



BRANCH BROADCAST



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... the newsletter for AusIMM Branch Committees

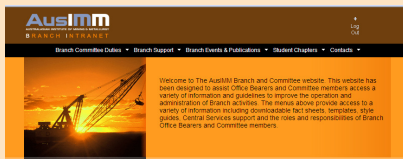
Important Dates July–October 2009

7 August	July Bank Statements distributed by AusIMM Services
14 August	Branch documents and information for July 2009 due
9 Sept.	August Bank Statements Distributed by AusIMM Services
16 Sept.	Branch documents and information for August 2009 due
September	Request for Business Plans, Budgets & Special Purpose Funding distributed

Don't forget to visit the

BRANCH INTRANET

[www.ausimm.com.au/
branchadmin](http://www.ausimm.com.au/branchadmin)



The Branch Broadcast is intended to communicate issues that directly affect the running of your Branch.

We welcome your comments and suggestions as to the content and format of this newsletter. Branches are welcome to place articles or editorial of interest to other branches in this newsletter.

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Welcome

Welcome all Branch and Combined Group office bearers to the July-August edition of the Branch Broadcast.

As always this issue provides an update on the activities undertaken by The AusIMM in addition to a range of important updates and requests from all areas of The AusIMM.

A big thank you to all those Branch and Combined Group representatives who attended The AusIMM Congress 2009 and to those who assisted in the preparation of papers and briefing notes. In particular, thanks to The AusIMM North West Queensland Branch for their assistance in organising Congress and the range of fantastic networking events that accompanied Congress.

Membership renewals and applications continue to grow and I thank all those Branches and Combined Groups who have been undertaking recruitment drives and following up unpaid members. I would urge all Branch and Combined Group Committees to maintain their communication with their members, AusIMM Services and, where appropriate, those Student Chapters and Auxiliaries that are affiliated with your Branch.

Kind regards,

Ashley Van Krieken

Director of Membership & Branch Services

Congress 2009 Outcomes

The AusIMM Congress was held in Mt Isa over the 22nd to 24th of May 2009. The Congress was extremely successful and already there is a steady flow of actions, documents and ideas between those in attendance. A complete summary of Congress has been prepared including a summary table of actions as recorded by the Congress scribes.

The summary has been sent directly to all Congress participants and will also be placed on The AusIMM Branch Intranet for all Branch members to access from the start of August.

Core actions for the Membership and Branches team are to ensure communication is further improved and the release of discussion forums will provide a real-time bulletin board for Branches to advise others of possible speakers and visits. Additionally, we now have Xanthus Weber focusing on Student Chapters and Graduates, and Jessica Wootton and Natalie Ienco working with Branches in the distribution of information to members.

A big area of concern at Congress was the financial state of The AusIMM as a whole. The Membership and Branches Department will be working closely with the Finance Department to provide additional information for Branches to use when developing their future plans and strategies. In particular, we intend to improve the clarity of both the timeframe and requirements for the Special Purpose Funding allocation process this year.

We have begun placing additional documents and information on the Branch Intranet and will coordinate amongst Branches and other Groups to produce the wide range of 'How to' factsheets discussed at Congress.

It is also pleasing to report that we have already completed some of the actions from Congress including the streamlining of the Course Recognition process and broadening the eligibility of EEF awards to students from non AusIMM recognised courses.

Office Bearer Information Updates

Mailing Lists and Branch Mailing Lists

Branch and Combined Group Office Bearers are reminded that both electronic and hard copy mailouts can be undertaken by AusIMM Services in Melbourne. We are finding that requests from Branches and Groups are usually being acted upon within 1 working day of the request being made.

I would urge all Office Bearers to use AusIMM Services to distribute information to their members. The benefits of this include:

- Relieving the burden on voluntary committee members,
- Allowing The AusIMM to track and address any email bounce backs or return to sender mail,
- Ensuring that members are not swamped by a raft of emails from Branches, Combined Groups, Conferences and Events, Membership, Publications and the CEO's office.

