



Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 29th April 2026

18:00 AWST

In person – Perth

Online – via Zoom



Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists

The ASEG acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather today, and the many lands on which we undertake our work.

We recognise their continuing connection to these lands, water and culture and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Housekeeping & Zoom Etiquette

Voting on Zoom

If you **object** to a motion being passed, please raise your hand or write in the chat box.

Voting in person

If you **object** to a motion being passed, please raise your hand.



Quorum & Proxy Votes Confirmed

Constitution (Item 14.3.5)

“For any Annual or General Meeting, members shall be able to appoint a proxy, providing the authority is in writing and duly authorised, and in the case of a Corporate member either under seal or authorised by an appropriate officer of the Company.”

ASEG Constitution, April 2022

2026 AGM Proxy Votes

- **Ian James** on behalf of John Coffin
- **Lee Tasker** on behalf of Takeshi Sato
- **Ian James** on behalf of Stefaans du Plessis



Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Motion 1 — Acceptance of 2025 AGM Minutes

The 2025 AGM was held on 30 April 2025.

That the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the Annual General Meeting for 2025.

Voting:

- **Online** — raise your hand if you object
- **In person** — raise your hand if you object





Australian Society of
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Proposed Constitution Updates 2026

Refreshing our Constitution

Keeping ASEG modern, sustainable and well-governed: proposed amendments for the 2026 AGM

MODERN

Welcoming the next generation of geophysicists

SUSTAINABLE

Reducing paper, going digital-first

WELL-GOVERNED

Sharper roles, clearer authority

MEMBERSHIP

01

Welcoming early careers

Retire the Associate Member class. Introduce a new Early Career Member tier for graduates in their first five years.

SUSTAINABILITY

02

Digital-first communication

Update the definition of “In Writing” — formalising paperless communication with members.

GOVERNANCE

03

Sharper Board authority

Define the authority of the five Directors (incl. Past President) and set clear quorum requirements aligned with the Act.

EDUCATION

04

Lifelong learning

Add continuous professional education to the formal Objects of the Society. Allow members to transition from Active to Student membership.



Proposed amendments — what changes

Each amendment in plain English — to be voted on at the 2026 AGM

01	MEMBERSHIP Welcoming early careers	REMOVE ADD UPDATE	“Associate Member” category “Early Career Member” — first 5 years in the profession “Active Member” eligibility — flexibility on time-served
02	SUSTAINABILITY Digital-first communication	UPDATE ENABLES	“In Writing” definition — remove explicit reference to “printing” Formal paperless communication with members
03	GOVERNANCE Sharper Board authority	CLARIFY SET ALIGN	Authority of the five Directors (incl. Past President) Quorum requirements for FedEx decisions Wording with the Act and modern regulatory standards
04	EDUCATION Lifelong learning	ADD ENABLE	“Continuous professional education” to the Objects of the Society Active → Student transition for members re-entering full-time study

ALSO Gender-neutral language · 5-year cap on Student Membership · Grammar fixes

Full text: [ASEG_Constitution_and_By-Laws_April_2026.pdf](#) · Member feedback period closed 10 March 2026



Constitution Updates

Motion 2 — Constitution Updates

Brief overview of the changes shared with members for comment and highlighted in the proceeding slides:

- **Membership** — retire “Associate Member”; introduce “Early Career Member” (first 5 years); update “Active Member” eligibility.
- **Sustainability** — update the “In Writing” definition to formalise digital-first, paperless communication with members.
- **Governance** — clarify authority of the five Directors (incl. Past President), set Federal Executive quorum, align wording with the Act.
- **Education** — add “continuous professional education” to the Society’s Objects; enable Active → Student transition for members returning to study.
- **Also** — gender-neutral language, 5-year cap on Student Membership, grammar fixes.

That the proposed amendments to the ASEG Constitution and By-Laws (April 2026) be adopted as tabled and shared in the document emailed to all members.

