who come from

a non-English-speaking background. The Surf Life Saving model was closely examined.

As funding becomes available for volunteer-related research activities/initiatives, I believe that the focus on the key/fundamental issue surrounding the establishment of the Forum be preserved and not allowed to be whittled away by fringe organisations that see the Forum as an easy door to possible funding for non-emergency management-related activities. I have witnessed over the life of the Forum, the strong emergence of Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) which are very experienced in lobbying both politically and for funding, and this can turn the focus of the Forum away from emergency services. The Institute maintains its representation on the Forum and is well regarded by the Forum.

Alan Holley, FAIES

President, NSW Division



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ASSESSMENT OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES AND TOOLS FOR USABILITY BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S WORKSHOP

Alan Holley, FAIES

President, NSW Division

On January 22–23, 2007, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) facilitated a workshop in Freiburg, Germany. This brought together four local government decision-makers and five international experts with longstanding experience in disaster risk management. The workshop was funded by the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and was designed to assess the usability of existing disaster risk management (DRM) tools for local governments.

ICLEI

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives was founded in 1990. The council was established when more than 200 local governments from 43 countries convened at an inaugural conference, the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future, at the United Nations in New York. ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability is an international association of local governments and national and regional local government organisations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. More than 475 cities, towns, counties, and their associations worldwide comprise ICLEI's growing membership. ICLEI works with these and hundreds of other local governments through international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs. ICLEI provide technical consulting, training, and information services to build capacity, share knowledge, and support local government in the implementation of sustainable development at the local level. Through its Resilient Communities and Cities Initiative; it aims to help its members reduce their vulnerability to extreme events and anticipate and respond creatively to economic, social, and environmental change in order to increase their long-term sustainability.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop was to bring together experts and practitioners from around the world, who, in a common forum would:

- Evaluate existing selected disaster risk management (DRM) tools using a set of criteria (for the workshop the term "tool" was used generally to describe policy instruments such as guides, manuals, handbooks, guidelines, checklists, etc.);
- Assess the usability (and as far as possible the availability) of these tools by local governments;

- Identify reasons for the non-application or limited application of existing tools;
- Derive from this analysis functional specifications and recommendations for the design of a consolidated set of tools (policies/procedures/instruments), which allows local governments to systematically assess and reduce their risks and to increase their resilience.

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP

The expected results of the workshop were to establish a:

- Final set of criteria for assessing the usability of DRM tools by local governments;



- Final list of DRM tools assessed for their usability for local governments by workshop participants;
- List of reasons identified for the non-application or limited application of existing tools;
- List of reasons why tools are usable and;
- List of positive examples of usable tools;
- List of specific characteristics/ specifications of usable DRM tools for local governments;
- List of suggestions for a consolidation of DRM guidelines, policies, procedures, systems, instruments, tools; recommendations for further developing tool(s), including statements on integration or specifications recommended;
- Proposal for a strategy to ensure usable tools' broader application.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE WORKSHOP

- Report to GTZ and to the workshop participants/ experts;
- Potentially: Final Statement of Participants (recommendations);
- Summary publication (2-4 pages) also to be used by experts;
- Full documentation of the workshop for the team.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING THE USABILITY OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The criteria for assessing DRM tools was split into two main categories:

Content of the tools:

1. The goal of the tool is clearly described;
2. The target group is clearly identified;
3. Framework conditions for the tool's use are described;
4. The tool is adaptable to the local context (e.g. different types of disasters, various scales of local government);
5. Language is accessible (i.e. not overly technical);
6. Information is well-written, and easily accessible to target group (see above);
7. Information is relevant to target group and "adds value" (ie. provides new and useful information);
8. Includes descriptive illustrations and examples that target group can relate to;
9. Includes document templates (e.g. sample checklists, worksheets, etc.);
10. Includes case examples/ case studies.

Appearance, availability, user-friendliness:

11. Cover has visual appeal;
12. Overall attractive appearance;
13. Short, concise chapters/sections;
14. Clear and understandable structure;
15. Use of graphics, text boxes;
16. Provision of clear instructions for use;
17. Existence of user support mechanism from issuing organisation (e.g. instruction guidance notes, technical support, training courses);
18. Tool can be obtained easily (e.g. website download, by post, etc.).

PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKSHOP

Technical Experts

Ben Wisner	Oberlin College/ProVention Consortium Researcher and Consultant - Oberlin, USA;
Carlos Villacís	UNDP/BCPR GRIP Programme Coordinator - Geneva;
Bruno Haghebaert	ProVention Consortium Acting Head - Geneva;
Fouad Bendimerad	EMI/Kobe University Chairman of the Board EMI/Visiting Professor - Kobe
Esteban León	UN-Habitat Disaster Management Specialist - Geneva
Terry Jeggle	ISDR - Geneva.

