

FEBRUARY 2022 MELBOURNE Practical Advances in Ground Control

The EAGCG's (the Group's) first meeting for 2022 was held on February 10 and 11 at the Donkey Wheelhouse on Bourke Street, Melbourne. No meeting had been held since March 2020 due to the covid pandemic in 2021.

43 ground control practitioners and 9 students heard 19 presentations. The attendance numbers were significantly greater than expected following the pandemic; a sign that our members are keen for the Group to survive. The Group thanks all presenters for sharing their experiences and appreciates the considerable time taken to prepare their talks. As always, the qualities of all presentations were outstanding.

The participation, discussions and interactions throughout the meeting and the dinner were lively. The consensus amongst attendees after the event was that it went very well. Like all of our meetings, the professional development and networking opportunities provided were invaluable.

Providing the meetings and the dinners cost-effectively is a fundamental reason for having these meetings and for the existence of the Group. We could not have done so at this meeting if not for the generous support of 8 sponsors: Epiroc, Rocscience, DSI Underground, Master Builders Solutions, Jenmar, Split Set Mining Systems, Mapei and Minova. Their support is greatly appreciated. You can link to their websites from the front page of the Group's web site.

The presentations will be uploaded to the web site. The password to access the information will be sent to the attendees which will allow them to download the presentations for a limited time.

The general consensus of the attendees was that the next meeting should be held in Tasmania. Members will be kept informed by email, LinkedIn and on the Group's web site as more details become available. Please contact the Secretariat at EAGCGSecretary@outlook.com for sponsorship and participation information.

If you know of any industry personnel who would like to be added to our mailing list, get them LinkedIn to the Group or registered via the Contacts page on our web site.

Regards **EAGCG Committee:** Bre-Anne Sainsbury (President), Robyn Teet (Secretary and Treasurer) and Tony Meyers.

