

IHEA

INSTITUTE OF HOSPITAL ENGINEERING, AUSTRALIA
SUPPORTING HEALTH FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



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INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Institute of Hospital Engineering, Australia (IHEA), is the relevant professional organisation for engineers and engineering facility managers employed in the private and public healthcare sectors, from the smallest to the largest facility, as well as consultants engaged in related work. This includes the hospital engineer, health facility manager, architect, consulting engineer, builder, contractor in the healthcare field, and all those engaged in healthcare facilities management.

Members have the opportunity to network with other professionals, share practical experiences and gain access to information on developing technologies. Eligibility for different membership levels depends on the applicant's qualifications and relevant experience, from apprenticeship through to post-graduate degree.

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Our Mission

**To continually support
members in their professional endeavours
towards best practice in health engineering.**

THE OBJECTIVES OF IHEA ARE:

- To cultivate and maintain the highest possible standards of knowledge, skill, ethics and efficiency of those involved in the design, construction and maintenance of healthcare facilities.
- To promote confidence between healthcare authorities and hospital engineers by ensuring that every person accepted into the Institute is fully qualified for his/her particular membership level.
- To provide support and information to assist members in their professional capacities.

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, THE INSTITUTE:

- Publishes a regular journal containing research, information and resources to assist members to better serve healthcare facilities.
- Conducts meetings and conferences to exchange news and ideas, including regular branch meetings and an annual national conference. The Institute also provides access to the bi-annual international congress organised by the International Federation of Hospital Engineering.
- Convenes working parties or sub-committees to look into issues that are of professional interest to hospital engineers.
- Maintains and regularly updates its comprehensive Strategic Plan. Forums are held from time to time, and member input is encouraged.
- Conducts a very successful exchange program for members of IHEA and the New Zealand Institute of Health Engineering & Estate Management (NZIHEEM).
- Participates, through its members, in a number of Standards Australia committees.
- Hosts a substantial website which includes a document repository and energy management / ESD section.

GOVERNANCE

The Institute is governed by a national board, of which half the directors are appointed by the Institute's branches and the other half by popular election.

State branches are run by local committees of management.

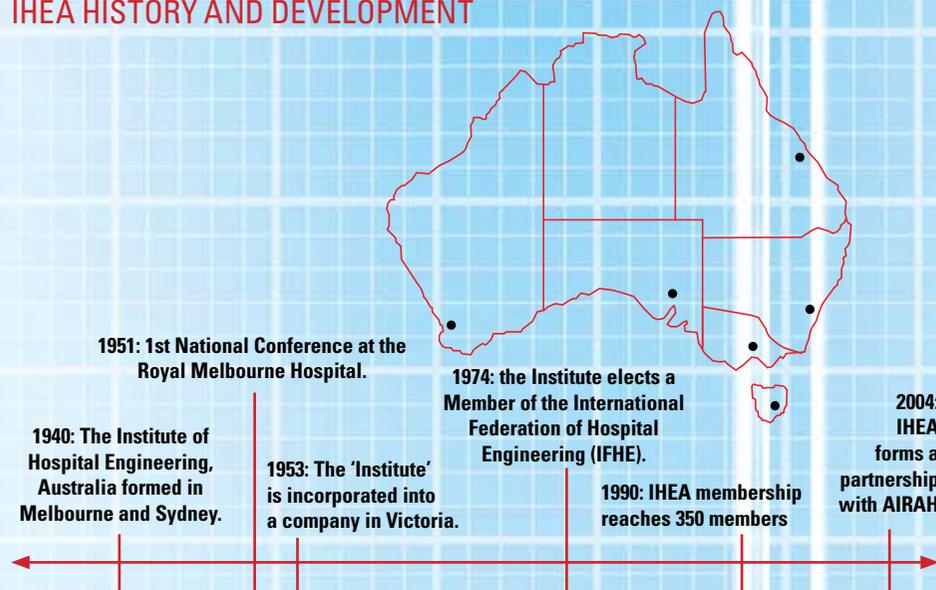
VISION

To be recognised as an organisation that, through its members, contributes to the achievement of best practice in health engineering.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To support members in their professional endeavours towards best practice in health engineering. To deliver effective services to our members and educate future generations of health engineers.

