

IEEE Queensland Section

PART A - SECTION SUMMARY

A.1 Executive Summary –

- Section Executive Committee Member List

Office	Officer name
Chair	Chandima Ekanayake
Vice Chair	Rahul Sharma
Secretary	Hugo Espinosa
Treasurer	Richard Yan
Immediate Past Chair	Om Perakash
Newsletter Editor	Michael Robinson
Webmaster	Sameera Samarasingha
Membership Development chair	Jakob Pallot
Awards & Recognition	Michael Robinson
Student Activities Chair	
Educational Activities Chair	Rajesh Nighot
Engineers Australia Liaison	Richard Yan
Community Manager	Jakob Pallot
Women in Engineering Chair	Punam Pawar
Women in Engineering Vice Chair	Christina Kazantzidou
Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter Chair	Robert Kennedy
Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter (VC)	Jason Williams
Computational Intelligence Chapter Chair	Marcus R Gallagher
Computer Chapter Chair	Brian Lovell
Computer Chapter Vice Chair	Mike Robinson
Control Sys/Robo & Auto Chapter Chair	Benjamin Tam
Engineering in Medicine & Biology Chapter Chair	Alejandro M-Calderon
Engineering in Med & Biology Chapter (VC)	Camila Shiota
Engineering in Med. & Biology Chapter (Sec)	MirHojjat Seyedi
MTT/AP Chapter Chair	Hugo Espinosa
MTT/AP Chapter (VC)	Syed Akbar Raza Naqvi
MTT/AP Chapter (Secretary)	Lu Zhang
MTT/AP Chapter (Treasurer)	Kamel Sultan
Power & Energy Chapter Chair	Feifei Bai
Power & Energy Chapter (VC)	Nadali Mahmoudi
Power & Energy Chapter (Secretary)	James Guest
Women in Power rep.	Indira Alcaide-Godinez
Power & Energy Chapter Treasurer	David Batterham
Power and Energy Chapter (Industry Liaison)	Nilesh Modi
Power and Energy Chapter (Professional Bodies)	Tapan Saha
Power and Energy Chapter (Webmaster)	Bonu Ramesh Naidu
Signal Pro & Comms Chapter Chair	Manuel Schmidt
IA/IE/PEL Chair	Dezso Sera
IA/IE/PEL Treasurer	Junwei Lu
IA/IE/PEL Secretary	Mahinda Vilathgamuwa
Young Professionals Chair	Sameera Samarasingha
Young Professionals (VC)	Moid Sandhu
Student Counsellor QUT	Yuchen Zhang
Student Counsellor UQ	Richard Yan
Student Counsellor GU-GC	Stephen So
Student Counsellor GU-Nathan	Sascha Stegen
Student Counsellor USQ	Yi Cui
UQ Student Branch Chair	Ge Zhang

UQ Student Branch Vice Chair	Ning Ma
UQ IEEE PES Student Branch Chair	Taolue Shen
UQ IEEE PES Student Branch Vice Chair	Anuradha Abeysekara
UQ IEEE PES Student Branch Secretary	Ge Zhang
UQ IEEE PES Student Branch Treasurer	Ashan Imantha M.H. Bandara
QUT Student Branch (VC)	Amin Mokari
QUT Student Branch (Secretary)	Shaetrun Pathmanathan
QUT Student Branch (Treasurer)	Amin Mokari
Griffith IEEE PES Student Branch Chair	Hamza Mubarak
Griffith IEEE PES Student Branch Vice Chair	Nafis Ahmed Chowdhury
Griffith IEEE PES Student Branch Secretary	Muhammad Ajmal khan
Griffith IEEE PES Student Branch Webmaster	Adam Barbosa
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter Chair	Alexander Burovanov
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter Vice Chair	Mingxuan Zhou
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter (Corresp Secretary)	Zachary Grice
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter (Rec Secretary)	Junjia Yang
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter Treasurer	Ashan Imantha Malala Hetti Bandara
IEEE HKN Mu Kappa Chapter Media officer	Linfeng Liu
Life Members Chair	John Gough