Local Government Experts

Alan Holley	Blue Mountains City Council Local Emergency Management Officer Program Leader Bush Fire & Emergency Management - Blue Mountains, Australia;
Newton Freire Filho	City of Sao Paulo, Director of the Information Systems Department of the Sub-Mayoral Coordination Secretariat - Sao Paulo, Brazil;
Marjorie De Veyra	City of Makati, Department Head, Makati Social Welfare Department, - Makati, Philippines;
Enock Kopele	City of Cape Town, Area Manager: - Central Cape Town, South Africa.

GTZ & ICLEI Participants

Michael Siebert	GTZ, Head, Disaster Risk Management in Development Cooperation;
Jens Etter	GTZ;
Konrad Otto-Zimmermann	ICLEI World Secretariat, Secretary General;
Kathleen Ryan	ICLEI World Secretariat, Project Assistant, ICLEI World Secretariat.

An obvious and almost immediate outcome of the workshop was that there are no easy fixes. Many texts were written in different contexts to address target audiences and subsequently do not address "across the board" application. I am happy to report to my fellow Australian practitioners that the Australian content of the workshop was regarded as excellent reference material, if not applicable to all applications.

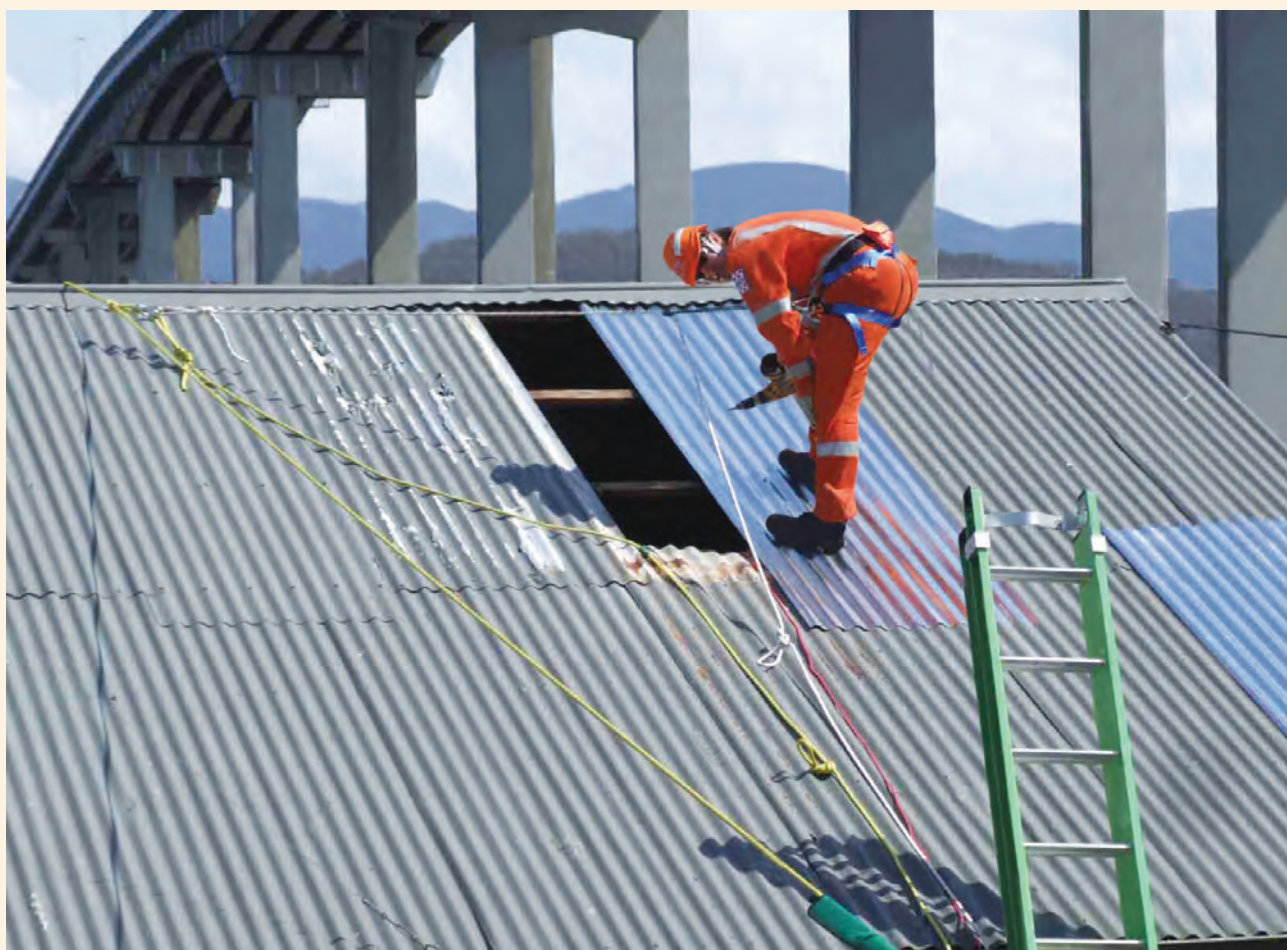
When the final report is publicised I will endeavour to bring that report to you through our magazine.

