

Looking back on 2014, moving forward to 2015

With 2014 fast approaching its end, buildingSMART's Board held its Annual General Meeting for the year on Thursday 11th December, reflecting on the achievements of 2014 and considering the key focus areas for 2015.

2014 SUMMARY REVIEW

The *2014 Year in Review* (which can be viewed here) outlines in full buildingSMART's achievements from the past year. A key highlight for buildingSMART this year, and indeed the industry, includes the milestone launch of *A Framework for the Adoption of Project Team Integration and Building Information Modelling* and the collaboration between NBI, APCC, ACIF and the Government to achieve this.

ACIF and APCC together in the *Framework* stated "the powerful combination of PTI and BIM can significantly reshape the way project teams work together to increase productivity

and improve outcomes for all project participants", and whilst there has not yet been a formal, national adoption of the strategy, the expansion of awareness and increase in take up of BIM technologies and processes over this past year is an excellent indication of the momentum that has been created.

Speaking to the *Framework* launch at the AGM, Chairman of the Board, John Mitchell, warned that there is a danger of individual States taking action in isolation, and that it's imperative, more than ever, that we take focus clearly and directly on ensuring the Government's adoption of a single, national, industry-wide approach.

Additional achievements for the year include our new look website, involvement with the CRC for Low Carbon Living, as well as continued discussions with Government regarding adoption of BIM for the Commonwealth property portfolio.

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buildingSMART Australasia.

buildingSMART WORKING GROUPS

Thom Fusel updated the Board on the progress of our key operating Working Groups: Integrated Project Delivery, Object Libraries and BIM Guidelines.

Whilst it was acknowledged there have been some time resourcing issues which has seen a greater than expected delay in proceedings, some excellent work has been achieved by the groups.

The Object Libraries Working Group in particular is making fantastic progress towards NBI Deliverable 4.1 to enable progressive access to an Australian library of generic BIM objects and information for manufactured products that comply with Australian BIM standards. Rolf Huber has been congratulated on his work to-date in relation to NATSPEC contributions to the BIM Guidelines and the new BIM Portal for this Working Group. Scott Beazley was recognised for his efforts in bringing together the BIM Guidelines Working Group, and Andrew Orford is expecting to pull together his report for the Integrated Project Delivery Working Group early in the new year.

The groups are working on overcoming resourcing issues and look forward to presenting robust findings in 2015.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

In addition to reflecting on what has been achieved in the last year, the current Board Members were thanked for their contribution over the year and new members were officially announced.

Chairman of the Board, John Mitchell, said outgoing members, Mark Tait and Wayne

Eastley, had brought a wealth of knowledge to the team in 2014.

“I would like to thank outgoing Board members Mark Tait, whose role in the development sector has been exemplary in the role of informed client, and Wayne Eastley, who resigned from the Board during the year due to business pressures, but who brought an enlightened government and health services perspective to the team,” John said.

“I trust that we will see them again in the New Year at one of our many buildingSMART activities,” he added.

We are very pleased to announce the buildingSMART Australasia Chapter Board for 2015.

Chair:	John Mitchell
Secretary:	Anthony Butler
Treasurer:	Jim Plume
Board Members:	David Mitchell Chris Penn Rolf Huber

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2015

Commenting on opportunities for the New Year, outgoing Board member, key contributor in the NBI Report Development Team and General Manager, Commercial Development at Investa Property Group, Mark Tait said it was vital to maintain the momentum achieved in 2014 and that every single member needed to make the effort to ensure support for the work continues.

“I encourage all members to get engaged, ‘annoy’ the Board, share your ideas and contribute where you can to ensure momentum is maintained,” Mark continued.

The Board have made a strong commitment to strengthen lines of communication

amongst members and look forward to a prosperous 2015. Key objectives for the new year include:

- More engagement Internationally to assist buildingSMART Australasia driving forward our objectives quicker
- Focus on delivering the priority projects for the industry which businesses require

Chairman John Mitchell added, “I want to thank members for their continued support without which our efforts to make a positive impact on our industry would not have come as far as they have.

“Whilst there is not yet a formal, national adoption of BIM, with your valued support and our increased, collaborative efforts we can be sure to continue to build on momentum and see this come to fruition in the near future.”

buildingSMART wishes you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families.

We look forward to again working alongside you in 2015

buildingSMART Australasia.



Further reading:

2014 year in Review

A Framework for the Adoption of Project Team Integration and Building Information Modelling

buildingSMART Working Groups

2015 Board Structure

NBI Report

