

## **2020 ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT**

The usual four Board meetings were held in 2020. At the first meeting, we farewelled long-term Chairman Robin Dunlop. Come the second meeting and the Government had finally appointed a new Chairperson and their two appointees. Additionally, Survey and Spatial have joined the ranks of nominating associations with a member on the Board.

The incoming Board is upping efforts to spread the word about the value of the REA credential and increase the numbers of REAs. The most recent activity has been a revamp of the Board's [website](#). A particular focus is the promotion of REAcap. We are also looking action photographs of REAs carrying out their role for addition to the website. So, if you have any we could publish, please send them through for consideration.

Despite best efforts, like our Institute, numbers of REAs continue to decline along with the Board's finances meaning reserves are slowly being consumed. We are currently seeking an increase in registration fees and reducing expenses wherever we can to help the situation.

At our last MBIE briefing, we were advised a third attempt is underway to introduce a new registration system for the engineering disciplines. The intent is a single registration regime focused on activities that have health and safety connotations. Competency outside the health and safety arena is not on the radar. The Board's approach is to work with MBIE on a "we are here to help" basis. We are also very conscious that existing REAs should not be disenfranchised by any new registration system.

As always, drop me an e-mail or give me a call if you have any thoughts or concerns you would like me to take to the Board table.

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