Having had a brief exposure to disaster risk management tools and practices on the world stage, I can report that we are right up there with the best. However, we can't afford to rest on our laurels. It's up to us, the practitioners; to keep up the momentum.



ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN TASMANIA BY THE SES





ANNUAL GENERAL (NATIONAL) MEETING OF AIES - HOBART 2007

The Annual General (National) Meeting of the Institute was held this year on April 16, 2007, at the Lindisfarne RSL Club, Lindisfarne, Hobart at 7 pm.



*Left: The Institute's 30th Anniversary Birthday Cake.
Above: Members of the AIES National Council and Tasmania Division at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute at Hobart on April 16, 2007.*



*Above: Tasmania AIES Division Members at the 2007 AGM dinner meeting.
Right: Bob Maul (General Secretary/Registrar), Maurice Massie (National President) and Brian Lancaster (National Vice President) cutting the Institute's 30th Anniversary Birthday Cake at the 2007 AGM at Hobart.*



It is the convention of the Institute that the National Annual General Meetings be held on a rotational basis each year in a different State. Last year the AGM was held in Adelaide and in 2008 it will be held in Brisbane.

The AGM was attended by 28 persons including members of the National (General Council Board of Directors). The occasion was celebrated with a "30th Anniversary Birthday Cake". Apologies were received from a number of members including Rex McCarthy, Geoff Marsh, Les Batchelor, Neil Wright, Andrew Webster, Adrian Webster, Carleen Hitchins, John Mackonis, Iain Watson, Jannene Geard, Peter Geard and Laurie Lever. Our Queensland National Representative, Reg Marshall, also offered his apology owing to his wife's serious illness.

Our National President, Maurice Massie gave a detailed report to the AGM as to issues tabled and

resolved at the Annual Meeting of General Council held earlier that day in the Conference Room of the Commissioner of Police for Tasmania. The President was very appreciative to the Commissioner and his personal staff for the hospitality rendered to General Council to enable it to conduct its business.

The President's report covered, inter alia:-

- the elevation in the status of the South Australian President, Barry Presgrave, from that of Fellow to Life Fellow;
- the elevation in the status of Ian Cunningham, NSW Registrar, and Graham Pretty, NSW Division Vice President from that of Member to that of Fellow;

- the continuation of a contract with Countrywide Media for the publishing and delivery of the AIES' journal "National Emergency Response";
- agreement by Countrywide Media to provide the AIES with a further 1500 copies of our journal for distribution throughout Australia on a gratis basis;
- agreement by Countrywide Media to print and deliver to our members a 2008 (calendar year) AIES coloured calendar, with photographs;
- approval in principle, subject to detailed program costings, to the appointment of an AIES professional development officer at National level;
- agreement by the National Board of the presentation of an annual award (a Parker fountain pen suitably inscribed) for the best article for inclusion in our NER journal submitted by a member of the AIES;
- the formation of a new AIES Division in the ACT;
- increase in membership of the Institute in Australia;

- the conduct of the 29th Combined Emergency Services Seminar at Melbourne University Hawthorn Campus on October 27, 2007.

The General Secretary/Registrar reported that the General Council Division of the Institute, following a general audit conducted by a professional independent auditor, had made a profit of \$3843.68 as against a profit of \$288.07 last year. The Institute now operates on a calendar year in line with most corporations in Australia. The profit achieved resulted from reductions gained in insurance premiums, General Council meeting, travelling, printing, postage and telephone expenses, as well as additional interest received from moneys deposited with Police Credit Unions in NSW and SA.

Current assets over liabilities now amount to \$36,157.47 and the cash book balance as at 31/12/06 stood at \$9295. Sums invested as at the end of the 2006 period with the two Police Credit Unions in NSW and SA amounted to \$24,745.07. With an assets base of just over \$36,000 and with no outstanding creditors, the Institute continues at National level to be a viable entity. Our accounts at National level have met world accounting and auditing standards and are now prepared on globally accepted Auditing/Accounting conventions and methods.



