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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As we launch into 2024, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the ALDE board and committee members for their dedication and support. Each member plays a vital role in shaping the character and success of ALDE, and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

This year ALDE celebrates 30 years as an association. This milestone is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit of our members, past and present. Over the past three decades, our association has grown and evolved thanks to the community of like-minded professionals who are passionate about Victoria's urban and regional development. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we also recognize the challenges that lie ahead. The landscape of the land development sector is evolving rapidly, we are faced with new and complex challenges that demand our attention and collective effort. Some of the key challenges on the horizon include, the timely delivery of infrastructure in growth areas, increasing resistance from neighbouring developments/land owners and authorities in supporting land access for delivery of gravity drainage critical to support development. I am confident that with ALDE's continued commitment and involvement we can assist industry to address these challenges and emerge stronger as an association. In the spirit of collaboration and shared goals, ALDE is working closely with UDIA in representing our collective membership. ALDE would like to acknowledge the efforts of UDIA in hosting a webinar with Melbourne Water as joint advocacy for our member base.

The ALDE board and committee members have started 2024 with an in-person Committee Planning Session with representation from all committees and sub-committees. The event provided an opportunity for ALDE to align goals, strategize for the year ahead and focus so that our efforts contribute effectively to the success of the organisation. The hope and vision for 2024 is for an integrated ALDE with cross-pollination of committees so that we expand our thinking and included technical and non-technical elements into all aspects of ALDE. The day was hosted by Eynesbury Golf Course and we thank them for their support in providing the venue.

Preparations are well underway for our upcoming conference 'Connecting the Pieces: Crafting the Future of Land Development', this is a flagship event that promises to be an enriching experience for all members. The conference will serve as a platform for us to come together, share insights, and foster connections that will drive our association forward.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Benny Vocale. Benny was an ALDE executive committee member from 2012-2015, he is remembered for his dedication, wisdom and unwavering commitment excellence. On behalf of ALDE members past and present we offer our deepest condolences to Benny's family and loved ones



**Anthony Grodzki**

Association President

## MEMBER FORUM

### March 13 - Speakers

**Don Tasevski, Iplex Pipes**, speaking about their range of products and particularly the use and tolerances of plastic pipes.

**John Ho, Greater Western Water**, providing updates on the Integrated Water Manual (IWM).

## YEILD EVENT

Come knock down pins and drinks to celebrate the start of 2024 with YEILD at King Pin ten pin. Catch up with industry colleagues and grow your network. Being held March 20<sup>th</sup> at KingPin Crown. A Jotform registration has been circulated, however if you wish to attend and have not received the Jotform, interested attendees are requested to contact Karen via email.

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUB COMMITTEE

A collaboration of the Diversity & Inclusion, Yeild and the Education ALDE subcommittees. will be participating in the RMIT Civil Engineering Industry Day – 12 April 2024.

RMIT's Civil Engineering Student Association (CESA) is hosting its annual Industry Day for 2024, giving companies the opportunity to promote themselves, their specialist services, and capabilities to some of the brightest Civil Engineering students in Australia.

ALDE will be presenting a stall during this event day to share opportunities and answer questions in regard to the Land Development Industry.

It's hoped this will increase the awareness and the need for engineers in this field.

## EVENTS

### ALDE / Winslow Golf Day

Coming up on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, the ALDE/Winslow Golf Day at Royal Melbourne Golf Course is now fully subscribed. Confirmation emails will be sent to players in the next few days. If you haven't received your email in the next day or so, please contact Karen at the ALDE office. Members are invited to come along and join us for lunch.

To register for lunch only, please contact Karen on [executive\\_officer@alde.com.au](mailto:executive_officer@alde.com.au)

## CONFERENCE UPDATE

### 2024 ALDE Conference

On behalf of the Association of Land Development Engineers (ALDE) it is with great pleasure and anticipation that I extend my warmest invitation to all of you to the **'Connecting the Pieces: Crafting the Future of Land Development Conference'** scheduled for August, 2024. We are honoured to host this significant event, which promises to be a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration in the field of land development. The theme highlights the intricate nature of land development projects and the various components that need to come together seamlessly for successful outcomes. Just like assembling a puzzle, the land development team must skilfully connect different aspects such as infrastructure, environmental sustainability, urban planning and regulatory compliance. This conference is set

to explore the challenges and innovative solutions that we all employ to create liveable communities.

