



Western Australian Annual Report – November 2020

Dear Members

WA has had a relatively smooth year in comparison to the rest of the world. With the close proximity of the FIFO workforce, the mining industry had the potential to be a hotspot for clusters. However, instead what we witnessed was the industry's workforce coming together, adapting, and implementing the necessary procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

The resource industry in WA has shown incredible resilience in 2020 and a record of 172 billion was exported in 2019/20. The increase in activity in most commodities has led to a continued shortage of Mine Surveyors, and while there has been a slight increase in student numbers this is not expected to cover future demand.

WA held our first online webinar in 2020 - with around 60 members signing in and several interesting presentations, the format has proved successful. A big thanks to the presenters and sponsors for making it possible.

Unfortunately, with the turbulent year we were unable to execute our plan for AIMS WA 2020, with several planned events cancelled. We appreciate the continued growth and support of our members and sponsors with a year that has not delivered as much value as we would have liked. We are grateful for everyone's understanding and are looking forward to hitting the ground running in 2021, with a series of webinars, panel discussions, networking events and regional seminars.

Big thanks to the AIMS executive and especially Mario for the last 4 years, Mario represents the gold standard in professionalism and service to the Mine Surveying Industry.

Cheers Dan Ward