

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: ACT Branch Chair and Committee 2020

1) The ACT Branch of the AIHS is seeking expressions of interest for new committee members.

Our longstanding Chair, Ian De Costa is standing down as he relocates to the South Coast, and our current committee needs new members to re-energise the activities and level of support for health and safety professionals and practitioners in the ACT and surrounding area.

2) A Re-energised Mission for the Branch

The Branch is looking for members and associated health professionals to join with it in these demanding COVID days to re-energise support for our membership and the broader health and safety profession:

- To renew the way we deliver professional development opportunities and share contemporary health and safety injury and illness prevention and management information in partnership with kindred organisations and AIHS National Office;
- To actively engage industry, government (federal and local) and employee representative organisations to provide a voice for health and safety professionals and practitioners; and
- To provide new ways for members of the committee to contribute to the profession, to gain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits, while not getting bogged down committee processes. This includes establishing a local chapter of the Young Safety Professionals (YsP) and a chapter for local government.

3) The Work of the Committee

- The role of the Committee is explained in the attached 'Role of Branches' document. If you are interested in any of the Branch Executive roles you will be very welcome to apply, however it is our intent to focus committee members' efforts on delivering the Branch's Re-energised Mission (at point 2 above). That means you won't be pressed gang to put your hand up for any specific role, you'll just have the opportunity to contribute to the profession.
- If you are interested in a role in the Branch Executive you will have an opportunity to nominate at the meeting. All roles will declared vacant after the Outgoing Chair confirms a newly elected Chair.
- We encourage all who are interested to return an EOI as we are seeking a well-balanced age, gender and culturally diverse committee to make sure we represent all of the ideas and needs of the profession.

4) Our Offer for New Members Joining the Committee

- We welcome all members of our kindred health and safety organisations who we have partnered before or might wish to partner with us in the future to join us in our efforts to further support health and safety professionals. As such, we are offering a one-time membership for new members to the committee at half-price of normal membership for the first year to 01 Jul 2021.
- Interested individuals without health and safety qualifications or certification are most welcome as ordinary members.

Expressions Close: Email EOI by 1700 EST 19 August 2020, to membership@aihs.org.au

Opening Committee Meeting: To be convened in the QinetiQ Board Room at Level 3, 12 Brindabella Circuit at Canberra Airport on 26 August 2020, 1630-1730 EST and on Zoom <https://zoom.us/> tbc

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