- Section Highlights

- Organized more than 90 events within the section.
- We celebrated IEEE's 140-year history with a special IEEE Day event, with inaugural Chair Prof. David Thiel as our chief guest.
- The section supported numerous student activities across several universities.
- Two students were funded to attend ANZCON 2024 in Auckland.
- We awarded travel grants to students to attend both international and local conferences.
- I had the privilege of representing the section at the R10 meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where I had the opportunity to meet with IEEE's leadership team and discuss the challenges of transitioning to the new regional structure.
- The IEEE Young Professionals Section has been reactivated, organizing several events.
- This year, we implemented a new account management criterion in alignment with IEEE Headquarters' requirements.
- The section assisted several members in advancing to Senior Member status.
- We were able to support Distinguished Lecturer (DL) visits requested by chapters.
- We published two newsletters, and I would like to extend my thanks to Mike Robinson for his continued support as the newsletter editor.
- We also published an article highlighting our activities in Region 10, which helped raise awareness of our work in the broader IEEE community.
- Our two student chapters, Griffith PES and UQ, earned first and second places for Best Student Chapters in Australia, based on their activities in 2023. I want to thank the chapter committees and counsellors for their outstanding contributions.
- The HKN Chapter (Mu Kappa Chapter) at the University of Queensland earned the 2024 Key Chapter Recognition, marking a significant achievement as the only HKN chapter in Australia.
- Both PES student branches (UQ and Griffith) received High-Performing Student Branch Chapter Program (HPSBCP) awards.
- The PES Chapter was a runner-up for the Frank Lambert Outstanding Chapter Award.
- The IEEE PES Member-Driven Initiative Committee funded the PES chapter's membership drive.
- Looking ahead to 2025, the section is committed to supporting two major international conferences: the Australian Microwave Symposium, chaired by Dr. Hugo Espinosa, and the Australian Power Engineering Conference, chaired by Prof. Tapan Saha.
- Organised an event with The Department of Industry, Science & Resources (DISR), in partnership with IEEE SA (Standards Association), to encourage members to involve in developing Australia's Critical Technology Standards.
- AGM dinner

- Major Events (International, National)
 - The first Australian Soft Robotics Symposium, which was co-sponsored by IEEE Qld section, and co-organised with the Australian Soft Robotics Society. This event was held at QUT Gardens Point. There were researchers and industry representatives from across Australia and overseas.
- Major Chapter Activities
 - IEEE PES-DEIS chapter organised an industry workshop on Australian Energy Transition Towards 100% Renewable Energy
 - IEEE AESS Qld Chapter hosted AESS Distinguished Lecturer Professor Puneet Singla from the department of Aerospace Engineering at Pennsylvania State University in USA.
 - The first Australian Soft Robotics Symposium organised by Control Systems/Robotics and Automation chapter
 - PES-DEIS chapter organised a DL visit Integration of DERs and Electric Transportation in Distribution System
 - PES women in power organised PSS/E training workshop and a talk on electric mobility
 - Microwave Theory and Techniques/Antennas and Propagation (MTT/APS) Chapter has organised a DL visit and number of technical talks from various industries including Ericson and Telstra Australia
- Major Student and Affinity Group Activities
 - WIE has organised two technical talks with two internationally recognized professors (Prof Mihaela Albu and Prof Damla Turgut)
 - Life members organised a visit to the Queensland Telecommunications Museum
 - Mu-Kappa Chapter hosted the UQ Net Zero Summit - a panel discussion event which fostered networking and discussions on Australia's progress towards achieving Net Zero.
 - Zachary Grice, Media Officer of IEEE HKN Mu-Kappa participated in the 120th Anniversary International Hackathon over the period of October 11th, 2024, to October 22nd, 2024.
 - Alexander Burovanov (Chair) attended the SLC in Charlotte, North Carolina on behalf of the University of Queensland Mu-Kappa chapter.
 - QUT student branch organised a Tutorial on Grid connection challenges in Australia during renewable integration
 - UQ student branch organised the IEEE day celebrations
 - UQ student branch organised a visit to Australian Energy Market Operator control site visit
 - Griffith university PES student branch organised a site visit to Mynt Energy Tech Site.
 - UQ PES student branch organised IEEE PES Day celebration with a technical talk and membership drive
- Awards
 - Recognition of service award
Feifei Bai, David Batterham, Chandima Ekanayake, Hugo Espinosa, Robert Kennedy, Brian Lovell, Hui Ma, Om Perakash, Mike Robinson, Tapan Saha, Sameera Samarasingha, Rahul Sharma
 - Outstanding QLD Outstanding Volunteer Award
Winner: Feifei Bai
 - Outstanding contributions Award
Winner: Mike Robinson
 - IEEE Queensland Section Student Thesis Prize for the General Category
Winner Brendan A Wallis
 - IEEE Queensland Section Student Thesis Prize for the Power Engineering Category
Winner Kurt Nathan Lucas
 - IEEE Queensland Section Student Thesis Prize for the Signal & Image processing Category
Winner Gabrielle Wehr
 - PES Conference Travel Prize Awards
 - Winners
 - 2024 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM): Ning Ma
 - 2024 IEEE Australasian Universities Power Engineering Conference (AUPEC): Anuradha Abeysekara, Ashan Imantha Malala Hetti Bandara, Muhammad Naveed Naz, Yue Qu

