



Presidents Report
Annual General Meeting of GOVIS 2003
26/9/2003

GOVIS - A YEAR IN REFLECTION

General:

It has been another very busy and successful year for GOVIS. This cannot be achieved without the significant input from a number of people. It is worth reminding ourselves that participation in GOVIS is voluntary and is over and above all other work and family commitments. At times I have personally found it difficult to juggle the demands on my time to be able to put the focus and attention I would like to GOVIS matters. I thank the Committee for being understanding and supportive of the odd conflicts of duties!

I have continued to enjoy the role as President of GOVIS and the opportunity to work alongside a great bunch of people and do something we believe is worthwhile and of value to the public sector.

Acknowledgement goes to Mark Carroll for his continued professionalism as GOVIS Secretary, David Fitzgerald-Irons who continues to manage the finances very well indeed and to Mike Pearson as the more than capable 2IC!. A huge thank you also to the wider committee members and also the forum co-ordinators who have done a great job through the year in providing regular and topical forums.

Conference Details:

Significant planning and activity has been underway for many months now for this years' Conference – Enable 12-14 November. We have just recently published the Conference Program and reduced fee Early Bird Registrations are open till 24 October. We have some exciting speakers, great content and fabulous opportunities for networking – we hope to see a great turnout. Check out the Friday dinner and entertainment – a chance to kick back with colleagues or even partners!

Sponsorship for the Conference has been higher than ever so we are expecting a very successful conference.

Unfortunately the Gartner Australian Conference clashes with our Conference. We were co-ordinating our dates but a mix up occurred in the process. I am sure however, that this will not cause too much of an issue.

Forums:

We continue to run five specific interest forums

- Information Management
- Information Technology
- EGovernment
- Security
- Websites

As well as the general GOVIS forum. Co-ordination effort between forum co-ordinators and their significant inputs have ensured a continuous supply of forum opportunities. Most have been well attended and very successful. Seminars have also been run through the past year and these too have been highly successful.

A huge thank you to those who have put their time and effort into these activities.

WebSite:

Over the past year the website has had a new 'master' with David Fitzgerald-Irons capably taking over the management of this. There has been focus on the content to ensure it is up to date and relevant and good co-ordination to ensure the Calendar of Events is current.

Financial Affairs:

As is explained by the Treasurers Report, we continue with a healthy bank balance which puts us in a good position for the upcoming conference.

Finally, I would like to thank the GOVIS members for your continued contribution and involvement through the past year.

I look forward to my continuing involvement in GOVIS and working with you all through the next year.

Deidre Butler
GOVIS President