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- Challenge your peers to register and headshave.
- Actively recruit your local community to sponsor your campaign.
- Request as many retail businesses or community groups to sell your Bluey Day Fundraising Merchandise, ie. Hairdressers, supermarkets, post office, chemist.
- Promote your campaign and services involvement to the media by contacting your local newspaper group and arranging a photographer to take some photos of your group in uniform with your Bluey Day collection tin and merchandise, outlining how the public can donate.
- Encourage your local communities such as schools, businesses, family to "GO BLUE FOR BLUEY DAY" (for a donation) the week leading up to 'your' headshave.
- Most of all, have fun!

What can you do to get involved?

- Register to participate in this year's Headshave; it is as simple as signing a registration form at www.blueyday.net

Below is a great example of some Victoria Police and Fire Brigade members joining forces with the Victorian Government's 'Go For Your Life' health and fitness campaign.



The 'Go For Your Life' Mile is a fun run-style event to be held in Melbourne on June 10, 2007. Sporting clubs and schools across Victoria, together with the Police, Ambulance, Fire & Emergency Services are encouraged to register a team and run the mile. Funds are raised with a portion returned to the club, school and the Bluey Day Foundation. To register, log on to www.goforyourlifemile.com.au

THE BEGINNING

The Bluey Day Foundation began over 13 years ago in Horsham, Victoria. Founder, Sergeant Karl David met a young boy who had just discovered he was to lose his hair as a result of chemotherapy treatment for cancer. It wasn't the pain and suffering, the endless jabs or the long hospital stay that was worrying him – it was the fact that now his illness would be exposed as a result of his hair loss.

Karl told the boy that he would shave his head in support. And not only that, he would get the entire Horsham Police Station to shave their heads as well.

From here, the event snowballed into a significant feature of the charity events calendar each year across Australia. The event has raised over \$20 million dollars which has been distributed throughout the country to hospitals and health services in need of funding.

THE MISSION

The Bluey Day Foundation has been established for the purposes of providing assistance and support to children suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses and their families. Support is provided through purchasing equipment for the treatment and care of these children and their families, whilst encouraging research into cancer and other serious illnesses.

Health services submit their funding applications on an annual basis, the applications are presented to Bluey Day's Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) committee in accordance with ATO requirements for process and handling.

THE BENEFICIARIES

Examples of previous beneficiaries include:

- Townsville Health Services (QLD)
- Royal Children's Hospital Foundation - Brisbane (QLD)
- The Children's Hospital - Westmead (NSW)
- John Hunter Children's Health Network (NSW)
- Children's Cancer Institute (National)
- Ballarat Health Services (VIC)
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute (VIC)
- Monash Medical Centre (VIC)
- Barwon Health Services (VIC)
- Royal Children's Hospital - Melbourne (VIC)
- Camp Quality (SA)
- Camp Canteen (SA)
- Women's & Children's Hospital (SA)
- Royal Hobart Hospital (TAS)
- Launceston Hospital (TAS)
- Canberra Hospital (ACT)
- Prince Margaret Hospital (WA)
- Kalgoorlie Hospital (WA)
- Burns Camp (WA) and



- a young girl called Saskia from WA whose original prosthetic eye was 'lost in the post'!

BLUEY DAY IS A UNIQUE CHARITY

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The Foundation is the only recognised organisation legally registered as a not-for-profit charitable organisation with fundraising licences in each state that provides this consolidated conduit for the Emergency service members to focus a collective fundraising effort for a selected cause.

"The Bluey Day Foundation has been established for the purposes of providing assistance and support to children suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses and their families. Support is provided through purchasing equipment for the treatment and care of these children and their families, whilst encouraging research into cancer and other serious illnesses."

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THE FORMATION AND SOME OF THE HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bob Maul, LFAIES

General Secretary/Registrar

An address to the Annual General Meeting of the AIES in Hobart on April 16, 2007. Reprinted at the request of the Tasmanian Division of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services.

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, our National President, Maurice Massie, recently asked me if I could be your guest speaker for the evening, with a special request that I give you a brief outline of the formation and history of our Institute. I am delighted to do so. Before I go on to deal with the formation and history of our Institute, there is an issue of some import that I ought to share with you.

Over the past couple of years, a large number of members and persons in the emergency management fraternity have come up to me and asked me a number of questions in relation to the Institute. Some more frequently asked questions are:

1. Why should I continue to renew my membership - All I get is a journal which is addressed to me on a quarterly basis?
2. I reside outside the city area and can't, therefore, attend dinner etc meetings - why don't we hold meetings in areas where I can attend?
3. What is in it for me by being a member of the Institute?
4. Why don't the National and State Division Board Directors do more for the Institute?