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President's Report
Annual General Meeting 2026



Recognising our Volunteers, Sponsors & Awardees

Federal Executive



Ian James
President



Janelle Kerr
Immediate Past
President



Teagan Blaikie
President-Elect



**Yvette Poudjom
Djomani**
Treasurer / Finance
Chair



**Mikayla
Sambrooks**
Secretary



Steve Hearn
Publications Chair



Timothy Hill
Membership Chair



**Mosayeb Khademi
Zahedi**
Communications Chair



Eric Battig
Branches &
International Chair



**Sasha
Aivazpourporgou**
Professional
Development Chair



**Gokul Venu
Sreebindu**
Webmaster



Karen Aurisch
Education Chair



Branches

Seven state and territory branches across Australia



BRANCH OFFICE HOLDERS

WA	President: Lee Tasker	
	Secretary: Timothy Hill	Treasurer: Pooya Hadian
SA / NT	President: Mike Hatch	NT Rep: Tania Dhu
	Secretary: Adam Davey	Treasurer: Matthew Zengerer
VIC	President: Mark McLean	
	Secretary: Tom McNamara	Treasurer: Jarrod Dunne
TAS	President: Tjaart de Wit	
	Secretary: Matthew Cracknell	Treasurer: Tara Martin
NSW	President: Stuart Clark	
	Secretary: Patrick Makuluni	Treasurer: Elena Babina
ACT	President: Babak Hejrani	
	Secretary: Wenping Jiang	Treasurer: Jackie Hope
QLD	President: Nick Josephs	
	Secretary: Tim Dean	Treasurer: Roger Cant



Branches in action

Highlights from across the network



- WA
- VIC
- NSW
- SA / NT
- TAS
- ACT
- QLD

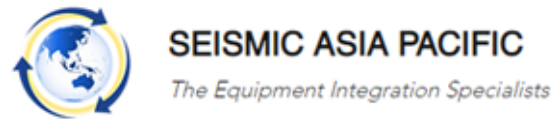
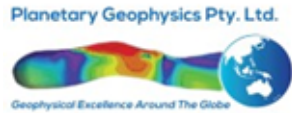


Corporate Members

Corporate Plus



Corporate



Branch Sponsors

WA



SA / NT



NSW



QLD



Our volunteers · thank you

The people behind every branch, committee, and publication

BRANCHES

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Australia - Global

COMMITTEES

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Working year-round

EVENTS

3

Organising committees

PUBLICATIONS

3

Editorial teams

EXTERNAL

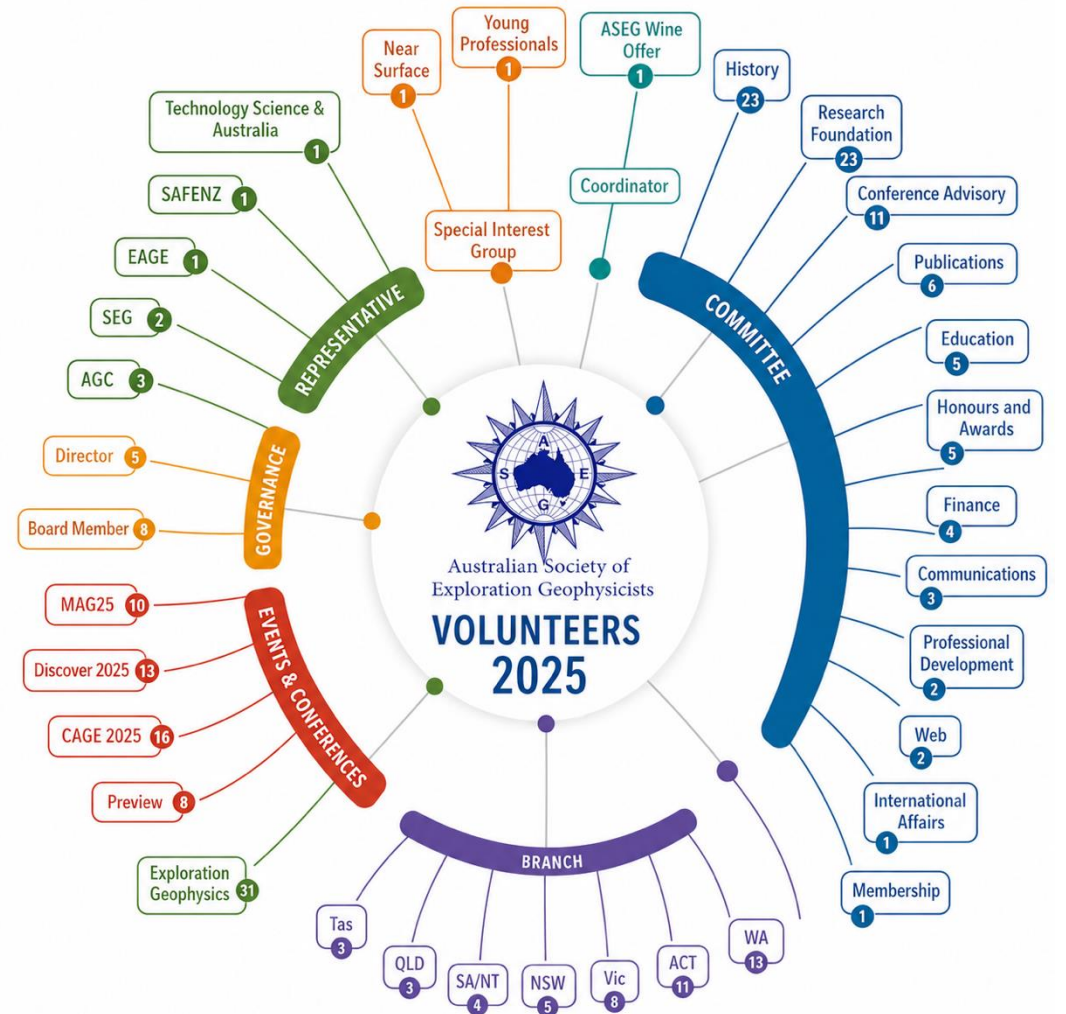
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Representative bodies

