

# AAS NSW DIVISION

## NOTICE OF 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 17 October 2007** commencing at **6:30pm sharp** at National Acoustics Laboratory, 126 Greville Street, Chatswood. This will be followed by a technical talk.

Information about the technical talk, the Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM (2006), and the Chairpersons Report are attached. The audited accounts and auditor's report will be tabled at the meeting.

### AGENDA

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- 1 Opening
  - 2 Apologies
  - 3 Proxies
  - 4 Minutes of 2006 AGM
  - 5 Business
    - 5.1 Chairman's report
    - 5.2 Treasurer/Registrar's report
    - 5.3 Appointment of Auditor and Remuneration
  - 6 Election of five members to serve on NSW Division Committee
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### *VOTING RIGHTS*

Persons holding the grade of Fellow or Member have full voting rights, except they are not permitted to vote at the election of Associate, Subscriber or Student members to the Division Committee.

Persons holding the grade of Associate, Subscriber or Student may only (except as hereinafter provided) vote to elect not more than two of their numbers to the Division Committee. Associates, Subscribers or Student members serving on the Division Committee shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society or their Division.

Votes may be submitted by Proxy and a Proxy Form is enclosed herewith. Please note the conditions of lodgement. Persons must be financial at the time of the AGM.

### *NOTICES OF MOTIONS OR BUSINESS*

No motion or business other than the business brought forward by the Division shall come before the meeting unless notice thereof is received in writing at least 21 days beforehand.

## ***NSW DIVISION COMMITTEE***

Committee members who are up for retirement after serving two years are as follows:

Matthew Harrison	Federal Councillor Chair (Resigned)
David Luck**	Technical Subcommittee
Tracy Gowen**	Secretary
Larry Clarke**	(Co opted)
Warwick Williams**	(Co opted)

Committee members whose term will expire in 2008 are as follows:

Neil Gross	Federal Councillor, Technical Subcommittee
Brian Marston	Vice-Chair, Membership Grading
Rodney Stevens	Treasurer
Donald Woolford	Minutes Secretary

The members tagged \*\*\* have indicated that they are available for election.

Could you please complete the attached Nomination Form and returned it to our Secretary by **Monday, 15th October 2007**, if you wish to nominate somebody for election. Nominations may also be made at the AGM.

*Tracy Gowen*  
*Secretary, NSW Division*  
*Australian Acoustical Society*  
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*Newport NSW 2106*  
*Fax: (02) 8218 0501*  
*Email: [tgowen@rtagroup.com.au](mailto:tgowen@rtagroup.com.au)*

### NOMINATION FORM 2007

I,.....of Grade.....  
nominate.....of Grade.....  
to stand for election as a Committee member for a two year period from October 2007.

The person I am nominating has agreed to stand for election.

Signed.....Date.....

### PROXY FORM 2007

I,.....of.....  
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being a Fellow/Member of the Australian Acoustical Society, hereby appoint  
.....of.....  
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as my Proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the NSW  
Division to be held on Wednesday 17 October 2007 at 6:30 pm and at any adjournment  
thereof.

Signed .....Date.....

To be valid, Proxy Forms must be forwarded to the Secretary, NSW Division AAS, c/- 91 Prince Alfred  
Parade, Newport NSW 2106 [Fax: (02) 8218 0501] by Monday, 15 October 2007. Proxy Forms can also  
be given to the Secretary or his representative at the meeting place before the commencement of the  
meeting.

**Australian Acoustical Society**

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

**TECHNICAL MEETING****&****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007 -**

**The Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007

**The Venue:** National Acoustic Laboratory  
126 Greville Street  
Chatswood

**The Time:** 6.30 pm AGM  
7.00pm -8.30pm Presentation

**The Speaker:** Mr Grant Harper  
Noise Policy Section  
NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change

***Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2007***

Grant Harper is a Senior Noise Officer with the Noise Policy Section at the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change. Grant's presentation will focus upon the finalisation of the Protection of Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2007. Major proposed changes within the draft regulation and possible amendments that may result from the public consultation will be outlined.