In attempting to give a reasonable and objective answer to these questions, I am reminded of a speech the late President John Kennedy gave in the early 1960s when he addressed a large gathering of Germans in Berlin when he said: *"Think not what the country can do for you, but what you can do for your country"*

I am often tempted to reply to persons or members asking negative questions that it is not a matter of asking the Institute what it can do for you, but rather what you can do for the Institute. After all, it's your Institute, and your input and efforts can make all the difference in making the Institute more relevant to yourself and others. But then to be more diplomatic and not wishing to offend or lose members, I give them the following answers:

I suggest that they again read the Institute's Constitution (Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association and By Laws) which clearly sets out the *raison*

d'être (reason for being) of the Institute and the aims and objectives of the Institute. Every member should be in possession of this document.

Secondly, I remind them that all of the Institute's members are volunteers, and that the executive members of the various State and National Boards are also volunteers receiving no payment whatsoever for their efforts. In addition, many of the Board members have full-time occupations and thus their time is limited. It is, therefore, very important that members, other than Board members, give their Division Boards as much support as they can. This includes for example:

- Assisting with administrative chores; including making sure they advise Registrars of their correct address for correspondence, telephone numbers and email addresses and changes in addresses;
- Helping to organise dinner meetings and suggesting venues both in city and country locations;
- Attending organised dinner meetings;
- Helping with the organising of conferences and assisting at those conferences, including approaching speakers to address conferences organised by the Division Boards;
- Suggesting after-dinner speakers for social evenings or meetings, and arranging for their attendance at these evenings or meetings;
- Helping out at Emergency Management Expos or emergency management equipment exhibitions;
- Writing articles for the Institute's journal or approaching officers of other emergency management agencies to write articles for incorporation in our NER journal.

Lastly, I remind members that if everyone puts in one day's effort in the year to make the Institute's aims and objectives and its ethos known to the emergency management fraternity in general, then the Institute would have a better profile in the emergency management structure throughout Australia, and prosper. Every member's input is vital in raising the Institute's profile.

Now for the purpose of my address tonight- that relating to the Institute's formation and history.

The Institute's formation goes back a long way. In fact, this year is the Institute's 30th birthday, although the



process for its establishment and final formation goes back a lot earlier than that- specifically to the year 1973. A lot of the Kudos must go to our original National President Joseph Lewis-Hughes and his successor Brian Lancaster who is here tonight and continues in the role of National Vice President.

Both of these gentleman were far-sighted in their conception of an Institute to represent the interests of our emergency management operatives in Australia. And, they are still members today, having been bestowed Life Membership. We must pay due tribute to them.

The principal reason the Institute was first conceived is that back in the late-1960s and early-1970s, a number of State Governments had decided to enact Civil Defence and Emergency Management legislation. Up to that time, most of the SES and other associated agencies which were responsible for response to floods, earthquakes, storms, seismic sea waves and civil defence education and training (nuclear weapons and their effects), road rescue etc., were carrying out these roles only under State Cabinet directives.

From the era of the cold war to the early-1970s, large numbers of persons both volunteer and permanent had joined these organisations, and although each agency had training programmes in hand for their volunteers, there was no cross training between agencies and a lack of understanding of the roles of the different emergency management bodies.

Moreover, there was no common emergency management training regimen in place, no common emergency management educational qualifications, and no recognition by different agencies of the emergency management qualifications gained at training courses conducted for persons by those agencies. e.g Rescue, Scientific, Welfare etc. Certificates of Qualification presented to professional permanent staff and volunteers by those agencies, such as SES, Volunteer Coastal Patrol, and Volunteer Rescue Association, etc.

Even qualifications gained at the Australian Counter Disaster and Civil Defence College (now AEMI) were not recognised by community organisations or educational institutions in Australia. With this in mind, and to ensure that qualifications gained in emergency management disciplines were recognised nationally, and in view of the impending impact of State Emergency Management legislation which would require a higher degree of accountability in performing CD and emergency management tasks, the Commonwealth and State Directors of SES met at the ACDC in 1973 to discuss the formation of an Institute of Emergency Services to fill the foregoing educational gap.

The Institute would have a large number of functions and objectives, but the underlying reason for its establishment would be the recognition of qualifications obtained by persons in emergency management, whether they be operational, planning, training or administration.

The Commonwealth and State Directors of SES and the Director of the ACDC agreed that such a body was needed, and that when formed, the way in which emergency management qualifications were recognised and accepted would be by the granting of the use of various post nominals for individuals admitted to the Institute, e.g., Member (MAIES), Fellow (FAIES). They would,

however, have to pass a security and qualification test.

