

# AAS NSW DIVISION

## NOTICE OF 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society will be held on **Thursday, 28 October 2004** commencing at **6:30pm sharp** at White City Tennis Club, 30 Alma St, Paddington. This will be followed by a dinner and technical talk.

Information about the technical talk, the Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM (2003), 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 2003 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:

N Gross*	Federal Councillor & Chairman
B Marston*	Technical Subcommittee
R Stevens*	Technical Sub-committee,
D Woolford*	Minute Secretary
C Schulten*	Technical Subcommittee, Student Liaison

Committee members whose term will expire in 2005 are as follows:

M Harrison	Treasurer, Registrar
K Mikl	Federal Councillor, Vice- Chairman
K Scannell	Secretary, Archivist, Acoustics Australia Reporter
D Anderson	Technical Subcommittee
T Gowen	Technical Subcommittee (Co opted)

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

Could you please complete the Nomination Form enclosed and return it to the Secretary by **Monday, 25th October 2004** if you wish to nominate somebody for election. Nominations may also be made at the AGM.

*Ken Scannell*  
*Secretary, NSW Division*  
*Australian Acoustical Society*  
*Noise and Sound Services*  
*Spectrum House, 1 Elegans Avenue*  
*St Ives NSW 2075*  
*Fax: (02) 9449-6499*  
*Email: [noiseandsound@optusnet.com.au](mailto:noiseandsound@optusnet.com.au)*

### NOMINATION FORM 2004

I,.....of Grade.....  
nominate.....of Grade.....  
to stand for election as a Committee member for a two year period from October 2004.

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

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

### PROXY FORM 2004

I,.....of.....

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being a Fellow/Member of the Australian Acoustical Society, hereby appoint

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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 Thursday, 28 October 2004 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/- Noise and Sound Services, Spectrum House, 1 Elegans Avenue, St Ives, NSW 2075 [Fax: (02) 9402 5849] by Monday, 25 October 2004. 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  
A.C.N. 000712658**

***NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION***

***TECHNICAL MEETING***

***AGM DINNER***

***and***

***GUEST SPEAKER***

**The Date:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004

**The Venue:** White City Tennis Club  
Alma Street, Paddington  
(Free Parking or a short walk to Edgecliff Station)

***The Time:*** 6.30pm to 8.30pm

**The Speaker:** Colin Tickell

This notice is to advise all members that there will be an AGM Dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

The speaker for the evening is Colin Tickell. The topic of Colin's talk is the 'Comparison of Computer Model Predictions of Wind Turbine Generator Noise'. Colin is an Environmental Engineer with Hatch and has been working in the field of noise assessment since 1981. The talk will discuss wind turbine generator noise emission and the assessment process, and provide details of a comparison of the results of three different computer prediction models and some calculation methods.

The dinner will be subsidised by the AAS with a total cost of \$15 per person including wine.

**RSVP: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to**

**[rsaacoustics@hotmail.com](mailto:rsaacoustics@hotmail.com)**

**if no email available ring Rodney Stevens on 9542 7979**

**All Welcome to Attend**

## Chairpersons Report 2003 - 2004

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004. I am pleased to report on our condition and activities since the 2003 Annual General Meeting. This includes the activities of the ACT group.

### *Division Committee*

The Divisional Committee (10 persons) has had one change this year with the resignation of Kym Burgemeister, who has been replaced with Tracy Gowen who was co-opted during the year, so at present the committee is structured as follows:

- Neil Gross                      Chairman, Federal Councillor, Technical Committee
- Ken Mikl                         Vice Chairman, Federal Councillor
- Matthew Harrison            Treasure and Registrar
- Brian Marston                 Membership
- Ken Scannell                  Secretary
- Donald Woolford              Minutes Secretary
- Rodney Stevens              Technical Committee
- Chris Schulten                Technical Committee
- Dave Anderson                Technical Committee
- Tracy Gowen                  Co-opted/Technical Committee

Thanks to all for their contribution in what are difficult times with ever increasing work pressures. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with committee issues. In particular, topics for technical seminars and names of people who we should approach to present is the most important.

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

- Organising and running the technical program
- Regular membership/administration issues
- Ongoing contributions/submissions to various organisations including issues of Professional Indemnity and Road Traffic Noise. Thanks must go to Tracy Gowen for her contribution and time spent on these issues.
- Contribution to the federal website improvements.

### *Technical / Social Activities*

There were seven technical / social meetings held in Sydney.

- 14th October 2003 – Joint Seminar with NAL, Hearing Protectors Propagation

#### **Sally Lusk**

- 26th November 2003- Temperature Inversion and their effect on Noise Propagation

#### **Roger Treagus**

- 5th December 2003- Christmas Breakfast & Construction Noise Management & Cross City Tunnel Site Visit
- Barry Murray

- 17th March 2004 – Joint meeting with Audiological Society on Otoacoustic emission and Hearing Noise Management
- Eric Le Page, Warwick Williams and Narelle Murray
- 7th May 2004 – Golf & Tennis Day Lane Cove Country Club
- 22nd June 2004 – Auditory Perception, Psychoacoustics and Practice
- Don Woolford
- 11th August 2004 – New BCA
- Jon Farren, Jackie Munn and Michael Ryan

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

### Meetings

- 66th Technical meeting was held on 21 July 2004 and jointly with the AIP. The speakers were Allan Carpenter and Jerome Halley from Pacific Noise and Vibration. The group size was around 25 with half from the AAS promotion. There was dinner held in the Officers Mess at ADFA following the meeting and this was attended by 18.