EVERY YEAR

Thank you

None of this happens without you.



Honours and Awards Recipients

Recognising outstanding contributions to Australian exploration geophysics



Dr Anandaroop Ray

Grahame Sands Award



Dr Ehsan Farahbakhsh

Early Achievement Award



Dr Chibuzo Chukwu

Shanti Rajagopalan Memorial Award



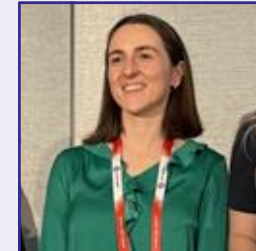
Suzanne Haydon

Distinguished Service Medal



Kate Selway

Distinguished Service Certificate



Emily Lewis

Distinguished Service Certificate



Mikayla Sambrooks

Distinguished Service Certificate



Darren Hunt

Distinguished Service Certificate



Dr Steve Hearn

Honorary Membership of the Society



Research Foundation

Topic	Institution	Supervisor	Student	Degree	Field	Years
Machine Learning analysis of regional geophysical data to discriminate magmatic suites in the Kennedy Igneous Province	Monash University	Prof Peter Betts	Joshua Irving	PhD	M	3
Deep-time exploration for mineral deposits along convergent margins	University of Sydney	Prof Dietmar Muller	Elnaz Heidari	PhD	M	3
Spatio-Temporal Data Mining for Mineral Exploration	University of Sydney	Prof Dietmar Muller	Hojat Shirmard	PhD	M	3
Geological storage of CO2 in volcanic reservoirs	University of Adelaide	Prof Simon Holford	Josh Sage	PhD	P	3

Congratulations to all of the recipients!

Thank you to Corporate and Member donations that support these projects.



Highlighting our Activities

Strategy Day 2025

Set the agenda for the year ahead

Some of the discussions on what to fix, what to fund and what to retire which shaped the year's commitments.

GOVERNANCE

Modernise the Society

Constitution, branch coordination, structure, transparency.

SECRETARIAT

Secretariat sustainability

Volunteer load, cost, trust, lost handovers: time to test the market.

PUBLICATIONS

A self-published future

EG and Preview off Taylor & Francis, EAGE partnership, Preview sustainability.

CAGE

Long term funding

Sustain CAGE beyond annual sponsorship cycles.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reboot the offering

Webinars, short courses. Increase professional development.

MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

Listen first

Survey members on what they want from ASEG.

Aims for the year: where we landed

Strategy Day commitments have been completed

01

GOVERNANCE

Constitution

DELIVERED

Proposed amendments tabled for AGM vote.

02

PUBLICATIONS

Transition complete

DELIVERED

EG self-published with EAGE partnership; Preview redesigned for members.

03

CAGE

Long-term funding

DELIVERED

Multi-year funding model committed by Federal Executive.

04

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reboot underway

DELIVERED

Webinar series live; SEG DISC short course to be held in 2026.

05

SECRETARIAT

New partner

DELIVERED

Reviewed, tendered, awarded to Leishman Associates (DISCOVER PCO). The transition started today.

ASEG Events 2025

Three flagship gatherings of the Australian exploration geophysics community



CONFERENCE

AEGC 2025

Pioneering integration across geoscience disciplines

8 to 11 September 2025

Perth

The 5th Australasian Exploration Geoscience Conference, co-hosted by ASEG, AIG and PESA. Brought together minerals, energy and environmental geoscience.



SYMPOSIUM

Don Emerson Memorial Symposium

Celebrating a giant of Australian geophysics

3 July 2025

Sydney

A one-day tribute to Don Emerson AM, recognising his contribution to teaching, mentoring and the science of exploration geophysics.



SYMPOSIUM

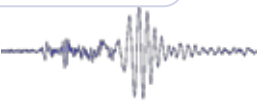
MAG25

Modern Applications of Geophysics

20 November 2025

Perth

A one-day symposium of case studies spanning exploration, discovery, evaluation and production of mineral deposits, followed by a catered sundowner.



CAGE · 2025 highlights

Camp At Gonneville: demand, support, and feedback from 2025

DEMAND

300%

of available places

Applications consistently exceed capacity three-to-one.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT



Sponsorship meets requirements

Number of sponsoring organisations grows every year.

VOLUNTEER POOL



Returning year after year

Key volunteers and demonstrators come back; the pool keeps growing.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

“

It was an amazing experience! I'm genuinely considering shifting to a career in geophysics now.

— Participant, CAGE 2025



“

Such a brilliant course! Learnt a bunch in both theory and practical, and made some great friends in the process.

— Participant, CAGE 2025



Updates from the Committees



Membership · 2025

920 members at year-end: strongest result since 2019, +10% YoY

920

Total members 2025

+87 vs 2024 · +10.4% YoY

+115

Recovery from 2022 trough

Up from 805 (2022) → 920 (2025)

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States & regions represented

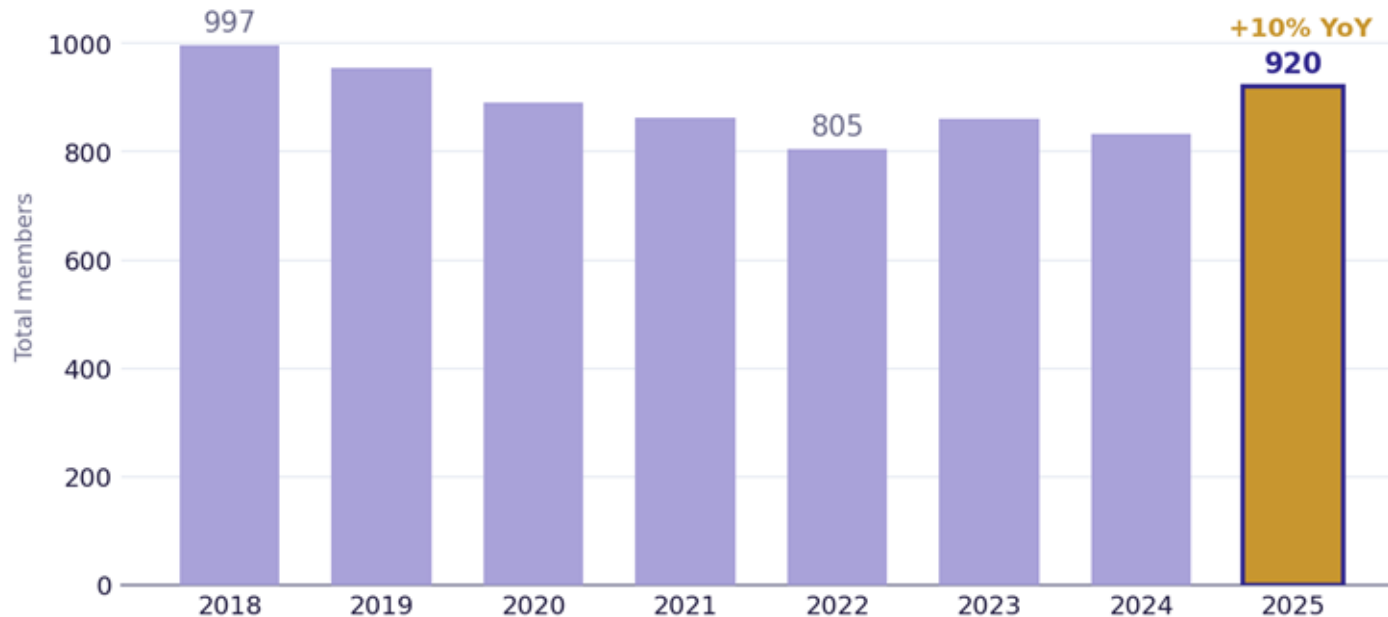
WA, INTL, QLD, NSW, VIC, SA/NT, ACT, TAS

