

# AiBEC Newsletter

Association of Insurance Building & Engineering Consultants



**Tony Libke AiBEC CEO**

Hi Members, Allied Supporters and Friends,  
As 2025 draws to a close, I want to reflect on our progress as an Association over the past year and look ahead to what promises to be a bright and progressive 2026. As we pass the 18-month anniversary of AiBEC's establishment, I would like to thank all who have contributed to our achievements to date—particularly our Board Directors and those serving on technical and planning committees.

## Launch of the ANZIIF/AiBEC Claims Consulting Qualifications

In November, we held a cocktail function in Melbourne to announce the establishment of the **ANZIIF/AiBEC Certificate in Claims Consulting** and **Advanced Certificate in Claims Consulting**. This is a milestone achievement for the Association and establishes, for the first time, a formal pathway for those working in claims to obtain recognised insurance qualifications.

We thank our partners at ANZIIF for their support in bringing these courses to life, and we also acknowledge the important contribution of Pointsbuild and ATTAR.

The official launch date for both courses is **2 February 2026**. Over time, we anticipate these qualifications will become the benchmark for all consultants working in insurance claims.

Details of both courses, including pricing, are available on the AiBEC website [click here...](#)

There is also an opportunity for organisations to become official partners in the courses. We thank our early official supporters: **Bentino, Morse Building Consultancy,**

**Statewide Building and Restorations Group, Riverwall Construction, and Silver Wolf Projects.**

Opportunities for additional official supporters remain available, and details can also be found on the AiBEC website.



## Pro Bono Offering with the Financial Rights Legal Centre

Another important initiative launched this year is our pro bono partnership with the Financial Rights Legal Centre (FRLC). Through this arrangement, AiBEC members can provide assistance to customers identified by the FRLC as vulnerable. AiBEC will nominate a member to undertake an independent causation report, which may or may not support the original insurer report.

Members wishing to participate in the pro bono program can [register here...](#)

## 2025 Events, Meetings and Submissions

In 2025, AiBEC delivered a number of significant events, meetings, and submissions.

Our first AGM was held in March, resulting in the election of a new Board. We introduced the Directors at a Sydney Harbour cocktail event in May. Under the leadership of Chair Deniz Bekir, the Board has contributed meaningfully to the direction and policy development of the Association.

A highlight during the year was the highly successful inaugural conference themed: 'Achieving Better Claims Outcomes'. Feedback from the 150 attendees was very positive regarding the quality of the program which contained a balance of regulatory, insurance related and technical content.

### Our technical committees produced several major submissions, including:

- Best Practice for Engagement of Experts – chaired by Dr Adrian Grosvenor, submitted to the ICA
- Expert Reports Best Practice Standards – Guideline for Insurers – chaired by Nik Housh
- Challenges in Property Report Scope of Work – prepared by James McIntosh

Each of these documents is available on the AiBEC website under Technical Guides and Standards.

We also continued extensive consultation with industry and regulatory bodies, including the Code Governance Committee, APRA, AFCA, ICA, ASIC, Building Commission NSW, and Dr Daniel Mulino, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Finance.

## Website Developments

The AiBEC website has been significantly enhanced to reflect the new initiatives noted above also a new Suppliers Portal now allows companies to promote their services and products to AiBEC members. Technical information within the portal is restricted to individual members and Allied Supporters.

To register your organisation for the new portal, please [click here...](#)

## Looking Ahead to 2026

Our second AGM will be held in March 2026 and will include the election of three Directors. Further details will be announced in the new year.

Planning is well underway for the 2026 AiBEC Conference, to be held on 22 July at the Swissotel Sydney. We look forward to delivering another high-quality program.

### Key projects planned for 2026 include:

- A collaboration with the University of Sydney to produce a comprehensive empirical study and engineering guide on escape of liquid—the most significant non-catastrophe peril faced by insurers.
- A partnership with Building Commission NSW to develop an Insurance Repair Works Guide for Class 2 strata buildings.
- A series of "At the Table" events, providing members with access to leaders and experts across the industry.

We will also continue our popular webinar series following the success of the 2025 program.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who have supported the Association to date. As we continue to grow, I encourage you to invite colleagues and business associates to consider the benefits of joining the AiBEC community so that, together, we can continue to deliver positive outcomes for insurance claims.

*On behalf of the AiBEC Board, I wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas.*