Our beautiful state of Victoria has a rich history of urban and rural development, and it is our privilege to gather on the outskirts of our Geelong Chapter to explore the latest trends, innovations, and challenges facing the industry. This conference will bring together experts, professionals, and thought leaders from various backgrounds, providing a unique opportunity for networking and learning.

Over the course of the conference, you can expect engaging discussions on topics such as sustainable land development, regulatory updates, urban planning, infrastructure, and much more. Our esteemed line-up of speakers and presenters will share their insights, experiences, and best practices, offering you valuable insights that can be applied to your work in the field. In addition to the informative sessions, we have planned interactive sessions and networking opportunities to foster meaningful connections among participants.

Once again, welcome to the launch of the 'Connecting the Pieces: Crafting the Future of Land Development Conference.' I look forward to meeting each one of you and witnessing the collective wisdom and innovation that will emerge from our collaboration.

**Jamie Tainton** Conference Convenor

on behalf of the Conference Organising Committee

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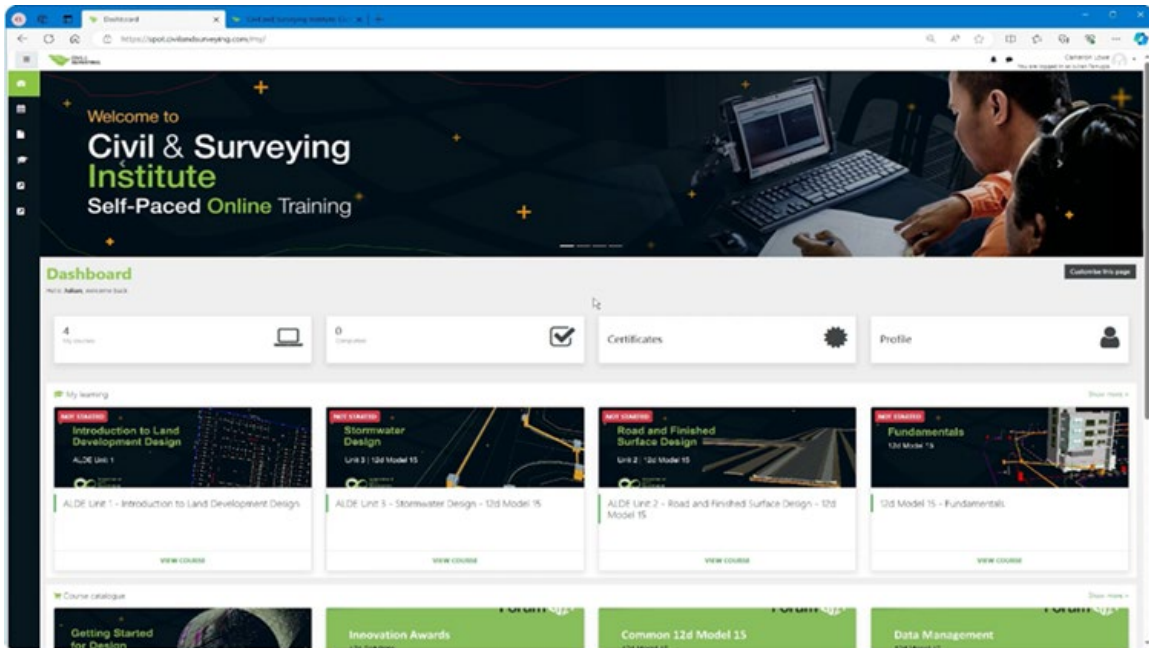
## ALDE/12d Land Development Training Course

The ALDE Introduction to Land Development Design course is coming soon! Hosted by the Civil and Surveying Institute this course is tailored for those starting out or transitioning into the Land Development industry.

Key highlights:

- Explore subdivision project processes and procedures
- Master the latest 12d Model tools
- Flexible online training format
- Suitable for all skill levels
- Accredited certification upon completion
- Access to a 12d Model 15 Student Licence for the duration of the course

Watch this video below to find out what's included in the course:



Take advantage of the course introductory price:

- \$1500 (AUD) excl. GST for ALDE members
- \$2000 (AUD) excl. GST for non-members

Enrolments will commence in 2024 and can be at any time that suits your company.

