

AiBEC Newsletter

Association of Insurance Building & Engineering Consultants



Tony Libke AiBEC CEO

Celebrating One Year of AiBEC

The 29th of May marks the one-year anniversary of the Insurance News article announcing the formation of the Association of Insurance Building and Engineering Consultants (AiBEC). To commemorate this milestone, we reflect on our journey, with a timeline of our formation and key achievements through to May 2025.

While we have accomplished a great deal in our first year, there is still much work to do. It is important to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our founding directors, Deniz Bekir and Andrew Morse, as well as the many volunteers whose contributions have brought us to where we are today. With a newly elected board now in place, the association is in capable hands and well positioned to evolve to the next level.

On 1 May, we celebrated the election of the new board of directors with a cocktail function at the stunning Squire's Landing at Circular Quay in Sydney. The event not only introduced the new directors to AiBEC members, allied supporters, and guests from the insurance industry, but also provided many directors with the opportunity to meet in person for the first time (*see below*).



AiBEC ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRST YEAR TIMELINE

Idea of new body floated in Bangkok by D. Bekir to T. Libke	May 2023		
		Jun 2023	Meeting in Brisbane to crystallise idea: D. Bekir & T. Libke
Meeting in Sydney to agree to move ahead with formation: D. Bekir & T. Libke	Sep 2023		
		Oct 2023	Discussions with A. Morse
Lawyers McCullough Robertson draft constitution Marketing Meeting with Brave	Dec 2023		
		Feb 2024	Lawyers McCullough Robertson finalise constitution Marketing Meeting with Brave
Andrew Morse joins as Director	Apr 2024		
Flood Inquiry Submission COP Submission Treasury Submission	May 2024	15 Apr 2024	AiBEC incorporated with ASIC
		29 May 2024	Insurance News Announcement: AiBEC Formation Directors Meeting in Brisbane Linkedin and Webpage Launched
Meetings: IAG and Endata	4 Jun 2024		
Meeting: Alexandra Horden (ICA)	5 Jun 2024		
ABC Radio Interview	13 Jun 2024	Jun 2024	ICA Code Compliance Committee Meeting
First Information Meeting (Sydney) AFCA Meeting	26 Jun 2024	27 Jun 2024	Allied Supporter: IAG Information Meetings (Brisbane & Melbourne)
1st IFM: Brendan Cosgrove	15 Jul 2024	Jul 2024	1st AiBEC Newsletter
Meeting: A. Hall CEO ICA	30 Jul 2024		
		Aug 2024	CFM: ATTAR
Technical Committee – ICA Submission: Expert Reports Best Practice	11 Sep 2024	Sep 2024	Technical Training Partner: Pointsbuild Information Meetings (Perth & Adelaide)
1st Webinar: Alexandra Horden (ICA)	19 Sep 2024		
		Oct 2024	Website Launch
Meeting: Dr. Mulino Chair of Flood Inquiry	11 Nov 2024	31 Oct 2024	Establishment Function (Sydney)
2025 Conference Committee Established: Achieving Better Claims Outcome	Dec 2024		
ASAC – CGC Submission: Expert Instructions Best Practice	7 Feb 2025	12 Feb 2025	ANZIIF Meeting: Executive Certificate for Insurance Consultants
1st AGM & Election of Directors	25 Mar 2025		
Meet the Board Function (Sydney)	1 May 2025	2 May 2025	Meeting: Julia Davis – Financial Rights Legal Centre (Pro bono initiative)
LinkedIn Followers: 1552	May 2025		
		29 May 2025	1st Year Anniversary of formation



Looking Ahead: AiBEC's Inaugural Conference

A major milestone on our horizon is the inaugural AiBEC Conference, to be held in Sydney on 23 July 2025. The conference will feature a high-quality programme developed by our dedicated committee, with notable speakers and panellists including representatives from ICA, AFCA, and Matt Press, Assistant NSW Building Commissioner.

This full-day event will be followed by a cocktail function and promises to be a highlight of the AiBEC calendar. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and we invite interested parties to contact us at admin@aibec.co for details.

To download the conference programme and to register, [Click Here...](#)

Building a Professional Qualification

As mentioned in the April newsletter, an AiBEC committee is working on the development of a professional qualification for insurance claims consultants. We are pleased to report that we have commenced discussions with ANZIIF to integrate relevant education units from ANZIIF, ATTAR, and Pointsbuild into a cohesive course offering. We anticipate sharing further details on this

initiative soon, which will be a key component of AiBEC's value to members and the broader insurance consultancy sector.

Supporting the Community

In a promising new initiative, AiBEC has begun early-stage discussions with the Financial Rights Legal Centre to explore a pro bono support program. This would enable AiBEC members and allied supporters to assist vulnerable insurance claimants. Both organisations have expressed strong early interest, and we look forward to developing this initiative further as a meaningful way to give back to the community.

Technical Education & Engagement

On 29 May, Berkay Dincel of Dincel Structural Walling presented a well-received webinar hosted by AiBEC. Looking ahead, two additional webinars are scheduled featuring Don Considine from ATTAR and Deborah Lockhart from RHM Consultants. These sessions will focus on key technical topics relevant to our members.

Additionally, we plan to form an ongoing Technical Committee comprised of members and allied supporters. This group will be tasked with identifying and investigating pressing issues of interest within the industry.



Recently we received a letter of introduction and small gift from the Nepal Insurance Surveyors Association, presented by their member Pratik Karki (see above). They expressed a desire to work with AiBEC in the future and we hope this is the first of many overseas collaborations.

Kind regards

Tony Libke,

Chief Executive