A Steering Committee was formed of various professionally qualified emergency management operatives and the Director of the ACDC became the Chairman. Mr Joseph "Lew" Lewis-Hughes, Deputy Director of NSW SES was given the task of drawing up a Constitution (Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association), the principal objectives would be:

1. To provide a professional body for the study of the roles and functions of emergency services and counter disaster organisations throughout Australia;
2. To promote and advance professional standards in such emergency services agencies and counter disaster organisations as well as associated services;
3. To raise the status and advance the interest of the profession of counter disaster services administration;
4. To represent the views and interests of the said profession and to promote a high standard of integrity and efficiency in the skills of counter-disaster services administration, management, operations and planning;
5. To provide opportunities for association among the members and students of counter-disaster services administration and promote and protect their interests;
6. To promote research and interchange of concepts and techniques relating to emergency services;
7. To bring to the notice of the public such issues considered by the Institute to be important for the safety and wellbeing of the community in the areas of emergency management;
8. To foster and promote international co-operation amongst similar bodies.

In writing the Constitution, Mr Lewis-Hughes used the Constitution of the Australian Institute of Valuers as a benchmark as this body had similar aims and objectives, but related to Valuers both in government and in the private sector.

The draft Constitution, after a lot of input by emergency management operatives from other States was finally completed in April 1977. It was then possible, in accordance with the Articles, for the Interim Executive Committee to formally adopt a draft Constitution. Each State (QLD, SA, WA, NSW, VIC and TAS) was then required to form a Division Board and appoint members to the Boards.

Following this, each State Division Board nominated a representative to be a member of the National governing body of the Institute to be called the General Council. When the interim General Council was set up, applications were then sought for membership of the Institute throughout Australia.

At the first meeting of the General Council held in April 1977, in the old lecture theatre at the ACDC, Mt Macedon, Victoria, the agenda of that meeting included, apart from the adoption of the draft Constitution, applications for membership admittance from the NT and ACT as Member Divisions, Certificates of Admittance as members of the Institute, emblem and insignia of the Institute, the content and format of the Application to Join the Institute form, and application to the Commissioner of Taxation that subscription fees be classed as allowable deductions for income tax purposes.

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APPLICATIONS TO JOIN AIES

Due to the size of continental Australia, many of our members live in distant and "far flung places". The only way in which we can keep our distant cousins aware of Institute activities and other emergency management news, is to ensure that they regularly receive our journal "National Emergency Response". It has come to our notice that many prospective applicants who wish to join the Institute and are suitably qualified, but who live in distant locations, are unable to obtain the requisite signatures of a proposer and seconder (financial members of the Institute) on their application-to-join form.

The Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association and By Laws (Constitution) of the Institute require that there be a member proposer and member seconder when an application is lodged by an emergency management operative. It also requires that they be suitably qualified in terms of the clauses of the Constitution.

However, because of the fact that even though a person may be qualified to join, he or she, due to distance factors, cannot find persons locally to nominate or second them for admission as a member.

To overcome this difficulty, Executive Members of each of the Division Boards of the Institute located throughout Australia (see address and contact details on the last page of this journal) can propose and second a nomination of an applicant. However, in order for board members to be willing to do so, the applicant must provide the names of two referees who are willing to testify to the applicant's good behaviour and standing in the community, and emergency services/emergency management background.

In addition, the applicant must accompany the application with testamentary evidence of their involvement in emergency management activities either in a permanent or voluntary capacity—that is, a minimum of two years full-time permanent service with an emergency management organisation or agency, or a minimum of four years voluntary service with an emergency management agency or related agency.

The application and testamentary documentation should then be submitted to the addresses of the Registrars as shown in the address list in the AIES Journal. Alternatively, the applicant can send the application and required documentation via the Institute's email address which is ner@aies.net.au



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A total of 41 applicants from various states sought admission and were granted accreditation by the Council. It is interesting to note that of the 41 applicants, only five members are still financial members of the Institute. These include our National Vice President, myself and three other members as well as Mr Lewis-Hughes.

At further meetings of the Institute between 1977 and 1979 held in various States in conjunction with meetings of State and Commonwealth Directors of SES/CD, the Interim General Council ratified the draft Constitution and agreed to the establishment of the various Division Boards in WA, SA, TAS, NSW, VIC and QLD. It was also resolved that a qualifying period of four years in an emergency management capacity or work-related activity in a counter disaster agency was mandatory as a qualification to join the Institute. The minimum age of admittance was to be 24 years of age (later amended to 21 years).

