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New Officebearers - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Brisbane on 5/12/2001 at Paddington Hotel Brisbane. The result of the election of Officebearers is as follows:



Chairman:	Paul Thompson
Deputy Chairman:	Peter Davis (formerly non-Exec Committee)
Secretary:	Greg Greenhalgh
Treasurer:	Jim Perry (formerly non-Exec Committee)
Deputy Secretary/ Newsletter	
Coordinator:	James Dick
Non-Executive Officers:	John Kippen Ron Richards (formerly non-Exec Committee) Gary Mulholland

See profiles and photographs of some of the new committee members inside

Annual General Meeting Report

Photos taken at the AGM on 5/12/01 are shown inside Newsletter. A good night was had by all who attended, and the new Officebearers were welcomed onto the Committee.

Plans are underway to follow up the outstanding Member Surveys with members requested to send their comments on the issues to the Secretariat on Fax: 38811316 or email: agtaexec@yahoo.com.au as soon as possible.

The Committee understands that these are busy times, however to enable them to have a clear picture of members requirements on these matters it is imperative that you **REPLY NOW**

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Special points of interest:

Member Survey Level 1
Earthworks AS3798 ongoing -
reply now.

Member Survey Local Govt
specifications for
Roadworks/Earthworks ongoing
- reply now.

Member Survey NATA 's
Annex Laboratory Policy
ongoing - reply now.



Photo - Greg Greenhalgh, new Secretary; James Dick, new Deputy Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator; Jim Perry, new Treasurer.



Photo - John Kippen, Ron Richards and Gary Mulholland, Non-executive Officers.



Photo - (taken during election) Gary Mulholland, Ron Richards, (Non-Executive Officers) Paul Fraser, (departing Deputy Chairman); Jim Perry (new Treasurer).



Peter Davis, Deputy Chairman & new (old) Chairman Paul Thompson

Chairman's Report

Hello to all members, hope you are keeping well. It seems most of us are busy again. Now all we need is to get paid as quickly as we are expected to produce test results. With the new homeowners grant winding back and the talk of interest rate rises, it probably won't be long before we have to tighten the belts again.

I was both happy and sad the other week when I attended a BBQ, signifying the closure of one of the most significant Soils Labs in Queensland. Most people would have known it as the Materials Testing Laboratory, Rocklea. Depending on the era, it was run by Sunwater, Water Resources or Irrigation and Water Supply. I worked there in the last 70's under Gerry Fitzgerald, whom you all will have known. I'm sure there wouldn't be too many in our industry who hasn't worked there or knows someone who has.

We are hoping that one of our members will be able to have an input into setting up a Web Site for the Association. The Committee sees that this would be a useful vehicle to advertise the Association and its members. If you are able to have an input please let us know. For those of you who prefer to correspond by email the Committee can be reached at agtaexec@yahoo.com.au. This address can be used for anything you wish to raise with the Committee.

An ongoing reminder for members carrying out Site Investigations. If you are not an R.P.E.Q. or R.P.E.C.Q. you must hold a Licence from the Building Services Authority and use that number when writing the report. Thanks to members who filled out the various questionnaires in the last Newsletter. It will help us to help you. If you didn't complete them, please do so now and send them in.

We will be canvassing new members by telephone shortly, so if you have contacts for any prospective members let us know by email, fax or in writing and we will follow them up. That's all for this issue. Regards, Paul Thompson, Chairman.

Editorial

If each member were successful in getting one person to join AGTA, we would have 140 members!

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2002. Please note that this issue calls for tenders for the Secretarial Support and Newsletter Publishing. Unfortunately this will be my last Newsletter as Editor, as I am retiring on the grounds of old age. Thank you to all contributors and the Committees (both old and new) for your help in compiling the Newsletter, particularly Peter Simson (Sunwater). Good luck to Peter in the future.

I hope it has been as interesting for members as it was for me to put it together.

Our Hall of Fame article this issue highlights the accomplishments of Ralph Hazelton Peck. The Industry News section of the Newsletter has been well received and I hope it is continued. Congratulations to all the new Committee members and we look forward to continued efforts to ensure that our industry is heard by the shakers and movers in Queensland Government. (Thanks to Terry Ferguson for the photos in this issue). Cheers, Beatrice Booth, Editor.



