

Subject LCANZ – AGM 2022

Venue Notion, Unit P/61 Hugo Johnston Drive, Penrose, Auckland
Online Zoom Meeting

Date of Meeting 3pm, 7 September 2022

Present (in-person and on-line) Joel Gibbs, Tom Womack, Ben Morrow, Linda Wong, Lizzie Cameron, Jayson Benge, Sateesh Kumar Pisini, Michael Fielding, Theunie Rushmer-Wiid, Bryan Ybanez, Nina Masoumi, Mitali Nautiyal, Jeff Vickers, Gaya Gamage, Barbara Nebel, AJay Morris, Ferran de Miguel Mercader, Mariana Pereira Barsotti, Kimberly Robertson, Brent Clothier, Sarah McLaren, Nick Collins, Josh McGlone, Louise Bullen, Adam Schofield, Shreyasi Majumdar, Kelly McClean, John McArthur, Stuart Smith, Andre Mazzetto, Stuart Hayman, Rahul Chopra, Tom McCue, Emily Townsend.

Description
Welcome – Emily – panel discussion session will be made available online, not the AGM.
<p>2021 matters</p> <p>Minutes of the 2020 AGM have been circulated to all members and the motion: <i>The 2021 AGM minutes attached to this email are a true and correct record of the 2021 AGM meeting.</i></p> <p>Has been moved by Emily and seconded by Ajay. Carried.</p> <p>Minutes accepted</p>
<p>2022 matters</p> <p>President’s report</p> <p>The President Emily Townsend provided an update on LCANZ events and news over the past year, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autumn Webinar series - ACLCA and ALCAS events - Results of quiz and winner - Comms plan with BBA – activation – <u>local content</u> - Members logo - to be emailed. New ones for each year - NZ partner events - Consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several consultation submissions made – more details in BPWG presentation. - Continued growth of LCA in NZ, with many new EPDs published. General interest in LCA has increased – this is reflected in the growth of our membership as well. - Ongoing engagement with Katie Symons, the lead for the MBIE Building for Climate Change Whole of Life Embodied Carbon methodology. We were asked to sit on their TAG. Lots of industry representation, with many of our members also part of the products TAG side of things.

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- LCACP has gone online, and we have brought the screening process to NZ so we can manage the whole thing here. Though the online exams are still managed through America, they are at NZ friendly timezones.
- New concept of LCCCP (Life Cycle Certified Carbon Practitioner). The aim for that is to support the growing need for life cycle carbon assessment as well as verification. Need has come about in Australia for practitioners who can not only measure the carbon in product systems (climate change impacts), but also audit and verify the studies. Details will be shared soon.
- We are also now looking at moving into our local content. We have signed an agreement with BBA to improve the local content for LKANZ and highlight more of our members work with case studies and member profiles. We are planning to activate that following the AGM. We expect some new local content flowing over the next few months.
- One of the highlights of the year was our Autumn webinar series. Successful transition from what was planned to be a half-day summit to a series of online webinars that ran during lunchtime across a few weeks. Very positive feedback. The webinars are available for anyone to look at – not just LKANZ members.
- We ran a quiz competition through the webinar process. Zara Balador won the quiz and thereby a free membership to LKANZ.
- Member logos – We are about to launch new member logos. In response to the fact that we haven't had any previously and it has been requested. Following the AGM we will be emailing out the member logos to all of our paid up members. They are dated for the current year and a new set will be provided each year.
- It has been a busy year and the voluntary committee is doing as much as we can, balancing this alongside our jobs. At the same time, if there are any other ideas out there, we welcome the feedback. In saying this, I would like to thank the committee members for their sterling work over the past year.

Emily thanks all committee members. Adam moved to accept President's Report and Barbara seconded. Carried.

A copy of the President's report and a recording of the AGM are available on the LKANZ website.

Financial report

The Treasurer John McArthur presented the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 May 2021.

- Main income is from subscriptions.
- LCACP application fees came and went.
- Communication and networking was the big chunk of the expense. This relates to what Emily mentioned about our contract with BBA to support local content.
- QA from membership?
- Question from Ajay – the communication and networking amount – what did we spend it on? John answered BBA.

So we have a surplus of a little over \$10,000 and that added to the equity leaves us with \$55,000 in the bank.

John moved that the Statement of Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2022 be accepted, Adam seconded. Carried.

John also mentioned that since we have gone a bit past the end of the financial year, we have got some more money – currently we have over \$66,000 in the bank.

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John moved that 31 May 2022 Treasurer report be accepted, Emily seconded. Carried.

Membership status – membership grew in the financial year to 37 corporate 21 individual and 8 students.

Stuart asked, “what is a corporate associate?” John answered: We invite any corporate member to put any other member of their staff into the membership list, so that they get further membership style emails over and above those that go out by mailchimp to a much wider group.

A copy of the Treasurer’s report and the Statement of Financial Accounts are available on the LCA NZ website.

BPWG – Adam Schofield

Activities – Kelly and Adam were co-chairs. Kelly was away for much of the last year on maternity leave, so it was Adam, Kimberly, Jeff and Joanne.

They worked on two Discussion papers – EPD101 (links collected – next step to put up on the website) and EPD comparative claims guidance

They also worked on two Consultation feedbacks

- Greenstar
- NZ Environmental Reporting System.