109

Student members

Highest since 2018 · +49 YoY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP · 2018 – 2025



STUDENT REBOUND

109 students · +82% YoY

Up from 31 in 2023: strongest student cohort in 7 years.

INTERNATIONAL REBOUND

146 INTL · +23% YoY

Up from 95 trough in 2022: overseas membership now back near pre-COVID levels.

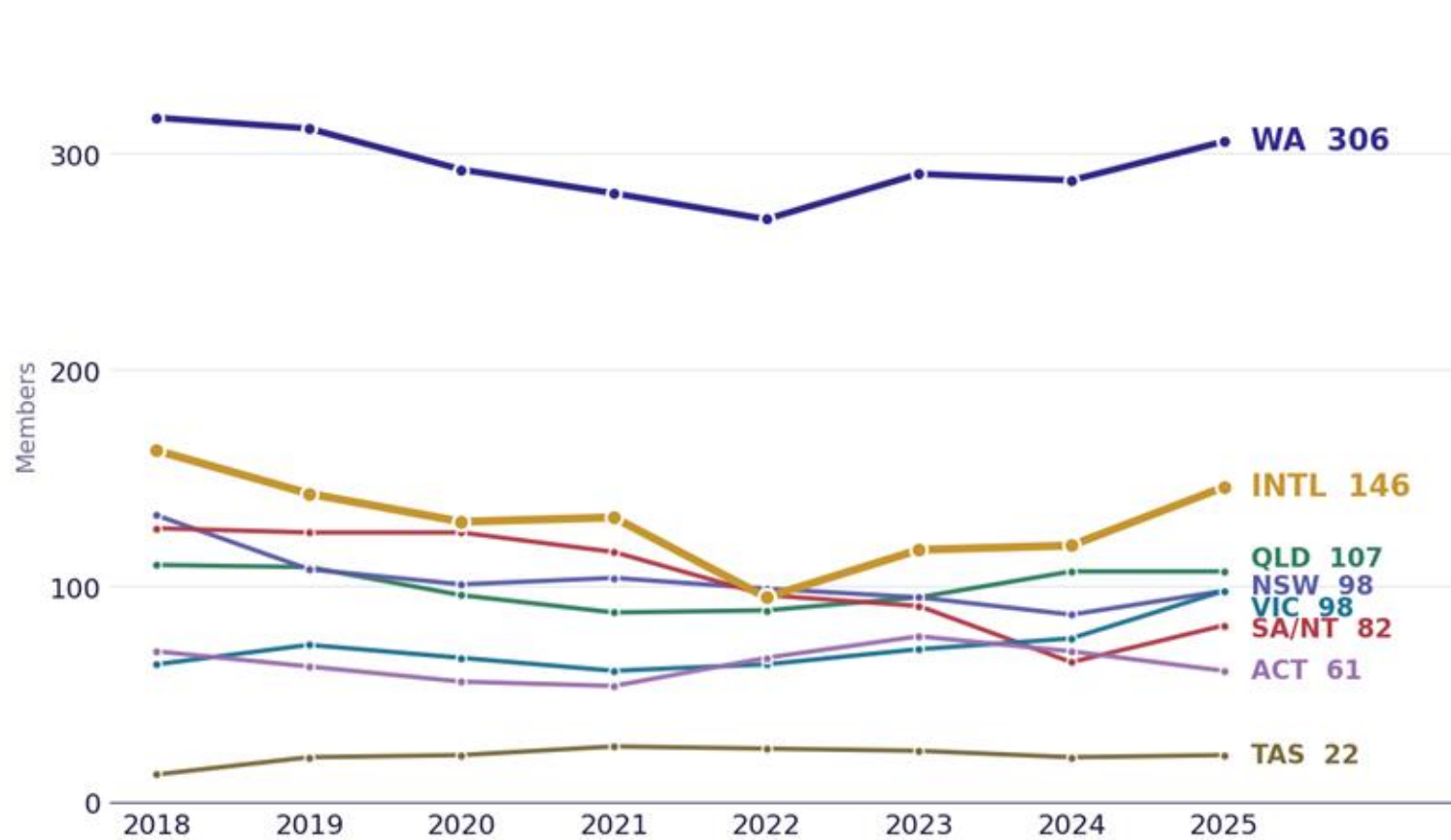
Source: ASEG Membership Chair summary, December 2025



