



CHAIR'S REPORT

November 2004 to September 2005

to the
**79th Council Meeting of the Australian Acoustical Society, and the
29th Annual General Meeting of the SA Division of the Australian Acoustical Society**

A recent charter of the Division has been to branch out and become relevant to other professions that deal in acoustics. To this end, an Environmental Noise Symposium was organised and held in June 2005. It presented a broad range of topics and presenters that attracted planners, lawyers, local government, transport engineers, consultants and environmental agencies. The symposium drew delegates from far and wide, including New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales.

Notwithstanding the benefits of providing acoustic information to a broader portion of the community, the symposium was also a financial and social success for Members. It was held at the University of Adelaide, which continues to provide substantial support to the South Australian division, with Committee representation, technical meeting content, use of facilities and in-kind support. I thank the staff of the University of Adelaide for their substantial ongoing contribution to the AAS.

Committee Members continued with representation to Standards Australia, in particular in the development of the draft Australian Standard DR 04173 "Acoustics – Measurement, prediction and assessment of noise from wind turbine generators" currently in its final stages of development.

The SA Division was successful in being awarded the right to host Active 2006, an International conference with approximately 100 delegates. My congratulations and thanks go to the University of Adelaide. A key task of the Committee into 2006 will be the organisation and delivery of the conference. The SA Division prides itself on the quality of conferences it is able to deliver and is looking forward to the challenge Active 2006 provides.

Throughout 2005 there have been 5 Committee Meetings, with several related to organisation of the Symposium and Active 2006. Technical meetings were also held on Thermo Acoustics (Luke Zoontjens) and a Self Tuning Stringed Instrument (Andrew Leonard and Colin Love). My thanks to those members who continue to prepare and present excellent information to the AAS.

The second edition of the newsletter was distributed to the members of the SA Division. This provides a valuable insight to the achievements of the AAS and keeps members engaged and interested. I thank Luke Zoontjens and Carl Howard for their ongoing assistance and I consider the newsletter to be an important information tool for future communication with members.

A reason for the ongoing strength of the Committee is the wide range of interests and associated eclectic characters it attracts that are underpinned by a strong social element. In addition to the highly successful Christmas function, a tradition in the making is the annual vigil to the Fleurieu Peninsula for pig on a spit in the middle of winter. I thank Peter Maddern for making his property and homemade rotisserie available to all Members, partners and their family.

Overall, it has been another enjoyable, successful and diverse year for the SA Division. The Committee has made some substantial gains in the past 10 months with new challenges in line for 2006. As the outgoing Chairperson I thank the contribution of the current and outgoing committee members, who have done a fine job and left a healthy legacy for future members.

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