Furthermore, the Interim General Council, under the Chairmanship of the late Air Vice Marshal Nick Carter, Director of the ACDC, agreed that the Institute publish and issue to its members a quarterly journal and to the appointment of an Editor. The Publicity officer of the NSW SES agreed to be the journal's first editor. The publication is now known as *National Emergency Response* and is distributed to some 2000 readers throughout Australia and overseas.

In June 1979, at its first Annual Meeting, General Council (which replaced the earlier Interim Council) elected to its board representatives from each State Division. The States represented were WA, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS and QLD. NSW would look after the ACT and SA the NT.

Mr Lewis-Hughes was elected its first National President and Brian Lancaster as its Vice President. Brian later became President and held this position for some time. At this meeting a further 103 applications for admittance were received and approved, thus making a total of over 250 members of the Institute.

The General Council at this 1979 meeting agreed to the:

1. Introduction of a General Levy (fee) on Divisional Boards, this levy to be 50% of the annual subscription fee of each financial member, and was to cover expenditures incurred by General Council in promoting the Institute's activities, including the purchase of memorabilia, certificates etc;
2. The acquisition of badges and ties for members of the Institute which would display the Institute's insignia;
3. Admission of members of the Police Service;
4. Further amendments to the Constitution.

Four year later, the Institute's membership had grown to 450 members and the Constitution was printed and distributed to members. At this stage, it was considered that the Institute should become a corporate body and be registered as a company with limited liability, to protect members.

The Institute officially became a fully-fledged Company in 1985, after the Institute's Constitution was approved by the States Companies Offices and ASIC which granted an Australian Business No. It is pleasing to note that

by 1995, the Institute had a total membership close to one thousand which has slowly been eroded since then, by deaths of former dedicated civil defenders/ES, and members becoming quite elderly and unable to continue to be members.

However, action has, and is being taken to address this decline in membership, and it is pleasing to note that membership is again slowly increasing, particularly with the admission of a lot of younger emergency management operatives this year. However, one thing remains constant. The Institute rigidly checks the credentials/qualifications of each applicant before that member is admitted to the Institute. Each State Division has to agree to the applicant's admission, before a Certificate of Membership is given.

In conclusion, one might ask, what has the Institute really achieved since its formation. To this I say, it has fulfilled one of its primary objectives, that of fostering opportunities for association among the members of the emergency management spectrum throughout Australia and overseas.

It has raised the status of the profession of counter-disaster administration in Australia and aided in the development of emergency management courses by counter-disaster agencies, and improved the emergency management skills of students now undergoing training courses conducted by these agencies.

The Institute has also fostered and cemented the need among the Counter-Disaster Agencies to provide opportunities for students undergoing training courses to be issued with across-the-board recognised emergency management qualifications- but the Institute needs to do a lot more in this regard, and action in this area is being undertaken by the National Board.

The Institute has also fulfilled another one of its objectives: that of bringing to the notice of the public, such issues relating to the safety and protection of the community in the areas of emergency management services, operations and administration.

An example of this, is the fact that the National Board was able to persuade Federal and State Governments recently that insurance premiums for agencies involved in emergency management operations and planning activities were kept at reasonable and affordable limits.

It also was able to persuade the National Government to ensure that volunteers giving service to emergency management agencies during disaster situations, were not disadvantaged by the provisions of the new WorkChoices legislation relating to termination of employment. The National Government gave an assurance that volunteers' rights would be protected in such situations and heavy penalties would apply for breaking the law.

One last comment I wish to make, is that the original printed Constitution has only had one alteration in a period of thirty years. This is the lowering of the admission year from 24 years of age to 21 years of age.

This is testimony in itself to justify the soundness of the ideas of the original founders of the Institute in conceiving the Institute, and the reason for its continued being today. I commend them for their perspicacity.

I thank you all for your indulgence in listening patiently to my dissertation.

AIES ANNUAL PEN PRIZE

Prize for best article submitted by member for inclusion in AIES journal "National Emergency Response".

The National Board, at its Annual Meeting in Hobart in April 2007, unanimously agreed that a prize be awarded for the best article submitted by a member of the Institute for inclusion in our journal "National Emergency Response."

The prize to be awarded will be a gold nib "Parker" or equivalent pen which will be presented in an attractive container with a brass inscription plate inside. The pen, box and inscription plate will be to a value approximating \$350. It will be presented on an annual basis. The Board felt that the awarding of a pen would act as an incentive and encourage our members to submit articles of interest to our readers on a more frequent basis. The competition commences from the next edition of "National Emergency Response", and the annual prize will be awarded to the successful "journalist" after the next meeting of General Council and the Institute's AGM, both to be held in Brisbane in April 2008.