**RSVP**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, October, 2007 to David Luck by email:

d.luck@ndy.com

if no email available ring David on (02) 9928 6836

**Cost: Free to members and guests**

# Chairpersons Report

## 2006 - 2007

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting -17<sup>th</sup> October 2007. I am pleased to report on our condition and activities since the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

### *Division Committee*

The Committee was augmented in July by the addition of Larry Clarke and Warwick Williams bringing our numbers to nine committee persons. With the departure for the UK, of our Chair, Matthew Harrison, in September, the Divisional Committee is now back to eight.

At present the committee is structured as follows:

- Matthew Harrison                      Federal Councillor Chair (Resigned)
- Brian Marston                          Vice-Chair, Membership Grading (Acting Chair)
- Neil Gross                                Federal Councillor, Technical Subcommittee
- Tracy Gowen                             Secretary
- Rodney Stevens                        Treasurer
- Donald Woolford                        Minutes Secretary
- David Luck                                Technical Subcommittee
- Larry Clarke                              (Co opted)
- Warwick Williams                      (Co opted)

Thanks to all for their contribution. We are looking for more volunteers to help bring the Committee back to full strength and to assist in addressing committee issues.

The major work of the committee during this year has been:

- Organising and running the technical program
- Regular membership/administration issues

### *Technical / Social Activities*

There were five technical meetings held in Sydney.

21 February 2006    Double Presentation by Jingfeng Xu: *"Flat-walled Multi-Layered Anechoic Lining Optimisation and Application"* and by Chris Matthews: *"Silenceair – From Concept to Commercialisation"*. The night illustrated a practical application of acoustic research to an everyday problem in the refurbishment of an anechoic chamber with space limitations as well as the trials and tribulations of bringing acoustic research to commercialisation.

22 May 2007        Presentation by Dr Rob Bullen *"Changes to Aircraft Noise Assessment – Sydney Third Runway to Brisbane"*. Rob's talk illustrated the progression that continues to occur in assessing perception of aircraft noise impacts.

- 19 July 2007 Presentation by Professor Angelo Farina (Italy) "Recording and Reproducing Acoustic Environments Using High Resolution Spatial Audio". The talk by Professor Farina took us through recent advances in recording for research and perception.
- 30 July 2007 Presentation by Assoc. Professor Jin Yong Jeon (Korea) "Stage Acoustics in Auditoria". Assoc Professor Jin Yong Jeon took us through auditoria characterisation and some of the new parameters aimed at improving the lot for musicians who are required to perform within these spaces. Inspection of the theatre isolation followed.
- 12 September 2007 A panel consisting of Ken Scannell, Tracy Gowen, and Brian Marston, talked on their experiences with Child Care Centres was followed by general discussion on the topic "Are We Discussing Child Care Noise Fairly?" A lively evening of discussion ensued with many points of view.

In addition the ACT group had held a number of meetings, most of them jointly with other organisations during the year:

### ***Membership***

The NSW Division Membership has increased in membership this year, particularly in the member category.

	September 2007
Fellows	9
Members	151
Graduates	6
Associates	13
Subscribers	10
Students	3

Please try and help your colleagues see the value of membership and encourage them to join at an appropriate grade.

### ***Acoustics Australia***

The editors of Acoustics Australia continue to be the team of Marion Burgess, Emery Schubert, John Smith and Joe Wolf. These members contribute an enormous amount of time to pull together each issue and their efforts are to be applauded.

### ***Where to Now?***

Communication continues to be an ongoing problem with some members on e-mail, not receiving communications, and with the cessation of mail-out correspondence.

Education in acoustics needs to be fostered and encouraged. After some lean years, the area of acoustics has undergone an explosion in the demand for the "all-round" acoustical consultant, thoroughly versed in acoustics.

As older members approach retirement, there is a need for younger persons to be entering acoustics, and for senior persons, well-versed in the latest technology, current research, and the history and directions of State, Local and International legislative requirements, to step 'up-to-the-mark'.

Technical talks continue to be an area of great importance. We would encourage any member to bring forth topics of interest, and issues that they may face in their daily work in acoustics.

Given the diversity of acoustics, the information gleaned from Technical Meetings can provide cross-fertilisation of ideas between the many branches of acoustics, bringing new ideas and approaches to seemingly unrelated areas.