### Acoustic Holography and its Application to Noise Source Identification

- 67th meeting was held on 23 June 2004 and jointly with the Environmental Engineering Society of the Institution of Engineers. This was arranged at short notice and hence the numbering is not chronological. The speaker was Noel McCann from Canberra Airport. The meeting was well attended and there was a lively discussion.

### Overview of the Noise Considerations in Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan

- The 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September jointly with a number of societies involved with the Environment and Planning. Representatives from each of the parties standing for election for the ACT legislative Assembly outlined their policies for the environment.
- We are still hoping to hold a meeting on the new apartment guidelines in ACT later in the year. The planned meeting on wind farms by the Environmental Engineering Society has been cancelled.

A big thanks to all those that presented. I hope those that attended enjoyed themselves and learnt something.

### Membership

The NSW Division Membership has had an encouraging increase in membership this year, particularly in the member and student categories.

	June 2003	June 2004
Fellows	8	8
Members	126	141
Graduates	5	5
Associates	13	13
Subscribers	11	10
Students	1	12

The ACT group has gained one new member and efforts will be made in 2003/04 to encourage more to join. 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 ACT based team of Neville Fletcher, Joseph Lai and Marion Burgess. These members contribute an enormous amount of time to pull together each issue. At present they are handing over the reigns to a team at UNSW lead by Joe Wolfe. However if there are any members willing to assist please let the committee know or contact Joe Wolfe.

### *Where to Now?*

The improvements to the website will hopefully make this the core method of communication with our members and encourage everyone to look at it more regularly to "see what is going on".

The membership survey indicated that Technical Meetings were one of the most important benefits of membership however; presenters are only going to come from our membership, so we all need to contribute. Don't be embarrassed if you feel your work may not be innovative enough to warrant a technical talk or might not fill a whole evening. Let the committee know and we will be able to combine speakers if necessary.

The Area of Competence was instigated (at the request of some members in the member survey) as it was felt by the Federal committee to be a useful tool for Councils etc to find out who was appropriately qualified to prepare reports. The AAS does not have the resources to independently manage the system, so decided it would rely on self nomination and the individual members abiding by the code of ethics. Please use it as it was intended...we don't want to get involved in debates between members about levels of competence. I would suggest if you are not sure you should opt out.

There were a few teething problems (although mostly through members not reading the instructions and assuming too much). Hopefully this proves to be a benefit to members and encourages more membership.

Look forward to seeing ALL of you on the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring your enthusiasm for your chosen career, an offer to help with the committee, ideas for our technical programme and the names of colleagues who aren't members.

Regards,

**Neil Gross**  
Chairperson  
NSW Division - Australian Acoustical Society

**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Australian Acoustical Society held  
on Wednesday, 17 September 2003 at 272 Willoughby Road Naremburn, NSW 2065**

**1. NSW Committee members present**

Neil Gross, Matthew Harrison, Brian Marston, Ken Mikl, Ken Scannell, Rodney Stevens, Chris Schulten, Dave Anderson (Co-opted)

**2. Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was declared open at 7.40pm, by Chairman Neil Gross, who welcomed the 22 attendees.

**3. Apologies**

David Eager, Roger Wilkinson, Larry Clark, Bill Mansell, Ray Piesse, Stephen Samuels, Terry Patterson, Richard Heggie, Dick Godson, Leigh Kenna, Barry Murray, Rob Bullen, John Andrew

**4. Proxies**

Stephen Samuels appointed Neil Gross and David Eager appointed Ken Mikl to vote on their behalf.

**5. Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

There were no comments on the previous Minutes.

Rodney Stevens/Peter Knowland proposed that the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting be accepted.

**6. Business**

**6.1 Report of the NSW Division Committee**

Neil Gross tabled the NSW Divisional Committee Chairman's Report which outlines the activities of both the NSW and ACT groups.

The Chairman briefly reported on the member survey organised by the Committee, which indicated some technical difficulties were being experienced by some. They were encouraged to print and fax the survey.

John Channon /Peter Knowland proposed that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

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

Matthew Harrison tabled the audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 2003 of the NSW Division.

Doug Nicoliasen / Ken Scannell proposed that the Report of the Treasurer/Registrar be accepted.

**6.3 Appointment of Auditor**

Bob Randall / Doug Nicoliasen proposed that Auditors W.L. Browne & Associates be appointed as the Auditors for the period 2003/2004. Remuneration not greater than \$500.00



**7. Election of Members to Serve on the NSW Divisional Committee, 2003/2004:**

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

The following members shall remain on the Committee until 2004. viz.

**Neil Gross, Brian Marston, Rodney Stevens, Donald Woolford, Chris Schulten**

The following committee members were due to stand down but all offered to stand again viz **Matthew Harrison, Ken Scannell, Ken Miki**. There were two nominations for the other positions viz **Kym Burgemeister** and **David Anderson** who have been co-opted for the previous year. These five members were duly elected.

**8. General business**

Nil business.

**9. Meeting closed**

7.47 pm

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**Neil Gross**  
Chairman