The weeks following IPWEAQ’s Annual Conference are always a busy time in the Knowledge Centre. Our conferences continue to go from strength to strength and the Proceedings from this year’s conference represents the largest collection of material to date. The Conference Proceedings include the audio visual of the presentation, the accompanying PowerPoint and a paper. While you are only able to attend in person a single session in a Stream, the Conference Proceedings offers an opportunity to view the presentations in all other streams.

The Conference Proceedings are accessible to all paid delegates however if you were unable to attend the conference, you may purchase the Proceedings for $600 (member) or $900 (non-member) offering great value for a total 22 CPD hours at $27 per hour.

Each year after the Annual Conference, we see a spike in Knowledge Centre activity as new users discover the extent of our globally recognised Knowledge Centre including content delivered at previous Annual Conferences and branch conferences. If you are an IPWEAQ member, you can access the Conference Proceedings for all previous branch conferences. It is an exceptional resource and we hope you make the most of it. From Darren Shepherd, Shepherd Asset Management Solutions:

“By the way the Knowledge Centre with material from past conference presentations is amazing. Such a great site. Well done.”

One of the essential development principles of the Knowledge Centre since inception has been the needs of the User and how they want to access information. As a result, we recently created a new Community in the Knowledge Centre for our Public Works Technical Subscription (PWTS). The PWTS subscription packages includes Standard Drawings, QUDM, Lower Order Roads Design Guide and the Supervisor’s Handbook.

These technical solutions continue to be available in separate collections for those who have subscribed to individual publications including QUDM.

A NSW Coronial Inquiry arising from the death of a young boy in a stormwater inlet following heavy rains, led to a recommendation by the Coroner that the Public Works Advisory (NSW) develop guidelines for the safe design of stormwater inlets in NSW. In response, we were approached by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Public Works Advisory Division which sought to adopt QUDM as it meets the criteria specified by the Coroner for suitable guidelines. In response, and given that this arises from a tragic situation, QUDM was offered to the NSW Department at a heavily discounted rate for access immediately to all NSW councils. Several NSW councils have subscribed to QUDM directly. The review of QUDM in 2020 will take into consideration that it is now widely used in other jurisdictions.

Finally, the IPWEAQ Knowledge Centre has again been included in the International Register of Libraries by the Library Publishing Coalition in the United States. This Register recognises the high standard of content published in a collection for specific users for a particular sector. The Register recognises that many learned articles are published firstly in the IPWEAQ Knowledge Centre eg papers submitted by presenters at our conferences and our role is to ensure the dissemination of articles of value to our sector by way of access to the Knowledge Centre.

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