Should a Branch or Combined Group wish to send out their own material they may request a mailing list from the Membership and Branches department. Any address corrections or returned mail should be forwarded to AusIMM Services for attention. As member details are constantly changing Branch office bearers are advised not to use any list more than two to three weeks old when mailing information.

Please contact Jessica Wootton via email jwootton@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9662 3166.

Please allow at least 3 working days for fulfilment of mailing requests.

Branch Visits

A reminder to all Branches and Combined Groups to contact Pauline Weaver to organise for the President of The AusIMM, Mr Greg Chalmers FAusIMM(CP) or the CEO Mr Michael Catchpole MAusIMM to attend technical talks, dinners or other events. Pauline can be contacted via email pweaver@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9662 3166.

Please contact Ashley Van Krieken, Director of Member and Branch Services directly via email avankrieken@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9658 6131 to arrange for his attendance at a Committee meeting, technical talk or other event.

Update — The AusIMM President, Greg Chalmers FAusIMM (CP) will be visiting Western Australia during the week of 27 July 2009 in conjunction with The AusIMM Iron Ore Conference. For further information please contact Pauline Weaver via email pweaver@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9662 3166

Next Branch Chairs Conference Call

Ahead of this Broadcast you will have received an email requesting Branches to nominate a suitable date for the next conference call to occur. Key items on the agenda will be:

- Branch Budgeting, Business Plans and Requests for Funding
- Branch Communications including discussion forum/ bulletin board
- Congress 2009 outcomes
- Succession planning for committees

Of course there will also be the opportunity for Branch representatives to raise issues.

Election of AusIMM Directors 2010—2012

Nominations are called for Election of Directors of The AusIMM for the period 2010—2012. Nominations must be received by 5.00pm EST, 1 August 2009.

There are three vacant positions to be filled for the period 2010-2012. If there are more than three nominations, ballots will be sent to all members by 25 August; close of ballot will be 5 October 2009.

Retiring directors will be: Chris Carr, John Dow and Kate Somerville.

Only Corporate Members (Members or Fellows) may be nominated to the Board of The AusIMM.

Further information and a nomination form can be downloaded from http://www.ausimm.com.au/Content/docs/nomination_director2010-12.pdf

Completed forms may be sent to the Chief Executive's fax (03) 9662 3534, or by email to ceo@ausimm.com.au

Subscription Collections

At the time of writing 91% of members had renewed their subscription with The AusIMM. The Membership and Branches team is currently conducting a final phone campaign to those members who are still yet to pay their membership subscription.

A final list of unpaid members is being sent to the Board at their request and will also be sent to Branch Chairs and Secretaries. The purpose of this list is to allow our office bearers to identify friends, colleagues or acquaintances they may know and advise them that their membership is outstanding.

Following the distribution of these lists and feedback all members who continue to have an outstanding membership subscription will receive written advice informing them that they are now an unfinancial member of The AusIMM. All unfinancial members will be removed from the register of members on 31 August 2009. It should be noted that this deadline has been extended by two months due to the economic climate.

Members removed under this process must pay an arrears fee in addition to the application fee and annual subscription rate if they rejoin The AusIMM in the future. Even though we would prefer them to continue their membership, it is also useful to advise those members who no longer wish to be part of The AusIMM that they should resign in writing to the Membership Department to avoid these fees if they wish to rejoin in the future.

Long Serving Members List & Certificates

By now all Branch Office Bearers should have received a list of those members allocated to them who are due to receive a long-service award for membership to The AusIMM.

Please advise Jessica Wootton as soon as possible as to whether you wish to distribute the certificates at an event or have AusIMM Services send them from the office in Melbourne. We are currently producing certificates to meet the event timeframes of Branches and thus the more notice we have the more likely we will be able to meet your request.

Jessica can be contacted via: branches@ausimm.com.au

Membership Update

The graph opposite shows that for the first six months of 2009 member numbers have grown to 9,871. This figure is 101 below the 2009 target of 9,972. While this is a positive result reflecting the importance existing and new members are putting on belonging to The AusIMM it disguises the some 550 members who are yet to pay their subscriptions for 2009.

