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Annual General Meeting 2021

Agenda

- Welcome
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Meeting Procedures
- Introduction to the Annual Report (Megan Lewis, Acting President)
- President's Report (Stuart Phinn, Immediate Past President)
- Presentation of Annual Report:
 - EOA membership and activities summary (Sylvia Michael, Secretary)
 - Treasurer's report (Jo Edkins, Treasurer)
- The next 12 months, the next 5 years (Megan Lewis)
- Questions for the Executive (Amy Parker, Vice President)
- Next Meeting and inter-meeting communications
- Meeting close



President's Report

Stuart Phinn – Immediate Past President



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President's Report

Thank you for your support and participation!

Origins and history

Achievements and impacts

Future plans for EO and space and spatial



Our Mission

"By 2026, the Australian Earth Observation sector will develop and deliver high-quality Earth Observation information, infrastructure, and services that are used widely by government, industry, research and the community in Australia and internationally."

[Australian Earth Observation Community Plan 2026](#) progresses this mission by five priority actions:

- 1. Connection and Coordination** — establishing a consistent vision within the Australian Earth Observation community, and delivering processes for internal coordination to ensure effective collaboration, resource use, and advocacy for Earth Observation in Australia and internationally.
- 2. Securing Australia's Role in the International Earth Observation Community** — Australia must be an essential component of the international Earth Observation capability, delivering benefits to the international community and securing our access to and involvement in international Earth Observation programmes.
- 3. Infrastructure and People** — developing, supporting and sustaining a wealth of trained professionals and quality infrastructure to enable world-leading Earth Observation research, innovation and application development.
- 4. Access to Earth Observation Data and Services** — ensuring all Australian Earth Observation producers and users can easily and reliably access the data and services they need.
- 5. Generating Value** — strengthening end-user engagement to enable delivery of high quality Earth Observation products and services suited to user needs, and supporting commercial development of Earth Observation applications.



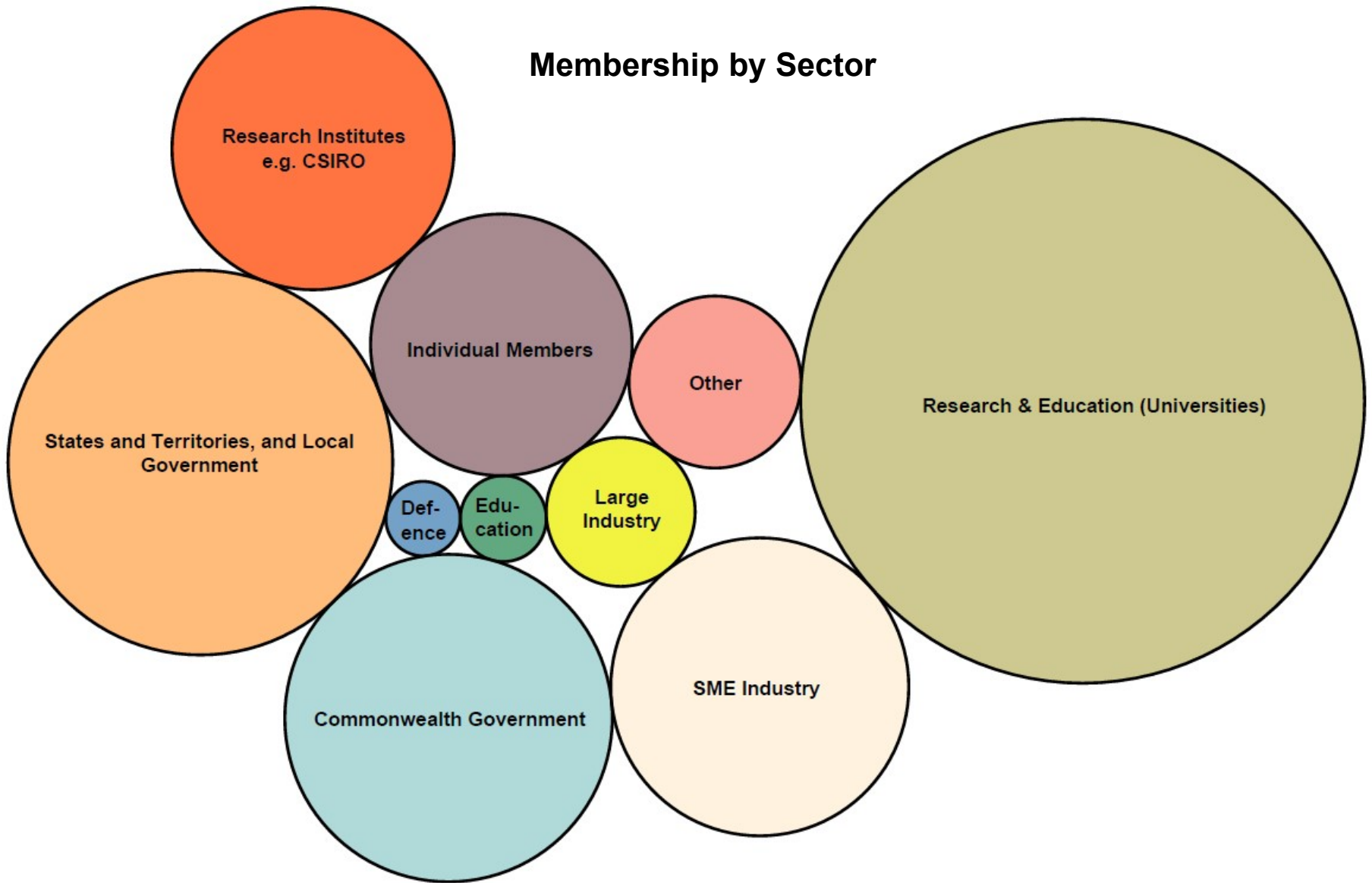
Earth Observation Australia Membership and Activities Summary