If you feel that something in your research, or in your work, that may be of interest to other members, please contact the Committee. What may seem "old-hat" to some; may be completely new to others. The latest innovation in one field; may be tried-and true solutions in another. Acoustics is so diverse that solution to that major problem that you're facing, may be just a technical meeting away.

Technical talks can be a venue to air new research, major projects, minor projects, the obscure & unusual, and to socialise with others who working in acoustics.

We should encourage current members to encourage their colleagues, working within acoustics, to join the Society. Full membership of the Society says to the world at large, that you have been judged by your peers and found to possess experience and competency within your area of acoustic expertise, and that you work to a Code of Ethics that can be trusted.

Look forward to seeing ALL of you on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Regards,

**Brian Marston**  
Acting Chair  
NSW Division - Australian Acoustical Society

**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY NSW DIVISION  
MINUTES OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society held on Wednesday, 15 November 2006 at Montien Thai Restaurant, 272 Willoughby Rd Naremburn 2065, NSW**

**1. Meeting Attendeeds**

**1.1 NSW Committee members present:**

Matthew Harrison; Tracy Gowen; Neil Gross; David Luck; Brian Marston; Chris Schulten; Rodney Stevens; Donald Woolford.

**1.2 NSW members present:**

John Channon; John Dunlop

**2. Opening of Meeting:**

The meeting was declared open at 7.00 pm, by Chairman Matthew Harrison, who welcomed the 11 attendees.

**3. Apologies:**

None.

**4. Proxies:**

None.

**5. Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:**

There were no comments on the previous minutes

**Rodney Stevens/John Dunlop Rodney Stevens / Ken Scannell proposed that the Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be accepted.**

**6. Business:**

**6.1 Report of the NSW Division Committee:**

Matthew Harrison tabled the NSW Divisional Committee Chairman's Report, which outlines the activities of both the NSW and ACT groups. The Chairman briefly reported that after a slow start there had been 6 technical meetings over the year, about the same as the previous year. He also reported that membership numbers appear to be similar to the previous year, but that there is a need to track unpaid memberships.

Finally, Matthew reported that there is general concern (AAS and AAAC) about the lack of acoustic training available. It was considered to build upon IOA diploma program and offer a course through UNSW at graduate certificate level that may be continued through until masters. The course has been largely prepared by Marion Burgess at UNSW. A big thank you was expressed to Marion by the AAS members present. The course shall commence February 2007 at a cost of \$800 per component and about \$2400.

**Tracy Gowen /Chris Schulten proposed that the Chairman's Report be accepted.**

**6.2. Report of the Treasurer/Registrar:**

Chris Schulten tabled the NSW Divisional Committee Treasurer's Report and a summary of auditor's report. Over the year more interest was received than the previous year. Expenses were mostly similar to the previous year, being mainly conferences and meetings. There were also some issues with regard to Commonwealth bank fees. It was reported that overall there is a similar amount of funds in the account as last year.

The Treasurer noted that there were some delays with receiving the auditor's report, but there are also some advantages with staying with the current auditor as they do the national accounts as well.

There were no questions.

Matthew Harrison/ David Luck proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**6.3 Appointment of Auditor:**

**Matthew Harrison / David Luck proposed that Auditors W.L. Browne & Associates be appointed as the Auditors for the period 2005/2006. Remuneration not greater than \$500.00**

**7. Election of Members to Serve on the NSW Divisional Committee, 2006/2007:**

The committee operates in two year terms with 5 positions requiring nominations each year.

The following members were due to stand down. viz. **Neil Gross, Brian Marston, Rodney Stevens, Donald Woodford and Chris Schulten**. All offered to stand again, with the exception of **Chris Schulten** who did not stand again due to other commitments. His position will carry forward until next year. **David Anderson** also resigned during the year due to other commitments. These four other committee members were duly re-elected

The following committee members shall remain on the Committee until 2007 viz **Matthew Harrison, Tracy Gowen, David Luck**.

**John Channon/ John Dunlop proposed that the new Committee Members be endorsed**

**8. General business:**

A number of Christmas functions are being organised, dates TBA.

**9. Meeting closed:**

7.20 pm

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*Matthew Harrison*

**Acting Chairman**