As noted earlier AusIMM Services staff are currently completing a phone campaign to follow up these members in addition to dispatching a 'final notice' by post. In all we are estimating that around 300 to 400 members will be removed from the Register of Members in 2009. This is in line with previous results and will of course bring the number of members below the target for 2009.

The bulk of those members (55%) with outstanding memberships are in the grades of "Student" and "Graduate 1st year" reflecting the difficulties we have keeping in contact with these members when they complete their studies. Xanthus Weber is working with Student Chapters to try and contact as many of these members as possible. However, what it clearly illustrates is one of the key outcomes of Congress 2009 — forming a Taskforce to determine how we can better retain Students after they complete their studies.

I would like to thank those Branches and Combined Groups who have actively followed up unpaid members. I ask that all of your events between now and the 31st of August you again urge any members who have not paid their membership subscription to do so.

Please also remind those members who may be experiencing hardship that The AusIMM does offer a variety of reduced subscription rates. They can contact the membership team to discuss their eligibility.

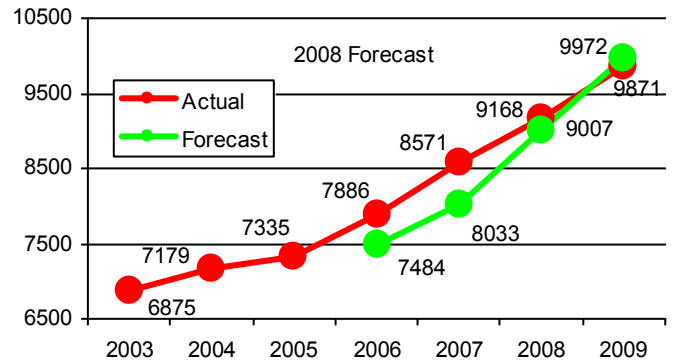
Call for Contributions AusIMM Bulletin

The AusIMM is seeking contributions from members for the September 2009 edition of The AusIMM Bulletin. The issue will focus on the following features:

- Africa
- South Australia
- Minerals Processing
- Mining Communications
- Underground Mining
- Gold

Articles can be between 350-3000 words in length. We welcome case studies, personal career experiences, new developments, processes and technologies, branch activities and anything else of interest to others in your profession.

Please send through your article ideas – in two or three sentences - to Monika Sarder, Bulletin Editor at msarder@ausimm.com.au. The deadline for full articles is not until 26 August however please send ideas early while there is still space.



Forecast and actual AusIMM membership figures, 2003–2009.

Possible Guest Speaker / Topic: Strategic Planning

The AusIMM has been approached by James Davis, a partner with Leighton Davis & Partners in respect to a scalable seminar in strategic planning based on the Argenti system. This system is used by a number of companies including Wesfarmers, Iluka Resources, Woodside Energy and NAB.

The seminar can be as short as one hour or a full day seminar involving a case study providing Branches with numerous options for a technical talk or longer networking session.

Surveying by The AusIMM suggests that for the management teams of many companies, particularly those smaller ones proper strategic planning is critical in the current climate to both manage its way through the current crisis but also set themselves up for strong growth as the economic climate ticks up.

More information can be obtained from Ashley Van Krieken via avankrieken@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9658 6131.

Possible Guest Speaker / Topic: Risk Management

As most Branch Office Bearers would be aware The AusIMM offers a service through ACI Broking for discounted Professional Indemnity and Directors and Officers Insurances. ACI is also the kind sponsor of The AusIMM Membership card.

As part of the relationship, ACI Broking has offered to provide a speaker to Branches and Combined Groups to discuss the broader issues around risk, risk management and the role of insurance. They have already spoken to a couple of Branches over the last twelve months with considerable success. ACI as a national group have speakers in every State and Territory and are happy to travel to many of our regional Branches and Combined Groups.

With an increasing focus on risk management within the industry this may present Branches with an excellent speaker for a technical session or other such event.

