



# KNOWLEDGE CENTRE UPDATE

## PORTFOLIO REPORT

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**The 2018 IPWEAQ annual conference was our most successful ever. The Knowledge Centre collections that have been developed in its wake now contain 610 items, setting a new record for the largest information community within the knowledge centre.**

If you were unable to attend the conference and are interested in finding out what you missed, or if you were there and want to revisit presentations of particular interest, you can now access the audio/visual for all sessions. They covered a wide range of subject matter including highly technical papers around roads construction and maintenance, water, infrastructure, and asset management, to name but a few.

There were also the big picture ideas delivered in the keynote papers, providing broad contexts applicable to the public works sector. All of these presentations are housed within the 'Audio Visual Presentations' collection. For those unfamiliar with the Knowledge Centre structure, it is a layered repository that moves from the general to the specific. The top-level entry is called a 'Community'

and that divides into smaller holding lots of 'sub-communities' and 'collections', until the user arrives at the single item entry. In the case of accessing the video presentations from the conference, the chain of access would run as follows:

**'Conferences' > '2018 IPWEAQ Annual Conference, Gold Coast' > '2018 IPWEAQ Conference Proceedings (Audio Visual Presentations)' > 'Specific Presentation'.**

As well as those AV presentations, there is a collection of PowerPoint slides that can be downloaded in isolation from the accompanying audio as a quick reference tool. There is also a collection of papers arising from the presentations, and one that represents a photographic record of conference proceedings and the social events that form an important part of the overall conference experience.

Finally, there are collections dedicated to several special events on the program, such as the *IPWEAQ Futures Challenge*, in which young engineers get to present their academic findings and gain invaluable exposure to people across the public works engineering profession. *The IPWEAQ Great Debate* also has a collection of its own with the recorded arguments of all six

participants and accompanying photographs. It would be hard to imagine anybody not finding something of interest in these conference proceedings. The information they contain constitute a vital resource for anyone working in the public works sector.

Some other recent additions to Knowledge Centre have been the later issue of our EPW Journal; a community dedicated to Professional Development which will be substantially expanded in the coming months; and new collections that house all the documents relating to the particular courses we run as part of keeping up with professional practice.

As always, you can browse the collections for something that takes your interest or can search by title, author or subject in the internal search engine for a specific item.

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