Membership · State trends and composition

WA still the largest base; international and Victorian membership growing fastest in 2025

MEMBERSHIP BY STATE / REGION · 2018 – 2025



2025 SNAPSHOT · YoY CHANGE

REGION	2025	YoY
WA	306	▲ +18
INTL	146	▲ +27
QLD	107	—
NSW	98	▲ +11
VIC	98	▲ +22
SA/NT	82	▲ +17
ACT	61	▼ -9
TAS	22	▲ +1

Source: ASEG Membership Chair summary, December 2025



2025 progress · Professional development

New seminar series: launching April 2026

NEW SERIES · APRIL 2026 LAUNCH

Professional Development Seminar Series

01

GAP GEOPHYSICS & DIAS

3D IP Data Acquisition

April 2026 · launches the series

02

GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA

Inversion Theory

Following session · fundamentals

03

INDUSTRY CONTRACTORS

Real-world IP data processing & modelling

Case studies from the field



2025 progress · Education

Bringing geoscience to schools, teachers, and the next generation

SEG COLLABORATION

DISC speakers Australian tour

Supporting SEG to bring DISC speakers to Australia for state tours. Next course: *Seismic Methods for Urban Engineers* targeting QLD, NSW and WA in August.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

GeoSciEd-X sponsorship

Sponsoring the *International Geoscience Education Conference GeoSciEd-X* in Adelaide this August: practical workshops and pedagogical skills for teachers and educators, lifting general awareness of geoscience.

GEOSCIENCE IN SCHOOLS

AusEarthEd & TESEP

Committed funding for Australian Earth Science Education and the Teacher Earth Science Education Program. Working with both to integrate age-appropriate geophysics into their curricula and to build long-term alliances with school-facing geoscience educators.

CAGE

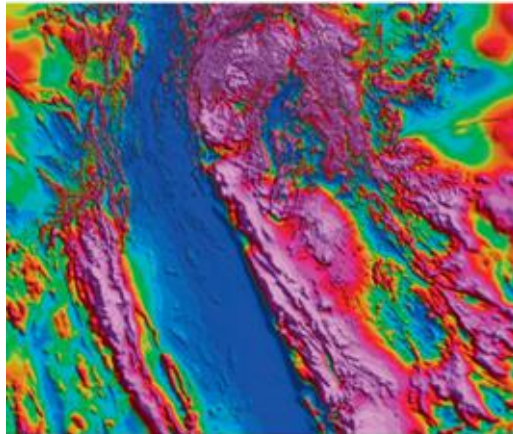
Camp At Gonneville returns

Successful 2025 camp held at Gonneville. 2026 planning is already underway with plans to replicate the format and reach.



