



A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Member,

At the recent 38th EHA National Conference held in Perth there was a change in office bearers on the National Board, in accordance with the provisions of the EHA Constitution.

Joseph Zappavigna, City of Fremantle, has held the position of National President since 2010 and has done an incredible job with the Board following the major restructuring of our organisation and also managing the unfortunate split from EHA by EHA (Vic) Inc. Joseph will remain on the Board as a Director and as the Immediate Past President.

Reference to our website shows that the current office bearers are –

President:	Mark Dwyer (City of Hobart, TAS)
Vice President:	Phil Swain (Philip Swain Consulting, WA)
Treasurer:	Trevor Graham (Logan City Council, QLD)

As the new EHA National President for the next two years I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to the membership and to commit to upholding the goals and values of EHA on your behalf.

I have been in the EH profession for over 35 years and have been the EHA State President in Tasmania for the past 10 years. I still have much interest and passion for our profession and being surrounded by many younger people of a similar ilk has fuelled my enthusiasm to continue to ‘maintain the rage’.

I was greatly heartened to hear of the recent reunification of EHA (WA) Inc. and EHAA, in Western Australia, to amalgamate and operate under the constitution of EHA (WA) Inc. There is a crucial need for one national EH organisation to represent the interests, views and concerns of current and future EH practitioners in Australia. The challenge still remains for us, however, to continue to strive to become a truly unified, mature and cohesive national organisation.

The State Associations are all financially sustainable and their respective Boards are continuing to work diligently for their members. I encourage you, as a member, to make contact with and provide feedback to your respective Board to acknowledge what they have achieved to date and to let them know your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for the future. Communication and engagement are so important in achieving desirable outcomes in all aspects of our professional and personal lives.

I look forward to addressing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our organisation, both at the state and national levels, and am confident there will be many positive achievements and outcomes ahead for EHA.

On behalf of the National Board I look forward to your ongoing support and encouragement to adhere to and uphold the goals and values of EHA.

Mark Dwyer
EHA National President

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