



Institute of Hospital Engineering Australia

REPORT to IFHE COUNCIL MEETING April 2016

Summary of Key Activities and Information

IHEA membership has remained steady at approx 450 members. The IHEA has undertaken a review of our constitution and rules. We are finalising the changes to be voted and adopted by the members at this Annual General Meeting – September in Adelaide.

Planning for the 2018 International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE) Congress has progressed with a dedicated Congress Planning Committee. We tendered the Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) and have engaged Icebergs Events. Icebergs have a strong relationship with the IHEA and have successfully provided National Conference planning services for the past 6 years. Our event branding has been completed and we have a contract with the venue Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre and secured support from Tourism Events Queensland (TEQ). Dates have been finalised for 6 – 11 October 2018 – and all arrangements for the ExCo and Council meetings incorporated in early planning. The IHEA 2018 website has been created and to be launched shortly, following the 2016 IFHE Congress.

The IHEA recruited to the vacant Chief Executive Officer's position. Karen Taylor joined the IHEA in July 2015 and has been instrumental in driving process and board governance for all Board Directors. Karen is currently assisting with the National Conference 2016 and is also on the planning committee for the 2018 Congress.

Our national strategic plan was reviewed and updated in Feb '16 leading to the creation of a 12 months Business Plan on key directional aspects. The membership database has undergone an upgrade and is positioning the IHEA for a membership drive in 2016/17.

The Board continues its effort on Professional Development opportunities and maintains this as a focus area and a point of effort for our new CEO to support our membership growth. There is work being undertaken to streamline and standardise the Professional Development provided by each state to ensure all members can access these seminars.

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