- PES Outstanding Engineer Award
- Winners
 - For members with more than 15 years of experience: Prof Junwei Lu
- PES Outstanding Volunteer Award
Winner: Ms Yue Qu

A.2 Financial Report –

- Summary (as per submitted on NetSuite)

NextGen account balance in USD:

	CB HOP #	100270
	Date	Balance
Opening Balance	1/01/2024	
Closing Balance	31/12/2024	

Fixed deposit 1 (AUD)

Account #	9110-03659
Date	Amount
1/01/2024	25000.00
31/12/2024	25000.00

Fixed deposit 2 (AUD)

Account #	9110-03931	
	Date	Amount
Opening Balance	1/01/2024	25000.00
Closing Balance	31/12/2024	25000.00

Fixed deposit 3 (AUD)

Account #	9147-58977	
	Date	Amount
Opening Balance	1/01/2024	25000.00
Closing Balance	31/12/2024	25000.00

Operating account (AUD)

Account #	469430083	
	Date	Balance
Opening Balance	1/01/2024	
Closing Balance	31/12/2024	

- Any other financial activities
Nothing to be reported.

PART B - ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

B.1 Membership Development Activities

- Total number of active members in the past 3 years.

Year/Month	Number
2022/12	1002
2023/12	1023
2024/12	1008

- Summary and evidence of work done to improve the value of membership, which leads to retention and growth of members

Each year IEEE Queensland section organizes number of activities to promote IEEE membership which helps to retain and improve membership numbers. Some of these actions are highlighted below:

IEEE day senior membership promotion drive.

Supporting student activities organized by student organizations.

Awards for volunteers, outstanding contributors and high achieving students.

Organizing technical seminars and membership drives.

Organized number of memberships drives by all student branches.

Supported to initiate Australian Soft Robotics Symposium through which membership drive was promoted.

B.2 Chapter Activities

- Total number of Chapters in the Section
9 chapters including joint chapters
- Number of Chapters formed in the current year
No chapters were formed in the current year.
- Number of active Chapters (Chapters who have reported required number of meetings during the year)
8
- Summary of Chapter activities (Chapter wise with attachment table/information)

Chapter	No. of activities
Aerospace and Electronic Systems	2
Control Sys/Robo & Auto	3
Engineering in Medicine & Biology	2
MTT/AP	10
Power & Energy/ DEIS	23
Signal Pro & Comms	6
IA/IE/PEL	4
Computational Intelligence	2

B.3 Professional and Continuing Education Activities

Summary of continuing educational activities including conferences, technical activities, training courses, and distinguished lecture programs with attachment table / information

The following table provides list of educational activities conducted by various chapters.

