



Western Australian Annual Report – November 2021

Dear Members

Mining in Western Australia, by most accounts has had a bumper year. Minerals and petroleum sales in WA grew by \$38 billion to \$210 billion from 2019-20 to 2020-21 with \$155 billion from that coming from Iron Ore. The increase in activity in most commodities has led to a continued shortage of Mine Surveyors, with most sites reporting difficulties in recruitment and retention.

As restrictions eased, AIMS WA started holding several successful events. Tech Days, Seminars and Candidate sessions were held in both Perth and regional mining hubs. We had record attendance to these events which highlighted the appetite for continued learning and development in the WA Mine Surveying Community. It was very pleasing to see a significant number of students at these events as it's a great opportunity to grow their network as they begin their careers.

With continued growth in AIMS membership and event participation, we are looking to expand the offering to WA members in 2022. Next year we will build on our current offering with additional focus on iron ore, mentoring and regional events. We will be calling for volunteers/nominations for a student, graduate, and Pilbara representative, to assist in delivering value and growth in AIMS WA.

Big thanks to the AIMS executive, sponsors and members we are all looking forward to putting Covid behind us and hit the ground running in 2022.

Cheers Dan Ward