Peter Davis, new Deputy Chair, Mike Sandilands (exiting Treasurer) and Peter Simson (exiting Deputy Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator).



From a USA Road Authority's site - someone with a sense of humour.

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PROFILE: New Deputy Chairman: Peter Davis

Peter is a geotechnical engineer and director of Ullman & Nolan, Mackay based consulting engineers and lives in Brisbane.

He has been running the geotechnical division since 1976. Prior to that, he was with what was then Coffey & Hollingsworth.

As a result of his hands on approach to management, Peter maintains a close involvement with laboratory and field testing procedures used in Queensland and the Northern Territory. He has been closely involved with ACTA since its inception and is a NATA assessor.

He has a number of pet likes (eg. use of nuclear gauge in lieu of sand replacement) and pet hates (eg engineers who believe test results are gospel), and is never short of something to say on the calibration of balances and load rings. Peter has an opinion on most things of a geotechnical nature. Is that an asset or a liability?

Peter is keen on getting all members more informed on the results of Committee meetings and their resultant decisions and urges everyone to make use of the new Email address agtaexec@yahoo.com.au

PROFILE: Treasurer: Jim Perry

Jim has been testing for 20 years, starting with Soil Surveys in Brisbane in 1982. He worked for them for ten years then moved up to the Sunshine Coast to join John Wilson and Partners, Consultants in the Geo and Environmental areas. Major jobs - Nambour and Cooroy bypass roads. Jim then started his own company, Rolfe Perry and Assoc. One of his major jobs has been the Pierce Avenue landfill clay liner at Caloundra. At the moment he is carrying out a lot of monitoring for local authorities in groundwater leachate, surface water and methane gas. He also carries out effluent disposal work and site classifications.

Jim likes fishing, plays touch football for Ritchie's Bakery (Noosa Touch Association) and follows the Broncos. He lives in Tewantin with his lovely wife and two young children and is a keen family man.

Jim has enjoyed the time he spent with the Committee last year as a Non-Executive Officer and says that there are a lot of issues before the Committee now that could do a lot for the members. He is keen to involve members a lot more, and believes that the internet should improve this area of concern. One of his aims is to expand the membership to consolidate the financial support. He thinks we should be lobbying the LGAQ on Level One to ensure that a policy can be reached on a state-wide basis regarding all Councils allowing Geotechnical Testing Authorities to carry out Level One testing and certification. (At present, some Councils require a Registered Practising Engineer (Qld) to certify Level One.) Jim is looking forward to his year as Treasurer and is happy to hear from members on any matter. His phone number is 07 5449 8945.

PROFILE: New Secretary: Greg Greenhalgh

Greg started as a cadet with Coffey & Hollingsworth in the late 1960's, the early days of geotechnical engineering/testing in Queensland. Before Coffey & Hollingsworth started their lab in Brisbane, people flew from Sydney to do geotechnical work in the State. Greg worked all over Australia - on Railway jobs in WA, up in Kakadu in the uranium country - mostly initial investigation test drilling, backhoe pit etc. He also went to Indonesia for exploration work on a prospective nickel mine. The primitive conditions in those days involved camping in grass huts, whether it be in Indonesia or PNG. At the young age of 17, he found himself in the Highlands of PNG on an investigation which involved himself and a surveyor walking with a group of locals. They (the locals) carried their own shillings and tobacco so they could be paid. No communications, but conversely no fears in those days.

After leaving Coffey & Hollingsworth, he worked for Soil Surveys around SE Queensland, Cardno and Davies for 9 years (in PNG and Solomon Islands) and has spent the last ten years working for himself as Geotest Engineering Services. Greg runs two drilling

rigs and carries out testing mostly for housesites and distressed dwellings. (Provides data to Engineers). Greg feels that the most exciting period in testing in Queensland was in the early 70's - the big boom in the SE corner of Qld - when Coffey & Hollingsworth were the only geotechnical authority. Lots of estates were built and building boomed.

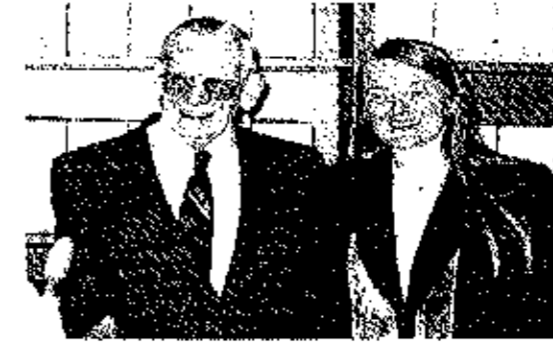
Greg's interest in the Association include presenting it as a more professional group who will be consulted in the industry as one of the leaders; and to raise the ethical standards of the profession in the eyes of the construction industry. It would be nice to have more respect on site and be asked for advice as a member of the Association.