Event title	Event time
Challenges and Innovation Opportunities for Electrifying the Transportation Sector	2024-01-29 05:00:00 UTC
Education Activity for Power System Protection	2024-03-14 03:00:00 UTC
UQ Net Zero Summit: Net Zero From Research to Industry	2024-03-06 07:30:00 UTC
Silicon carbide electronics and sensors for energy, environment, and healthcare applications	2024-03-20 02:45:00 UTC
IEEE MTT-S Distinguished Microwave Lecture: Microwave Photonic Radars: What can Photonics bring to Radars?	2024-04-08 03:00:00 UTC
Ericsson and Telstra world-first high speed capacity link to King Island	2024-04-18 07:00:00 UTC
UQ IEEE PES Day celebration 2024	2024-04-24 07:00:00 UTC
Getting Data Science Done: A Casual Chat	2024-05-10 05:00:00 UTC
1TJPC - Small Object Detection with YOLOv8	2024-05-07 07:30:00 UTC

RE integration, transmission system development and challenges in Market design in a federal structure of a developing power system	2024-06-13 05:30:00 UTC
Educational Activity-Industry Site Visit	2024-05-23 23:30:00 UTC
Chipless RFID Systems Modeling, Protocols and Detection	2024-06-14 07:00:00 UTC
Nanophotonics and nanophotonic materials for highly integrated optics and optoelectronics	2024-06-28 09:00:00 UTC
Sustainable Requirements from Telecommunication Industry and its Solution with High Efficiency Antennas	2024-07-02 02:00:00 UTC
DISR & IEEE SA “Contributing to Australia’s Critical Technology Standards	2024-07-25 06:30:00 UTC
IEEE MTT-S DML Seminar - RF Design for Ultra-Low-Power Wireless Communication Systems	2024-08-05 00:30:00 UTC
IEEE Software Training Session - PSS/E	2024-08-12 05:00:00 UTC
RF Design for Ultra-Low-Power Wireless Communication Systems	2024-08-08 00:30:00 UTC
Robotic Perception in the Wild: progress and lessons deploying in agriculture	2024-08-23 01:00:00 UTC
IEEE MTT-S DML Seminar: Applications of Phase Change Material Technology in Tunable Filters and in Other Reconfigurable Microwave and Millimeter-Wave Devices	2024-08-20 01:00:00 UTC
Griffith University IEEE PES Talk 3	2024-08-15 01:00:00 UTC
First Year Engineering Arduino Electronics Workshop	2024-09-05 07:00:00 UTC
Integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and Electric Transportation in Distribution Systems	2024-10-09 05:30:00 UTC
Co-designing AI for social robots: case studies in inclusion of people with intellectual disability	2024-09-06 01:00:00 UTC
1TJPC - Passive Radar for Space Surveillance	2024-09-03 07:30:00 UTC
Non-Contact Radar Sensing of Wrist Pulse Wave with Enhanced Accuracy and Flexibility	2024-09-09 01:00:00 UTC
Australian Energy Transition Towards 100% Renewable Energy	2024-09-26 04:30:00 UTC
Terahertz Technology: from Devices and Systems towards Sensing and Communications	2024-09-19 01:00:00 UTC
1TJPC - MC Dropout	2024-10-01 07:30:00 UTC
Managing Interference in Antenna Collocation: Innovative Strategies for Enhanced Communication Performance	2024-09-30 03:15:00 UTC
Mechatronics in Medical Science and Biology	2024-10-10 03:15:00 UTC
The 9th IEEE Southern Power Electronics Conference, SPEC 2024	2024-12-02 22:00:00 UTC
ASRS - First Australian Soft Robotics Symposium	2024-11-17 23:30:00 UTC
IEEE WiE QLD DL Event: Measurements for Emerging Power Grids	2024-10-24 05:00:00 UTC
IEEE WiE QLD DL Presentation: Physical and Computational Modeling of Smart Homes	2024-11-04 22:30:00 UTC
INFORMATION and Resource Management (INFORM) for Accurate Tracking of Resident Space Objects	2024-11-21 07:00:00 UTC
Real life machine learning - How research, inspired by use cases, helps me getting along with AI	2024-12-02 01:00:00 UTC
Integration of Electric Vehicles in Distribution Systems	2024-12-04 02:00:00 UTC
1TJPC - Higher FLOPS for faster NNs	2024-03-05 07:30:00 UTC
1TJPC - Fast MPI-enabled optimiser	2024-07-02 07:30:00 UTC