Only General Council Directors will decide the winner and its decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the awarding of the prize. All articles must be submitted to the General Secretary/Registrar either to the email address ramaul@tpg.com.au or general.secretary@aies.net.au

The prize will only be awarded to financial members of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services.

Articles should be about 2,000 words or less. Authors may choose a subject of their own choice, but the substance of the article must relate to emergency management and counter-disaster issues. Of particular interest, will be articles dealing with lessons learned from various emergencies and counter-disaster operations. New equipment items trialled or tested during emergency management and counter-disaster operations and their effectiveness would also be desirable.

It should be kept in mind that two of the principal objectives of the Institute as contained in its Memorandum of Association are "to provide for the study of the roles and functions of emergency services and counter-disaster organisations throughout Australia, and to promote and advance professional standards in such emergency services and counter-disaster organisations and associated services". Whilst it is not intended to lay down hard and fast rules as to what should be written, authors should bear in mind the above principles when writing articles.

By order of the General Council

Bob Maul, LFAIES

General Secretary/Registrar



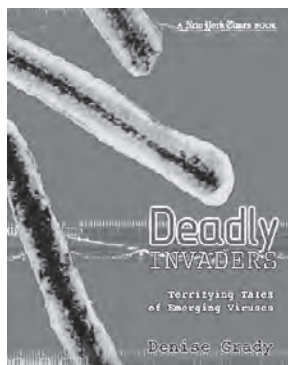
BOOK REVIEW

"*Deadly Invaders*", by Denise Grady, published by Kingfisher Publications (UK) starts with a crisis scenario of the influenza outbreak in the United States - which could possibly take out over 2 million people. Medical reporter and author Denise Grady, leads you on a frightening review of emerging diseases such as the 'Marburg Fever', 'Avian influenza -H5N1', 'West Nile', and 'SARS'. The book also details the history of AIDS, which seems quite detailed.

Although this book is aimed at senior level of High School, the details of death, epidemic, and burial are only suitable for mature readers. This book also provides a unique view of the work of international disease detectives in the World Health Organisation, with attention paid to both the biology and politics of epidemic control. It not only supports biology lessons, but it also provides a motivating factor for potential students investigating a career in this field.

The layout of the book with full colour photographs, which are up to date, clearly depict people in desperate times, including death and mourning – so it would be cautious as to whom or at what age people would read it.

My initial reaction to reading the book was "this book is aimed at Senior High School to Undergraduate students", and after re-reading it and making further referencing, I would easily recommend this to Senior High School students to Undergraduate students, to gain a better understanding of the impact of disease upon a community – even modern world.



Reviewed by:

**GAYE CAMERON
(JP) MAIES**

*Registrar, NSW Division,
OHS, Risk & Emergency
Management Consultant*

*"It not only supports biology lessons,
but also provides a motivating factor for
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BOOK REVIEWERS WANTED FOR NER JOURNAL

As owners of a bookstore (*Pages Plus*) the editors have found many new books being released that may be of interest to our members, but many of which bookstores don't stock or members don't know about.

So, we have been encouraging publishers to send free copies of such books as we find them so they can be reviewed.

The above article is the first of these. We are looking for members to review these books. So, let us know by emailing your name, what state you are from, emergency

sector expertise and what type of books you would like to review to bookreviews@aies.net.au

When books are sent for review, we will allocate them to a member in the relevant field who is interested in reviewing that type of book. Reviews will be as fairly distributed across Australia and New Zealand as possible to represent members.

The only stipulation is that reviewers cannot work for a publishing company as it may bias their review.



NEW AIES MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that the following persons have become members of our Institute since the last edition of *NER* was published. These new members come from a wide range of localities, including: inter alia, Bathurst, Brisbane, Canberra, Queanbeyan, Ringwood, Palmer, Warrandale, Orange, Coffs Harbour, Blue Mountains, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Cobar, Wyong, Lismore, Rockhampton and Nundah.

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As an aid to members, and the ongoing task of keeping in touch with our members, we will be creating a National Email List of interested members' email addresses so we can email updates and announcements. If you are interested in adding your email address to this list (separate from the *NER* Mailing Database) and receiving these announcements in the future, email your state registrar (listed on the AIES Contacts page) or web@aies.net.au with the subject of the email being "Email List."

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- To provide opportunities for association among members and students to promote and protect their mutual interest.
- To facilitate full interchange of concepts and techniques amongst members.
- To bring to the notice of the public such matters that are deemed to be important for safety and protection of the community and to promote research and development of emergency services generally.
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