Like to see more members? Greg would too. He advises that the Committee have a plan to phone targets and encourage people to become members. In his spare time Greg likes to take his 40-foot boat out in the Bay and fish. The rest of his spare time is spent between his granddaughter and all the Broncos games at home. He and his wife also make sure they are at the grandfinal each year in Sydney.

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Hall of Fame - Ralph Peck

Ralph Brazelton Peck



Ralph B. Peck with NGI Director Suzanne Lacasse at the opening of Ralph B. Peck Library at NGI (2000)

Peck in a nutshell:

Ralph Peck was born on June 23, 1912 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada to O.K. and Ethel Peck. The family later moved to the United States when young Peck was six years old. He received the degree of Civil Engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1934, and was awarded a three year fellowship for graduate work. Most of his graduate work was in structures with minors in mathematics and geology. On June 14, 1937 Peck married Marjorie Truby. Also, that same day he completed his graduate work and obtained a Doctor of Civil Engineering degree. From that point on he became a world leader in geotechnical engineering and his influence has reached many people. During his career Peck has authored over 200 publications and co-authored many more articles on geotechnical engineering.

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PROFILE: New Non-Executive Officer Ron Richards

Ron started testing in 1969 at Coffey & Hollingsworth in Brisbane, where he remained until 1972.

During his time there, Ron spent lots of time out in the outback - doing seismic surveys for bridge sites etc, then to Mt. Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Greenvale Nickel. While he was at Greenvale Nickel, Ron left Coffeys for Thiess and continued to work at Greenvale. He joined Soil Surveys in 1973 till 1981 - the last 3 or 4 years as a partner. Ron decided it was time to things his way, and in 1981 left to start his own business, Ron Richards & Associates. Several Gateway MRD contracts later, Ron has, in the last few years, scaled down to virtually one man and casuals. In his spare time over the last 16 or 17 years, Ron (twice President of aero clubs), builds and flies planes (ultralights).

PROFILE: John Kippen

John was first introduced to the world of soil testing when he started with Coffeys in 1967 as a trainee. An indication of John's steadfastness is that after 35 years he has not had a need to move on and remains a loyal employee. Perhaps it's because he has had such a colourful and interesting working life in most States and in countries as varied as Indonesia, PNG, Laos, Thailand and Brunei. Now Senior Geotechnician in the Brisbane Office, John claims he has slowed down some, happy to be a home handyman and dabble in small machinery in his spare time. He is married with two children and lives a relatively quiet life "with a low profile". Perhaps it has been a little too quiet, as he has taken on the challenge with AGTA of wanting to generally improve the industry and give geotechnical testing authorities a higher profile. He feels that over the years soil testing has received a bad name from a few bad apples, and he wants to ensure that situation changes.

John's most memorable job was at the Bougainville Copper Mine. In 1968 as a young 19 year he lived in bush camps, (tarp between two trees) whilst camping out with exploration drillers who were in their 40's and 50's. That it was a rough lifestyle is a bit of

PROFILE: New Deputy Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator: James Dick

Jim started in 1978 with Main Roads in Cloncurry after which he went down to the Gold Coast to work with H & M Testing for three years, then up to Townsville for McIntyre 6 years. Then went to the Tweed to start Bordertech with two partners. Jim then went on to start his own company, Bordertech, and he is still conducting testing in his NATA regd lab. Jim is a hard worker and will bring vast industry based experience to the Committee.

Jim would like to see AGTA's professional profile improve to a point where we can provide technical advice to members. In addition, he would like to see the Association's interests represented on Standards Geotechnical Committees which participate in presentation of standards.



He has flown three trips to Narramine and three out to Lightning Ridge. If he can get 6 weeks off later this year he will fly to Kimberleys to do a spot of fishing. Ron has pushed the odds all his life, and he will be a strong voice on the new Committee.