[Find out more and register your Interest](#)

[View other available SPOT courses](#)

## 2024 STORMWATER VICTORIA CONFERENCE

**Early Bird Registration closes on Thursday, 28 March.**

The Conference Organising Committee invite you to join us at the 2024 Stormwater Victoria Conference.

Stormwater Victoria recognises the need to continue growing and developing our skills within the stormwater industry to drive positive changes towards sustainable water management now and for the future. We have big challenges ahead of us and are optimistic that together we can achieve sustainable forms of water management.

Conference Summary:

- Pre-Conference Workshops on Monday, 3 June
- Fantastic line-up of national and international keynotes and panellists
- Over 40 presentations across Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 and 5 June
- Post-Conference Technical Tour showcasing examples of stormwater management in practice on Thursday, 6 June
- Networking opportunities throughout the conference, including Monday night Welcome Function and Tuesday night Conference Dinner and Casino Night at Phillip Island Winery

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## SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Local Government, EDCP/IDM/DTP**

***ALDE's Collaboration with the VPA: Green Streets Project Report Update***



*The Green Streets Project Report has been driven by the VPA to research and develop potential "Green Street" options for inclusion in the Engineering Design & Construction Manual for Subdivisions in Growth Areas (EDCM).*

*This report will include relevant case studies, provide a scope for a pilot project and act as a guide to implementing Green Street outcomes.*

*In response to the VPA's invitation, ALDE actively participated in reviewing the Green Streets Draft Report throughout October & November this year. Our engagement focused on refining the report to align with the latest advancements in land development engineering and address specific engineering concerns & solutions such as optimising authority service alignments & backfill material specifications.*

*ALDE's feedback is now being incorporated into the report. The finalised Green Streets Project Report will soon be shared industry wide. We appreciate the VPA's commitment to this partnership and look forward to further advancing sustainable practices in land development engineering.*

*Stay tuned for updates on the release of the enhanced report.*

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## **South East Water & ALDE – Role of the Construction Auditor**

ALDE continues to meet regularly with South East Water to discuss the role of the construction auditor in the land development process and pathways for construction auditor training and accreditation.

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## **GWW Supplement to WSAA Sewerage Code**

This notification is to inform you on the publication of [GWW Supplement to WSAA Sewerage Code of Australia WSA 02:2014-3.1 MRWA Edition 2.0](#) that is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 onwards.

The changes included in this supplement shall be implemented in all future design and construction of sewer assets within GWW licensed area.

If you have any questions on the attached supplement, please contact us via [standards@gww.com.au](mailto:standards@gww.com.au)

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## Ausnet Industry Briefing

On November 14, nearly 200 industry people attended the online [AusNet Industry Briefing on The move to all-electric estates](#) on 14 November.

For those who were not able to attend, we have made available the presentation slide pack and the [Q&A](#) put together from the questions asked on the day.

To find out more information about our Developer Consultative Committee and our Industry Briefings, please visit our [Community Hub](#) website.

If you have any further questions in relation to electric estates, please reach out to your AusNet contact or email us at [engagement@ausnetservices.com.au](mailto:engagement@ausnetservices.com.au)

## GEELONG REGION UPDATE

The Atlan Innovate Live field trip took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November last year offering a captivating glimpse into Atlan's growing technology in the proprietary stormwater space.

The day kicked off with a warm meet and greet at Atlan's facility in Corio with 73 attendees. We were provided with an informative tour of Atlan's yard where we could get up and close with Atlan's products.

Our tour began on two spacious buses with the first stop at the Bannockburn Floating wetlands, where we had the opportunity to see an established floating wetland and meet the project team behind it.

Our journey continued with stops at the Highview and Wandana projects, where it was great for us to open up and inspect some gross pollutant systems under the supervision of Atlan's experienced maintenance team. I know that as a past design engineer, stepping out into the field and seeing what products actually look like in the ground versus what we see in catalogues is always a good experience and helps broaden our understanding of some of the more practical elements of design.

The day rounded off with an appetizing woodfire luncheon and refreshments at the Wandana Estate followed by our last stop at the Torquay Industrial Estate. It was also refreshing to see a number of attendees from authorities and interact with consultants and developers.

A big thank you to General Manager Kurt Jensen and his team for hosting the day!



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