Stability Assessment in Renewable Integrated Power Systems an Alternative Approaches	2024-12-11 00:00:00 UTC
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B.4 Students Activities

- Total number of Student Branches in the Section
6 student branches
- Number of Student Branches formed in the current year
0
- Section level student activities (student congress, paper and other contests, awards etc)
 - 2 student members attended ANZSCON 2024 held in Auckland. Section has provided the financial support
 - 5 travel awards to attend conferences offered by PES
 - 3 awards for best undergraduate thesis
 - Section financially supported for Mu-Kappa chapter chair to attended the SLC in Charlotte, North Carolina on behalf of the Queensland Section.
- Number of active Student Branches (Student Branches who have reported required number of meetings during the year)
5 student branches including IEEE- HKN
- Summary of Student Branch activities (Student Branch wise with attachment table/information)
Following table provides the summary of the activities conducted by the student branches.

Griffith PE student branch	
IEEE vTools and Officer Reporting: First Step to Get Funding in IEEE PES	2024-01-26 06:30:00 UTC
2024-2025 Griffith University IEEE PES STUDENT BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	2024-04-14 23:00:00 UTC
2024-2025 GU PES Student Branch Committee Election Meeting	2024-05-23 05:30:00 UTC
Griffith University IEEE PES Talk 3	2024-08-15 01:00:00 UTC
UQ	
Promotional Session about UQ IEEE PES During Course Lectures	2024-02-19 05:13:00 UTC
QUT	
IEEE QUT Student Branch Welcome Party	2024-10-04 05:00:00 UTC
Tutorial on Grid connection challenges in Australia during renewable integration	2024-10-25 01:00:00 UTC
UQ PE Student Branch	
IEEE vTools and Officer Reporting: First Step to Get Funding in IEEE PES	2024-01-26 06:30:00 UTC
Call for Nominations for UQ IEEE PES Student Branch Executive Committee 2025	2024-11-27 05:00:00 UTC
Stability Assessment in Renewable Integrated Power Systems “ Alternative Approaches	2024-12-11 00:00:00 UTC
UQ Mu-Kappa	
Founder's Day Celebration IEEE HKN Mu Kappa	2024-10-30 07:30:00 UTC
University of Queensland and UQ PE Student Branch Joint	

UQ IEEE PES membership drive and BBQ event	2024-08-07 01:00:00 UTC
AEMO control room industry site visit	2024-10-29 00:00:00 UTC
UQ High Performance Student Talk Series	2024-09-01 06:22:00 UTC
Promotional Session about UQ IEEE PES During Course Lectures	2024-02-19 05:13:00 UTC
University of Queensland, UQ PE Student Branch, Griffith University PE PE Student Branch Joint	
IEEE Software Training Session - PSS/E	2024-08-12 05:00:00 UTC
University of Queensland, Mu Kappa and UQ PE Student Branch joint	
UQ Net Zero Summit: Net Zero From Research to Industry	2024-03-06 07:30:00 UTC
University of Queensland and Mu Kappa joint	
First Year Engineering Arduino Electronics Workshop	2024-09-05 07:00:00 UTC
Founder's Day Celebration IEEE HKN Mu Kappa	2024-10-30 07:30:00 UTC

B.5 Affinity Group Activities

- Women In Engineering (WIE)

The following activities were organized by WIE

Event Title	Event Date
IEEE WiE QLD DL Event: Measurements for Emerging Power Grids	2024-10-24 05:00:00 UTC
IEEE WiE QLD DL Presentation: Physical and Computational Modeling of Smart Homes	2024-11-04 22:30:00 UTC

- Life Member (LM)

The following activities were organized by LM

Event Title	Event Date
Visit to Queensland Telecommunication Museum	2024-03-13 00:00:00 UTC
Ecoacoustics and the Australian Acoustic Observatory	2024-12-05 02:00:00 UTC

B.6 Awards & Recognition Activities

- Award constituted by the Section

Following awards are presented by the section:

1. Outstanding QLD Outstanding Volunteer Award
2. Recognition of service award
3. Outstanding contributions Award
4. Student Thesis Awards
5. PES Conference Travel Prize Awards
6. PES Outstanding Engineer Award
7. PES Outstanding Volunteer Award

- Please list all Awards and Recognitions received by the Section, and members in the Section, from R 10 and IEEE HQ during the year

Mr. Anuradha Abeywickrama received travel award to attend PES R10 meeting.