We wish him luck in his work, the AGTA Committee and his flying.

understatement, he says. One very interesting day he says they were confronted by some of the local Bougainvilleans armed with drawn bows and told "If you're here tomorrow, we'll kill you - but if you want a hand to move, we'll carry your things". Fortunately they were accompanied by a policeman (kiap in the local vernacular) who was able to tell the locals that they would be happy to move. John was part of the feasibility study for the port of Loloho (a former Chinese copra plantation) then worked on the port access road.

(Ed's Note:) Interestingly enough, Leigh and I were on Bougainville at the same time as John and no doubt we met, as Leigh was testing soil for the New Guinea Government, and I worked at the Loloho Portsite. Australians on that site were few and far between so it was great to chat with him of our memories.

One can see why, if you say you have worked on Bougainville for the copper project, it is the biggest plus to ever appear on a C.V.

John has some very interesting tales to tell of his journeys and we wish him luck in his new position - a quiet achiever but a determined one.



Memorable moments - Tully Millstream investigation. Jim managed the lab for this project and said he will never forget the hundreds of acres of natural beauty he travelled. Jim brings a quiet but determined nature to the Committee and we wish him well.

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NATA on establishment & operation of annex laboratories

The latest news from NATA is that Annex laboratories can be recognised by NATA on a 'site by site' basis or, if it is intended that a number of sites will be run each year, organisations can take a more streamlined approach to recognition and become accredited to establish annex laboratories. They have a guide available answering 'Frequently Asked Questions' that can be obtained from their office in Brisbane. This guide also helps explain the difference between the two approaches.

To establish an annex laboratory on a 'site by site' basis, for less than 6 months, will cost \$161.70 per hour for submission review, recognition processing, on site assessment and assessment processing. All recognised sites are assessed during their period of operation. The issue of terms of recognition is not

charged. For longer than six months, the price of \$161.70 per hour applies for submission review, recognition processing, document review, on site assessment, Assessment processing, Administration fee (both the Admin fee and the Field Assessment Unit fee are levied on a pro rata basis) and Field Assessment Unit. (Note different rates apply according to the distance from the capital city's GPO). The issue of terms of recognition and Application fee are not charged. All associated expenses such as travel and accommodation are charged in addition to the above. NATA makes every effort to minimise travel costs by combining with other work in the vicinity where possible. Please contact NATA for information regarding YOUR special circumstances, on 07 3870 3844.

Current Licensing: Onsite Sewerage (Waste Water) Management

Some of our members have taken advantage of the advice from the BSA that they can extend their Site Classifier's Licence to include Onsite Sewerage (Waste Water) Management by enrolling in the Yeronga TAFE's course. Once successful completion is attained, application can be made to the BSA to include this category in their Licence. But be warned, you may have to complete an application form once again, and supply a Financial Report from your Accountant. It doesn't happen quickly, but it does happen. Thanks to the members who were instrumental in clearing this up with the BSA - when we thought that only qualified Hydraulic Designers would be successful in attaining this Licence.

The Computer User's Reboot Poem: Don't you wish when life is bad and things just don't compute, that all we really had to do was stop and hit reboot. Things would turn out so fine, life could be so sweet if we only had those special keys: Ctrl, Alt and Delete.

Warning: Unlicensed Site Classifiers

Members are reminded that unlicensed site classifiers face fines from the Queensland Building Services Authority. Local Government Councils have been advised to contact the B.S.A. should they receive any documentation on Site Classifications from operators who are not registered. This is the third of many reminders of this situation. If you are caught and fined, you will pay dearly.

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Expression of Interest
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Overseas News: The Bottom Line is a Straight Line - It's the Ride that Count\$

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According to a recent survey, the roadway surface quality - a smooth ride - is the number one factor that 'most significantly increases public satisfaction with the highway system'. A smoother ride means a more comfortable ride with less noise and vibration, which are especially noticeable on long trips. Smoothness is a tangible qualifier. It's something a road engineer

or paving contractor can sink his or her teeth into. It can be controlled, mathematically designed, and scientifically measured. One County has introduced a program that makes contractors on roadway paving projects put their money where the ride is. In short, the smoother the ride of a newly constructed road or maintenance overlay project, the more money they can take to the bank. Contractors, under this incentive program, can earn as much as an additional 10 percent of total project paving costs in incentive bonuses by exceeding the present standard for smoothness. The potential downside is that they are also hit in the pocket if they don't meet the standard. Every aspect and every phase of construction is a new opportunity to achieve a smoother, flatter surface.