If you require further information please contact Felicity McGahan by email fmcgahan@ausimm.com.au or by phone +61 3 9662 3166.

2009 Events

27 - 29 JULY

Iron Ore 2009

Perth, WA

17 - 19 AUGUST

*Seventh International
Mining Geology
Conference 2009*

Perth, WA

27 - 29 AUGUST

*The AusIMM New Zealand
Branch Conference 2009*

Queenstown, New Zealand

15 - 17 SEPTEMBER

Water In Mining 2009

Perth, WA

12 - 14 OCTOBER

*Tenth Mill Operators'
Conference 2009 - Milling
Through the Boom*

Adelaide, SA

19 - 23 OCTOBER

*Geostatistical mineral
resource/ore reserve
estimation and meeting the
JORC requirements: Step by
step from sampling to grade
control*

Perth, WA

26 - 30 OCTOBER

World Gold

Johannesburg, South Africa

11 - 12 FEBRUARY 2010

*10th Coal Operators
Conference 2010*

University of Wollongong,
NSW

11 - 12 MAY

Sampling 2010

Perth, WA

16 - 17 JUNE

*AusIMM International Uranium
Conference 2010*

Adelaide, SA

*For updates and further
information go to:*

<http://www.ausimm.com.au/Sections/MEvents.aspx>

The AusIMM Uranium Public Information Evening, Darwin Convention Centre, 2009

At the most recent International Uranium Conference The AusIMM in conjunction with the Northern Territory Resources Council (NTRC) held a public information evening at the Darwin Convention Centre. As part of this event The AusIMM recorded both the presentations and question and answer sessions.

The forum was chaired by Monika Sarder, Manager Policy and Advocacy for The AusIMM and included speakers from the NTRC, Uranium Industry Framework Committee, Northern Land Council, Australian Uranium Association and the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency. Speakers covered a range of topics including an overview of the Uranium Industry in Australia; the Industry's Impact on Climate Change; Mine Remediation; Health and Safety; Indigenous Relations; and Non Proliferation Safeguards.

The intent was to be able to provide Branches and Combined Groups with a Video that could be utilised as part of a Branch or Combined Group event. The AusIMM Kalgoorlie Branch is using this recording as one of the evening lectures it has planned for Science Week (17 - 20 August).

If you would like to access a copy of the video please advise Monika Sarder via email msarder@ausimm.com.au

It is our hope that we will be able to offer similar events in the future subject to interest from Branches and Combined Groups and available resources. Ultimately we would hope to be able to live stream events.

Registration of Engineers in Western Australia, Discussion Paper

Many of you would have seen that the Western Australia Building Commission has produced a discussion paper to seek public comment on whether it is necessary to regulate the engineering profession in that state, and if so, what an appropriate model would for this registration would include.

The AusIMM will be preparing a response to this discussion paper addressing:

- The question of whether additional regulation in the form of registration is needed (in relation to mining professionals)
- If registration is introduced, what the requirements should be (in relation to mining professionals)
- If registration is introduced, benefits of assessing through The AusIMM Chartered Professional Program (as is the case in Queensland)

The AusIMM welcomes member feedback on this paper, not just those in Western Australia but those who may be required to operate for periods of time in the State. We would ask all Branch Office Bearers to make members aware of this discussion paper and provide feedback to Ashley Van Krieken via email: avankrieken@ausimm.com.au

The document can be viewed at www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au/default.aspx?MenuID=4

Board of Professional Engineers Queensland BPEQ Roadshow

Advance notice is given to Queensland Branches that the Board of Professional Engineers Queensland (BPEQ) will be conducting a roadshow through Queensland to outline the requirements and process for Registered Engineer status in the state. This roadshow will be organised in conjunction with The AusIMM and Engineers Australia and Ashley Van Krieken will write to all Queensland Branches in respect to nominating dates for possible briefings and tours.

If you have not been contacted by Ashley please contact him directly via email avankrieken@ausimm.com.au or phone +61 3 9658 6131