Neither of the discussion papers have been released/published yet due to the lack of time on the part of the BPWG committee. EPD 101 was aimed to be a one-stop-shop for information about EPDs and get some NZ case studies as well. All the links and the structure have been done, and it has been circulated to the committee. All that is needed is a case study and go on the website. The comparative claims discussion paper – with EPDs people are drawn to compare two EPDs of like products, this paper aims to address the gaps therein and provide guidance on how EPDs can be used when comparing products. Still some work to be done on that.

Another thing they did was consultation submissions. The first one since the last AGM was the Green Star one, where BPWG sent out requests for member involvement, got some feedback and put together a draft position, had some more feedback and based on that altered the draft position and then submitted that. The other one was the NZ environmental reporting system, where we followed the same process and submitted it. We focused on strong emphasis on LCA and LCM and made sure we emphasised more responsibility on stakeholders for their value chain. This provides a more holistic overview.

Future – Kelly will become secretary, Kimberly will become sole chair, Adam will become normal member. We will also put up the links for the discussion papers once they’re finalised.

Adam urged more people to join the BPWG. Meetings usually once a quarter. Doesn’t have to be full time involvement – it can be project-based focus. Also, you don’t have to be an LCACP, we welcome a range of perspectives.

Kimberly thanked Adam and Kelly for chairing the last three years. She re-iterated that anyone who is interested will be welcome to join the BPWG, irrespective of whether they are an LCACP or not. Kelly said more voices needed on BPWG.

EPD Australasia Update

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- John provided a summary of EPD Australasia as a formal programme operator.
- The company is owned 50-50 between LCANZ and ALCAS. Established in November 2014.
- Governance and management
- Licenced to international EPD system of Sweden and recently renewed our contract so its more up-to-date.
- International EPD system has many hubs around the world, including Turkey, South America and Asia and so we are the Australasian hub of that international consortium. Our EPDs are recognised throughout the world.
- Kelly Taylor our programme operator has become part of the international EPD board as an observer and contributor of Australasian EPD system view to that board, no voting rights, but can contribute on our behalf.

Discussion Topics

- EPD growth in Australasia has been steadily growing with a particular growth spurt in the last year, mainly because there were some pending changes and there was a scurry of applications to get in before the deadline. It is a very healthy, natural growth in terms of the environmental recognition by companies, their license to operate, their credentials in the marketplace, very well driven by having EPDs registered for their products. The number of organisations has also grown in relation to that, and we now have 61 member organisations.
- Financial performance has been very good, and we are in a healthy position – substantial income and expenditure, the surplus is healthy amount of money in the bank. Secure position from which we can initiate a number of future activities like technical data collection activities/website improvement etc.
- EPDs by product category – mostly for concrete and concrete elements and mostly building products. Some interesting categories like rolling stock for railways, some textiles, and one food product. So we are still developing products, but would like to see more activity in other industry groups.

Future opportunities

- Spreading the word about LCA and EPD opportunities to other industry groups
- Digitisation of big data – dialling up the product selection for your project and getting and instantaneous evaluation of comparative environmental impacts.
- Keeping pace with Europe, USA, international trends.

Questions:

- What about the pipeline going forward? (Kimberly). Lots of EPDs on the horizon. Need for verifiers. Barbara – different sectors or still building focussed? John said still building & construction focussed. Plenty of LCA work in other sectors (particularly Agriculture) but the drivers for EPDs are not as strong as Green Star and ISC Rating points.

Committee Nominations and Elections

Due to the two-year rotation the following members are not up for election:

- Emily Townsend (President to 2023)
- Barbara Nebel (2023)
- AJay Morris (2023)
- John McArthur (2023)

Due to the two-year rotation the following members are up for election:

- Adam Schofield (to 2022)

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- Joanne Duncan (to 2022)
- Shreyasi Majumdar (to 2022)
- Kelly McLean (to 2022)
- Ferran de Miguel Mercader (to 2022)

All the above nominations agreed to stand again for election on to the committee. There was 1 nomination received in accordance with the rules of the society, LKANZ member Rahul Chopra. Therefore, we had a contested election and LKANZ members were asked to vote via email to fill the 5 vacancies by Tuesday 5pm 6 September.

Results. Everyone except Adam returned. Rahul voted in.

Acknowledgements.

General Business

- Question from Lina about NZ centric normalisation values for impacts. Jeff answered on behalf of BPWG – don't have anything yet, but we should. Kimberly asked Lina's email to be forwarded to BPWG and they will revert to her directly. Emily asked Sarah whether a PhD study could be formulated if funds were available, in this normalisation context. Sarah said a database – oriented subject area could be developed as a project for a PhD, particularly in the context of planetary boundaries. Kelly also suggested a funding source – Āmiomio Aotearoa research programme. Website: <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/research-enterprise/research-with-waikato/amiomio-aotearoa>
- PhD students are finding it difficult to navigate and find guidance on LCA-related education pathways. Maybe an advisory panel to help PhD students? Maybe LKANZ can market this course to interested people? It was decided to take this to the next committee meeting. Another question was about government to get involved in requiring LCAs to underpin environmental claims. Emily says LKANZ does not provide direct consultancy services to the industry. It's a voluntary organisation.

Meeting closed 4:07 pm by Emily.

The undersigned affirms that this is a true and correct record of the meeting:



Signed:

Date: 3/6/2023