## Administration/Membership Report 1st July 2022 -31st May 2023

At the end of May 2021 the total number of new members equalled 53 At the end of May 2022 the total number of new members equalled 76 At the end of May 2023 the total number of new members equalled 100

At the end of May 2022 the total number of outgoing members equalled 89

Category	Members
Resigned	70
Honorary	15
Deaths	2
Exclusion	2

At the end of May 2023 the total number of outgoing members equalled 121

Category	Members
Resigned	87
Honorary	30
Deaths	1
Exclusion	3

It is also sadly noted that 1 Member and 16 Honorary members passed away in this period.

There was a doubling of members retiring and being offered Honorary, which is indicative of the predictions we have had an aging membership.

Of the resignations, quite a few of them had changed their vocation during the covid period and have remained in that industry, so resigned from AIMPE.

Almost all who have resigned this year were not unhappy with AIMPE and indeed, most said they would miss the On Watch and other communications but a sea change per se was the decision they made.

## **Summary**

Over the last two Monthly Day Meetings (April and May 2023) 36 members have either joined or rejoined. Over the year members who did resign are now coming back into AIMPE. This shows confidence is growing again especially in the Offshore and AMSA areas.

With a new organiser in Qld there has already been a marked increase in the Department of Environment Science or Wild life Park members. Just in May 6 new members were recruited by this organiser and all are very keen to be with us thanks to her enthusiasm.

Communication with members is critical, and many members over the year have applauded the Offshore emails, and the President Letter each month. Feedback from members is always positive. The efforts of the Offshore team is showing results.

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The other huge improvement is the Video Conference Rule change. It is early days, but the last Monthly Day Meeting showed VERY clearly it worked to ensure a quorum at every branch.

Feedback over the last few months when the invite to a meeting has been sent was why was there such a delay in implementing members attending by video to form a quorum and/or vote.

Invoices are primarily emailed to most members, this has saved AIMPE money in stamps, time, and paper/envelopes and has given the members in all states the opportunity to pay before the end of the financial year for tax purposes.

Both Cathy and Carol continue to administer all areas of membership and as a cohesive team they both work in tangent with each other and support the branches whenever possible.

## **Forecast**

Last year our membership age average was around 56 and it was observed that younger members seemed to be joining and was indicative of a new trend.

This year the average age of members is 51. The trend is definitely starting to show and if this continues we will gradually increase membership and have a younger sector.

With communication improving, membership growing (not aggressively, but growing) and a younger average age, there is hope the union will continue forward with a conviction we are doing our best to be united and strong.