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drivers to decrease vehicle speed when approaching roadworks. Best of all, it's so portable, lightweight and easy to handle that it can be quickly folded up and moved along work zones within minutes. Just the thing for soil testers working on busy roads.

Jokes

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Your accountant's letter of resignation is postmarked Panama.


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Regional News - Central Queensland

Rockhampton is still relatively quiet, however Gladstone is reasonably busy. Chris Bloxham advises that Rocky is a bit like the calm before the storm, or more like the calm after the storm that didn't happen this year. Even though the expected rain didn't eventuate, major jobs are planned around the 'wet season' so the area is generally waiting for the 'wet season' to finish before planned works get under way. Gladstone is growing as a result of the third 'pot line' that Comalco has installed, and subdivisional and roadworks continue at relatively steady rate, with more Comalco employees and business people moving into the town.

We can expect more and more people wanting to build homes as the rental home availability diminishes with the climbing occupancy rate.



Central Qld waiting for the alleged wet season to end

Both Gladstone and Boyne, where the smelter is located, are popular with Boyne Island leading the way for those who like the attractions of the seaside life combined with its proximity to work.

Regional News - Southern Queensland

Southern Queensland, including south-west Queensland is moving along again following the denouement on completion of the Pacific Motorway.

Must have been a good holiday for all our compatriots down there once the hustle and bustle and frenetic demands of the Contractors died to a quiet roar and no doubt they earned a good rest. For those who haven't driven the motorway yet, it is now a driver's dream if you are travelling into New South Wales along the coast. Traffic pileups no longer exist, even

with breakdowns or accidents in the lanes. No doubt there will be those who live close by who do not like the noise created by the pavement, however that is a price we pay for progress. But that all the commuters are more than happy with the result.

Main Roads are busy on the range west of Brisbane with Roadtech's offices there busy as little bees. The north and south coasts continue to 'motor' - pardon the pun - along as the baby-boomers retire and build their dream homes in paradise.

Southern and Western Queensland busy with subdivisions and roadworks.

Regional News - North Queensland

North Queensland is bubbling along with many of the new home builders' residences still underway, and Main Roads money to be spent shortly on the Cooktown Road and hopefully the widening of the Bruce Highway south of the City to incorporate six lanes of traffic. The Esplanade renewal and the Cityport site has also commenced. We hope to see a marked improvement in our waterfront within



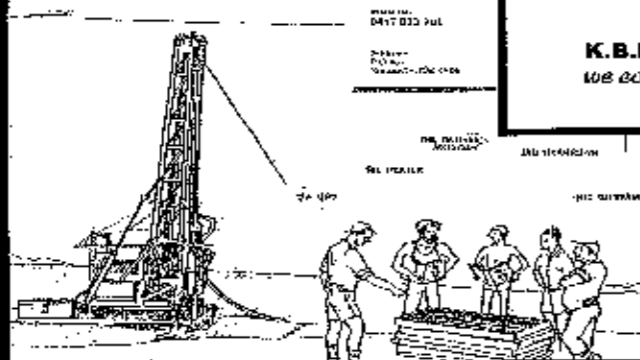
the year as this project gets well under way. The subdivisional demands are pushing upwards following the high number of new homes swallowing up large amounts of vacant land and real estate moving along nicely in the lower priced markets. The city's Convention Centre continues to draw holiday-makers on convention trips, in addition to the usual influx of tourists as the weather moves to the 'beautiful one day, perfect the next' season. Virgin Airlines increase in flights to the area has also boosted the economy thus ensuring the stability of the business sector.

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Please advise the Chairman in advance if any meeting dates are unsuitable.

Committee meeting will proceed regardless of individual absenteeism provided a quorum is present.

DATE	EVENT
20 March	Committee Meeting
10 April	Newsletter No. 1
17 April	Committee Meeting
15 May	Committee Meeting
20 May	General Meeting
19 June	Committee Meeting
30 June	Newsletter No. 2
17 July	Committee Meeting
22 July	General Meeting
21 August	Committee Meeting
18 September	Committee Meeting
1 October	Newsletter No. 3
16 October	Committee Meeting
21 October	General Meeting
20 November	Committee Meeting
11 December	Annual General Meeting




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