

AiBEC Newsletter

Association of Insurance Building & Engineering Consultants



Tony Libke AiBEC CEO

I am pleased to share with you, recent news and our plans for the year.

ANZIIF/AiBEC Certificate in Claims Consulting

At the top of our agenda is the launch of the **ANZIIF/AiBEC Certificate in Claims Consulting**. Congratulations to Steve Van Truong-Spaces Pty Ltd for being the first enrolment in the full course. We anticipate that the course will generate significant interest amongst insurance claims consultants and I would like to thank those that have been early supporters for the course.

The course has been designed to give participants a broad understanding of insurance regulations including the code practice, responsibilities around dealing with vulnerable clients, roles of various participants in the claims process and much more. For details of the course [click here...](#)

At The Table

Shortly, we will be conducting the first of a series of exclusive events **At The Table** with prominent insurance industry figures interacting with AiBEC members on important industry matters. The first of these luncheons is being held in Sydney on 25 February at The International in Martin Place.

The guest presenter will be **Matt Press, Deputy NSW Building Commissioner**. We would like to acknowledge the official supporter for the event Loop Logics. The event is the first step in the development of an Insurance Guide for Repairs and Reinstatement of Class 2 Buildings. AiBEC looks forward to working with the New South Wales Building Commission in formulating this much needed guide.

Advocacy and Technical Committees

AiBEC Established two technical committees and formulated recent submissions to Treasury and the Code Governance Committee. The Treasury submission was in respect of the **Modernisation of the National Construction Code (NCC)** [click here](#). The CGC submission was in respect of what we believe should be the main **CGC priorities for 2026/27** [click here](#).

Importantly as part of our ongoing advocacy for improved reporting standards across the industry we are holding briefings with the Code Governance Committee, Insurance Council of Australia, Australian Financial Complaints Authority.

In late 2025 we held a meeting with representatives of the Australian Regulation Prudential Authority in Canberra and a Teams meeting with ASIC to outline our progress to date and plans for the future.

Pro Bono Scheme

AiBEC would like to commend IFM Trent Hartley, Ironamber Consulting Engineers, who completed the pro bono assignment for the Financial Rights Legal Centre (FRLC). With limited financial means, the Insured could not fund an independent expert report.



Through the **AiBEC Pro Bono Scheme**, **Trent Hartley** provided a fully independent forensic engineering assessment. The pro bono arrangement demonstrates AiBEC's commitment to transparency and improving the claims experience for vulnerable parties. Members can read details of the pro bono offering via [click here](#).

Annual Conference

The second AiBEC Conference will be held on 22nd July 2026 at the Swissotel Sydney. The one day conference and cocktail function is a major industry event for all those involved in claims and is expected to attract wide industry support. Thank you to all the early sponsors including Platinum sponsor, Statewide Building and Restorations Group (SRBG) and Cocktail sponsor, Loop Logics who make it possible to offer the event at such an affordable cost.

Registrations are now open and details of topics are available [click here](#).

Awards Night and Field Day

The inaugural **AiBEC Black Tie Awards Night** will be held in at the Sydney Motor Yacht Club Point Piper on the 12th November to celebrate excellence in the ANZIIF/ AiBEC Certificate in Claims Consulting and in reporting standards. Further details will be released in the future.

Also AiBEC is planning to hold an **Insurance Industry Trade and Innovation Field Day** in September 2026 in collaboration with other industry bodies. The Field Day will have wide focus for insurance industry personnel and will highlight product and service suppliers, technology companies and others supporting the insurance industry.

University Engagements

We are engaging with three universities in a range of projects which will of benefit to AiBEC members and the wider insurance community.

With the **University of Sydney**, AiBEC and industry partners are developing an **“Empirical Engineering Guide to The Effects of Moisture Exposure and Water Saturation (Escape of Liquid) from an Insurance Claim”**.

Bond University has signed a MoU with AiBEC to deliver a two day in house course titled **“Project Management for CPS 230 Implementation”**. Kate Middleton AiBEC director and Deputy Chair is heading the liaison with **Bond University** and it is anticipated the course will be delivered in May/June. The course is designed to support

insurance professionals in up-skilling project management capability while addressing the practical implementation of the **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority’s CPS 230** (Operational Risk Management).



AiBEC is teaming with **James Cook University** via their **Work Integrated Learning (WIL)** program creating pathways for graduate students in engineering, information technology, business, data science and other areas to transition to insurance industry positions with our members and allied supporters.

Further meetings are planned and information will be circulated to members.

New Members

AiBEC acknowledges the support it continues to receive from members and allied supporters and thank those who have joined the AiBEC community recently including **Suncorp, Loop Logics, Sedgwick, Beacon Building Services** and **CRD**.

AGM

This is a reminder that the **second AGM** for the Association will be held on the 18th March 2026 and a Notice of AGM has been forwarded to IFM.

If you have not done so for some time I encourage you visit the **AiBEC website** as there has been extensive changes to reflect the initiatives outlined above. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We look forward to your continued engagement in AiBEC’s activities throughout the year ahead.