Sylvia Michael - Secretary

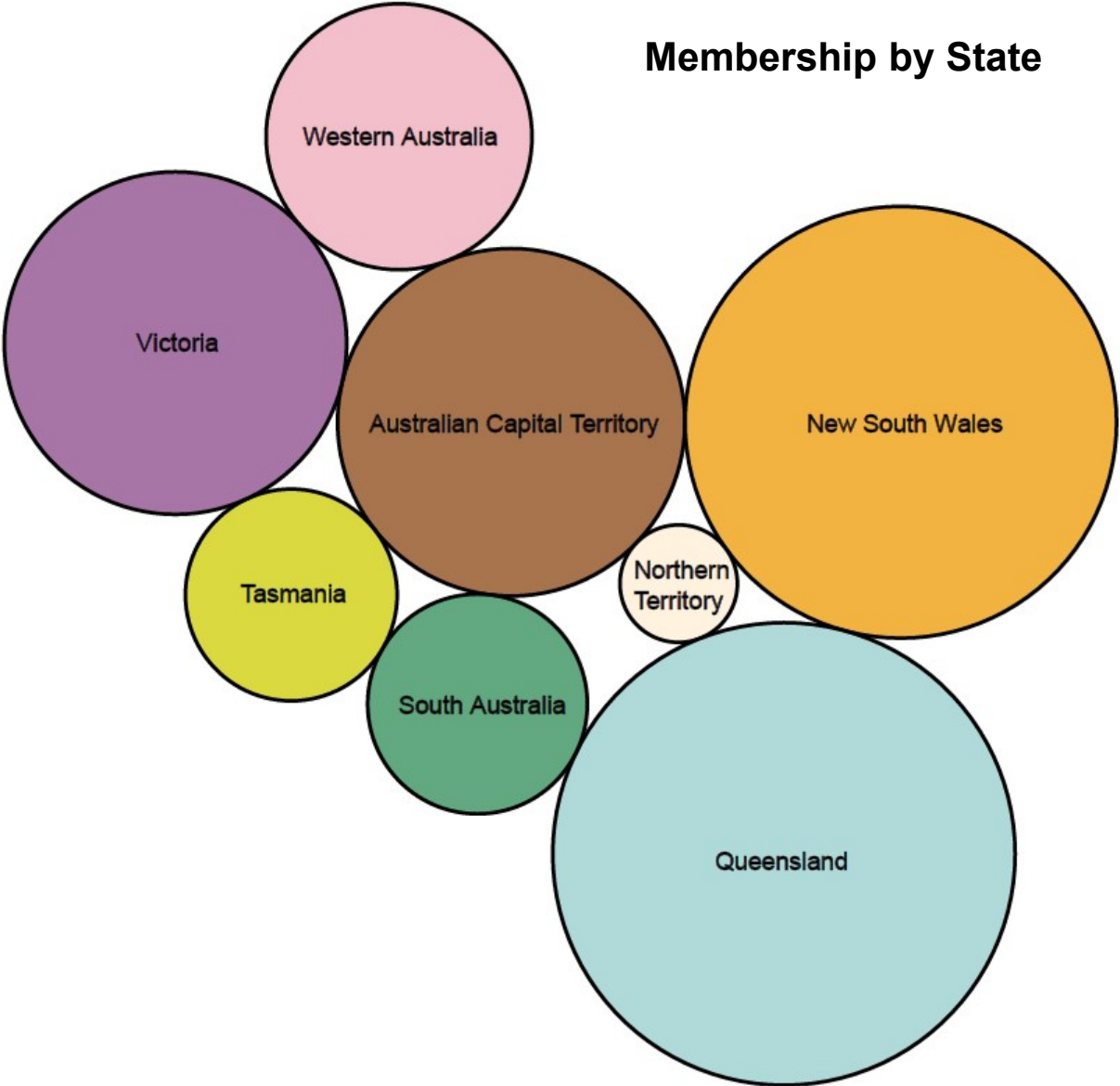


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Membership by Sector



Membership by State



Community Activities

- Whole of Community Webinar
- Newsletters

Earth Observation for Government Network (EOGN)

- Workshops on land-cover and land-use, oceanic water, and water quality

Surveys

- Third party surveys for SmartSat CRC and BoM
- Internal surveys for AEO format and SME engagement



Submissions/Contributions to submissions

- Economic study into an Australian continuous launch small satellite program for Earth observation
- AusCalVal - Establishing Australia as a Global Leader in Delivering Quality Assured Satellite Earth Observation
- Australian Academy of Sciences (AAS) National Committee for Space & Radio Sciences Decadal Space Plan
- Parliamentary Enquiry into Developing Australia's Space Industry





Now a series of interactive and engaging events:

1. Fully online event 25 August 2021 - AEO Mini Forum 2021
2. Building the AEO Community 2021-2022 bi-monthly webinars – October 2021 to July 2022
3. AEO 2022 Face-to-face at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre – August 2022



Treasurer's Report

Jo Edkins - Treasurer



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Main Points:

- EOA did not achieve financial independence during the 2020/21 financial year. Engaging an auditor was not required.
- EOA resourcing in terms of operations and accommodation is managed through in-kind contributions by:
 - The University of Queensland's Remote Sensing Research Centre at the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences
 - The Queensland and New South Wales state governments through the Joint Remote Sensing Research Program
- Geoscience Australia provides funding for the following projects:
 - Earth Observation Australia activities
 - Earth Observation for Government Network (EOGN) activities
- Sponsorship of the Advancing Earth Observation Forum 2021-22
- Contracts and finances are managed by UQ



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EOA: The next 12 months, the next 5 years

Megan Lewis – Acting President

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The next 12 months to 5 years!

The future directions of EOA are driven by our vision to provide a venue for the inclusive collaboration, communication, cooperation, and engagement of Australia's diverse EO community.

In support of this vision and our strategic direction as defined in the Australian Earth Observation Community Plan 2026, it is our intention to further develop or embark on initiatives to:

- Grow our membership base in terms of both numbers and diversity
- Continue to provide informative, relevant, and regular content to our members
- Host and deliver the Advancing Earth Observation Forum program during 2021-22
- Contribute to help shape national strategic discussions, roadmaps, and initiatives relevant to Earth observation
- Develop models for diverse groups in the EO sector to effectively and efficiently engage and collaborate with each
- Develop mutually beneficial relationships with professional associations and/or associated groups.
- Develop a pathway towards future financial and operational sustainability
- Collaborate with the Queensland Government, the University of Queensland, and SmartSat CRC to establish and operate an EO analytics hub in Brisbane
- Acknowledge and recognise the traditional owners of the lands and waters on which we work across Australia



Questions ?

Amy Parker - Vice President

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