

## **PESA QUEENSLAND President's Report (2017)**

The past two years have certainly flown, and what a ride it has been.

I'd like to extend a very big thank you to the Queensland committee. The time put in by the individuals to the voluntary roles is certainly appreciated – thanks to you and your companies for the support. It is fantastic to have willing volunteers happy to put back into the industry in their spare time. PESA Queensland could not function without them. Please thank:

- Sarah Harris – *Vice President*
- Bruce Anderson – *Secretary*
- Sue Slater
- Warwick Smyth
- Martin Mackinlay
- Nathan Parker
- Sam Ware
- Mel Fitzell – *Treasurer*
- Wal Muir – *Immediate Past President*
- Rachael Kieft
- Mark Di Bacco
- Garrett Kramer
- Taylor Down
- David Close
- Alison Troup
- Astrid Hentschel
- Danica Beavis

Wendy Ronda left Queensland for work in Canberra in early 2017, but we didn't want her efforts and contributions to go unappreciated. Wendy was nominated by the Queensland branch to receive a Meritorious Service Award (MSA). Wendy's award will be presented to her at the APPEA Conference in Adelaide. This is in recognition of her tireless efforts for PESA Queensland Branch and with Wal coordinating the PESA Deal Days over many years. Thank you and congratulations to Wendy!

### **2017 – Look back**

At the beginning of last year, I said I was positively optimistic that 2017 will be the turn-around year, were the industry started to improve. I certainly think we have seen some very positive improvements; we are starting to see jobs advertised, the oil price has increased since last year. For our industry and members sake, I certainly hope we see further improvements over the coming year.

The PESA Queensland committee held eight committee meetings in 2017 to effectively manage the busy year of events. From the outset I was optimistic that we could better our proposed 2017 budget, and thanks to an amazing effort by the committee, this optimism was realised. Attendance at courses and technical lunches, as well as the social events were good. Eight technical meetings on a wide variety of subjects included .....

- Dr. Mark Tingay – *The 2016 Australian Stress Map: Implications For Petroleum Exploration & Production*
- Dr Mike Martin – *Using Rocks to Understand your Geology*
- Dr Sue Vink - *The Water Chemistry Atlas: an innovative tool for visualisation and analysis of hydrogeochemistry data*
- Mr Brenton Richards – *Beetaloo Basin – Geomechanics of a frontier shale play*
- Mr Henk van Paridon – *Coal Seismic Is Not Easy!*
- Three short presentations by Katherine Gioseffi, Nicholas Dyriw and Pascal Asmussen
- Dr Andrew La Croix – *Modern Insights into an Age-Old Question: What Controls Compartmentalization within Tidal-Fluvial Channel Deposits?*
- Dr Basim Faraj – *Shale oil and gas – global implications for energy*

The branch ran two very successful short courses –

- Mr David Lowry ran his course on Risk Analysis in February, and
- Dr Mark Tingay ran the Pore Pressure and Geomechanics course in March.

Social events included:

- ASEG-PESA Trivia Night
- Christmas Party

**Gas for the Future** – wow, what an event. A collaborative effort between PESA Queensland, the University of Queensland, SPE, and FESQ, this ended up being an overwhelming success. The planning, coordination and professionalism of the organising committee is admirable and led to our success of the 2017 PESA Queensland Symposium.

Thanks to all of the members who have supported the events throughout the last year which has been successful for PESA in Queensland.

Congratulations once again to the 2016 Scholarship and John Draper award winners – Peter Manchee and Dean Krak. Well done!

Financial position for the Queensland branch over the course of the year was a surplus without the Federal overheads. Turn over for our branch was in excess of \$120,000, which was significantly higher than previously principally due to the Gas for the Future week of events which we managed. The committee continued tightened up as much as possible, and targeted to at least breakeven over the year, which given the circumstances last year, I am happy with.

## **2018 – What's ahead?**

I'm excited by the fact that we as a branch are renewing the energy (pardon the subtle pun) in the society with a new look executive committee this year, as well as some experience heads to provide guidance along the way.

**Tech Meetings** – the lunch meetings this year have moved to a new venue at The Hilton. Building on the success of the evening event trialled last year, are running three evening events this at the Manta (on Charlotte Street). The committee have been working to secure an exciting schedule of talks and I'm sure the membership will appreciate what is install.

**Budget** – The Queensland branch has prepared a budget for 2018 which provides for a surplus again this year and will provide the necessary support to the Federal budget; based on a turnover of around \$75,000. The committee did a fantastic job last year to generate a surplus better than expected, and I'm confident that the team can once again bring home the goods.

**PESA Queensland Symposium** Your committee will be running the Petroleum Symposium this year as usual in September. It will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre. It will be the good old standalone event this year, and it will be as good as ever. The experienced committee will be looking to generate the attendance and sponsorship that helps make this a great event in 2018.

**Courses** The committee is planning on running a course or two again this year. Keep an eye out for these as they are planned, and I encourage everyone to get involved by attending these as they offer a great opportunity for development at low cost.

**Social Events** Plans are being made for a student night to engage the next wave of PESA members. Several others events are being considered so keep an eye out on your email of notifications throughout the year. Also if there are suggestions, I'd love to hear them.

Finally, as I round out my second year in the chair, I'd like to thank all of the committee members that have made the experience an enjoyable one for me. And so, as I vacate the position of President of the Queensland branch, I'd again like to thank the membership for entrusting me in the role. It has certainly been a privilege to do so. I am looking forward to continuing to help out the new executive and committee over the next couple of years and look forward to being a part of the successes of the future in PESA.

**Chris Harwood**  
**President – PESA Queensland**  
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