Exploration Geophysics · 2025

First year on the EAGE/EarthDoc platform · V56 and V57



QUALITY PAPERS

14

Published across V56 and V57

PAGES

93

Of peer-reviewed content

SPECIAL THANKS

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tim Dean

DEPUTY EDITORS

Alex Costall

Graham Heinson

Konstantin Tertyshnikov

+ All Associate Editors and Reviewers

TRANSITION YEAR

Fewer papers, higher quality

Open Access for new papers with no Author Publication Charge.

EarthDoc's back-catalog revenue offsets production costs.



Preview · 2025

New EAGE/EarthDoc partnership · ASEG self-publishes, EarthDoc distributes

PARTNERSHIP

EAGE / EarthDoc

ASEG transitioned to the EAGE/EarthDoc platform: global distribution, simpler workflow.

OWNERSHIP

ASEG self-publishes

ASEG retains editorial control. EarthDoc handles distribution and reach.

SPECIAL THANKS

EDITOR

Lisa Worrall

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Thong Huynh

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

**Dave Pratt, Mike Hatch, Jim Austin,
Michael Micenko, Tim Keeping**

WEBMASTER

Gokul Venu Sreebindu

ADVERTISING

Roger Henderson

PRODUCTION EDITOR

Elise Knotek (Stripe Design)



Preview • 2025

Six issues across the year: all delivered on schedule



ISSUES

6

Published in 2025

PAGES

366

Of editorial content

HIGHLIGHT

AEGC 2025 Perth bumper issue

113 pages dedicated to the conference — the largest Preview issue of the year.

HUGE THANKS

Lisa Worrall

Preview Super Editor



Extended Abstracts • 2025

AEGC 2025 Perth: submitted to ASEG for publication in Q2 2026

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

99

Extended abstracts



NEXT STEP

Q2 2026 publication update

The 99 AEGC Perth extended abstracts will be published as part of ASEG's 2026 program, fully open access.



Newsletter

1,200+ subscribers across Australia and overseas · growing audience and strong member coverage

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

1,200+

National + international reach

ASEG MEMBERS

78%

of subscribers are members · 22% non-members

TOP ENGAGEMENT — NSW

44%

followed by VIC 36% · WA 20%

SUBSCRIBERS BY REGION

WA

407

INTL

238

NSW

136

SA-NT

122

VIC

116

QLD

114

ACT

75

TAS

28

With thanks to our six regular contributors keeping the newsletter informed and on schedule.



Communications Committee

From audience size to activity to impact: the 2025 picture in three numbers

AUDIENCE SIZE

7,953

followers across all platforms

ACTIVITY

463

posts published

IMPACT

223,441

impressions delivered

THE FLYWHEEL

Audience size → Activity → Impact. A larger audience earns more posting opportunities, and more posts compound into measurable impressions.



Communications · Year in Review

Where the audience lives, where the posts go, and where engagement comes from

FOLLOWERS		POSTS		ENGAGEMENT	
LinkedIn	5,383	LinkedIn	136	LinkedIn	202,404
Facebook	1,728	Facebook	120	Instagram	10,846
X	590	Instagram	119	Facebook	10,191
Instagram	252	X	87		

NET GROWTH IN 2025

1,204

new followers across all channels

LinkedIn led growth, with strong activity on Instagram.



Communications Committee · Goals

Where we're focusing in the year ahead

01

CONTENT & VISIBILITY

Show technical depth, speak with one voice

- Prioritise promotion of technical content, events, and member achievements.
- Support a more unified ASEG voice across all communication channels.

02

PIPELINE & PROCESSES

Consistent quality, more visual storytelling

- Increase consistency and quality of content across ASEG channels.
- Expand use of visual and video content where practical.

03

PLATFORMS & CAPABILITY

Stronger reach, sustainable team

- Continue improving existing platforms to lift visibility of branch activities and local events.
- Explore opportunities to better utilise underused channels (e.g. YouTube).
- Support transition of responsibilities within the Communications team to ensure continuity.