IHEA HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT



Being a hospital engineer since 1991 has provided me with the opportunity to:

- get to know and interact with other professional personnel within the healthcare sector
- share and receive broad based technical and work related information regularly at meetings and conferences
- serve on the COM and assist with running of the WA Branch and serve on National Board
- experience a feeling of camaraderie and support from members both locally and across the Nullarbor

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MEMBERSHIP

Grades

Honorary Fellow – Hon. F.I.H.E.A. (Non Voting) Honorary Member – Hon.M.I.H.E.A. (Non Voting)

Fellow – F.I.H.E.A. Associate – A.I.H.E.A. (Non Voting)

Member – M.I.H.E.A. Corporate Member – C.I.H.E.A (Non Voting)

Student - Stud.I.H.E.A. (Non Voting) Casual Member (Non Voting)

Retired members, other than Honorary Fellow, Honorary Member and Student, use (Ret) after the abbreviation.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All new members are elected to a grade commensurate with their qualifications and experience. If appointed to the grade of 'Associate', progression to the grade of 'Member' is available once the required professional experience in hospital engineering has been completed. This takes from two to eight years depending on academic qualifications or experience.

Election to the grade of 'Fellow' is only available to long standing members who have approved higher academic qualifications and superior professional experience in hospital engineering, as well as satisfying specific professional service requirements as set down by the Institute.

A person may become a student member of the Institute by currently participating in an approved course of engineering study. Students are limited to a maximum of six years membership in this category.



IHEA allows me to seek other engineers' advice, on both minor and major technical problems. The technical presentations and the information available through the various media sources at both state, national and international level are very interesting for our health service and for my professional development.

Mike Ellis SA

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute encourages the ongoing professional development of its members through the publication of a journal and the organisation of regular branch meetings, seminars and conferences to keep members up to date with the latest healthcare policies and technical developments. The Institute also supports further education, enabling advancement from Associate to the higher grades of membership.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Institute members shall conduct themselves with dignity, propriety and integrity, working consistently to maintain and advance services to patients and the general community in a manner that reflects the following values and actions:

- Apply skill and knowledge in a diligent manner at all times in all capacities.
- Advise your employer to obtain additional advice if confronted with an issue outside your current knowledge or experience.
- Give credit to any subordinate who has contributed to work for which you are responsible.
- Act honestly, irrespective of the possible consequences to you or others.
- Abstain from expressing opinions that may reflect unfavourably on the ability or integrity of another engineer, unless it is considered a duty to your employer or other institutions.
- Never engage in malicious or careless conduct likely to harm, directly or indirectly, your reputation and/or that of another engineer.
- Actively pursue your own continuing professional development and encourage colleagues to do likewise.
- Avoid placing yourself under obligation to anyone associated with your hospital, by trade or contract, at all times.
- Reject any royalty, gratuity or commission associated with a patented or protected article or process used in associated work unless it has been fully disclosed in writing to your employer.
- Never disclose confidential information for personal gain.
- Protect the interests of your employer and be scrupulous in maintaining impartiality between employer and contractors when preparing contractual documentation.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership of the Institute means having access to increasing benefits over time. These benefits include:

- Receipt of the Australian Hospital Engineer journal (published quarterly).
- Participation in branch technical meetings.
- Access to a wide range of seminars and conferences.
- Access to courses in hospital engineering and management.
- Participation in national and international conferences.
- Access to published papers and technical reports not readily available.
- Opportunities to discuss topical issues with colleagues.
- Opportunity to serve on specialist committees.
- Access to global information through the 'members only' section of the Institute's website.
- Opportunity to represent the Institute on various external panels including Standards Australia committees.
- Reduced rates for members' hospitals participating in AssetMark.
- Links to similar organisations in the pursuit of engineering excellence.

IHEA provides a network of professional contacts within the same industry that is invaluable. Hospital and healthcare engineering is quite unique in the asset management profession, so it is an advantage to have contacts on a national level that are in the same industry. The journal provides a national and professional identity to IHEA and the national conferences are another opportunity to find out what the latest developments are.

Glen Reynolds SA

I applied for membership of the IHEA WA Branch so that I could participate in an organisation related to my employment. The outcome has surpassed my expectations. I have enjoyed my IHEA membership as it has provided me with access to a network with a vast realm of expertise and experience in my field of work.

Len Mumme WA