Looking forward

Where to find the Society in 2026 — and where we're headed next



AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS
2ND ASEG **DISCOVER SYMPOSIUM**
26–30 OCTOBER 2026 Cairns, Far North Queensland

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPEN

26–30 OCT 2026

| PULLMAN CAIRNS

| MINERALS · ENERGY · ENVIRONMENT

CONFERENCE

MAG26

Mining and Geosciences

MAG is back for a 6th year.

Perth · 2026

TRAINING

CAGE

Camp for Applied Geophysics Excellence

Long-term funding committed.

Dates TBC · Volunteers needed

SAVE THE DATE

AEGC 2027

Australasian Exploration Geoscience Conference

Being held in Adelaide.

19–24 September 2027



Thank you

Recognising outgoing Federal Executive members for their service to ASEG



EDUCATION

Karen Aurisch

Leading the Education Committee in investigating new pathways to lift the visibility of geophysics careers across schools and universities.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr Steve Hearn

Steered ASEG's publications transition: from the Taylor & Francis era to a open access Exploration Geophysics with EAGE partnership and a self-published Preview.



President's Report

Motion 3 — President's Report

Any questions in the room or online in the chat box?

That the Annual General Meeting accepts the report of the President.

Voting:

- **Online** — raise your hand if you object
- **In person** — raise your hand if you object





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Directors for Society 2026/2027
Annual General Meeting 2026

Nominations for Directors

The Annual General Meeting notes the Directors of the Society for 2026/2027 who were nominated in accordance with the Society's Constitution and are unopposed:

1. President – Teagan Blaikie
2. President Elect – Mark McLean
3. Treasurer – Yvette Poudjom Djomani
4. Secretary – Mikayla Sambrooks
5. Immediate Past President – Ian James





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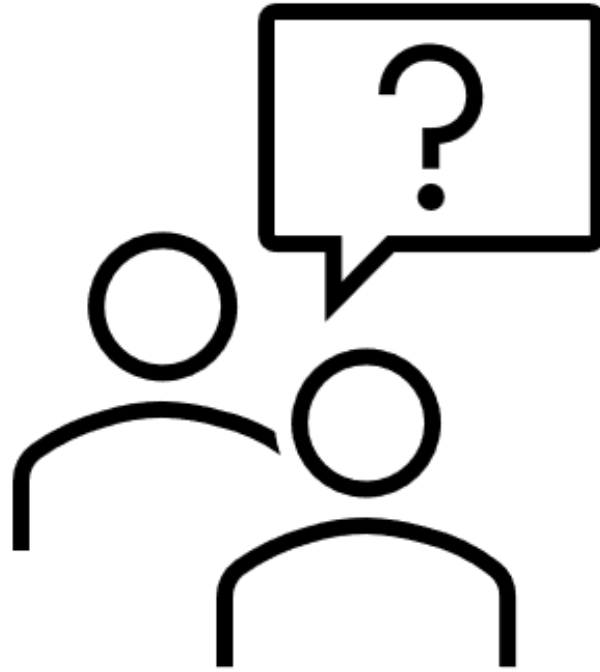
Nominations for Committee 2026/2027
Annual General Meeting 2026

7. Nominations for Committee

The Annual General Meeting notes the Chairs of the Committees of the Society for 2026/2027 who were nominated in accordance with the Society's Constitution and are unopposed:

1. Finance Chair - Yvette Poudjom Djomani
1. Publications Chair - Ian James
1. Membership Chair - Timothy Hill
1. State Branch Liaison - Eric Battig
1. Communications Chair - Mosayeb Khademi Zahedi
1. Webmaster - Gokul Venu Sreebindu
1. Education and Professional Development Chair - Co-Chaired by Janelle Kerr and Sasha Aivazpourporgou
1. Research Foundation - Vacancy
1. Technical Standards - Vacancy





Keep in touch

- Monthly email newsletters
- <https://www.aseg.org.au/events>



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• @ASEG_news



• Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists



• ASEG Videos





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Thank you for attending the 2026 ASEG AGM