B.7 Communication Activities (Newsletter, Home Page, E-mail etc.)

- Newsletter (name and number of issues in the year)
Two newsletters were produced in 2024.
Name – IEEE QUEENSLAND SECTION NEWSLETTER
Newsletter 1 – April 2024 Volume 24 Issue 1
Newsletter 2 – December 2024, Volume 24 Issue 2
- Home Page of the Section (give the URL and how often it is updated)
<https://r10.ieee.org/queensland/>
This website is updated regularly when new information is available. Typically once a month between February and November
- Other means of contacts with Section members including social media
Through enotices, LinkedIn and Facebook.

B.8 Industry Relations

- Membership growth and retention
Total member number remains almost the same. Based on OU Analytics there is 0.14% decline from December 2023 to Dec 2024. There is a decline of senior members by 3.9%.
- Activities for/with industrial members
Most of the technical presentations are aligned with current industry interests. We have also organized social activities to encourage qualified members to apply for IEEE SM level.

B.9 Humanitarian Technology Activities

- Humanitarian Technology related activities supported by the Section including collaboration with other OUs.
No activities in this category have been conducted in 2023
- SIGHT Activities
No SIGHT activities conducted by the section.

B.10 Community Activities

- IEEE Social activities (Family day, IEEE day, Engineers Week)”
Section was organize IEEE day with a BBQ and AGM dinner. PES chapter has organized the IEEE PES day with a BBQ and plant activity.

PART C - OTHERS

C.1 Special Events

- Please briefly describe the importance of special events and the outcomes achieved
Typically, IEEE Queensland section organizes special events to celebrate IEEE milestones and to recognize the achievement of its members. In 2024 we invited the inaugural chair as the main speaker for IEEE day.
- Funding secured from the IEEE and external sources including sponsorships
Sections has received no extra funding is secured from IEEE other than the usual Levy and high performance payments. However, PES chapter and Mu Kappa branch has received funding for various activities.

C.2 Relationship with National and International Societies and Non-Government Organizations (NGO)

- Nature of relationship and details of any formal agreement signed
IEEE Qld section has an Engineers Australia liaison officer to promote relationship between IEEE and Engineers Australia.
- Details of joint activities
Organised an event with The Department of Industry, Science & Resources (DISR), in partnership with IEEE SA (Standards Association), to encourage members to involve in developing Australia's Critical Technology Standards.
- Benefit to IEEE members (for example discounts, access to technical information etc.)
Access to technical information and other resources supplied by engineers Australia.
- Benefit to Section (for example help in membership development, venue facilities, cost saving etc.)
Engineers Australia has wider audience, and this helps us to use their service to promote IEEE activities. Engineers Australia has an auditorium facility, and this facility is available for IEEE members when running the joint activities.

C3. Collaboration with other IEEE Sections

- Support extended to neighboring Sections
Number of activities (especially online seminars) organized by our chapters are joint activities with the other sections in Australia.
- Joint activities with any other Section

Following activities were organized as joint events:

Event title	Event date
SSIT Australia 2023 AGM	2024-02-16 02:00:00 UTC
IEEE MTT-S DML Seminar - RF Design for Ultra-Low-Power Wireless Communication Systems	2024-08-05 00:30:00 UTC
Nanophotonics and nanophotonic materials for highly integrated optics and optoelectronics	2024-06-28 09:00:00 UTC

C.4 Support extended to Sub-sections & Society Chapters within the Section

- Support extended for organising technical, educational and professional activities
The section financially supported all the activities carried out by chapters. Most of the events under the section were carried out by the chapters.
- Joint activities for membership development
IEEE day with UQ student branch was a successful membership development event
- Support extended for the formation of a Sub-section or transition of a Sub-section into a full Section
Not applicable.

C.5 Best Practices of your Section (which you would like to share with other Sections for the benefits of members)

Organizing monthly meetings in Hybrid form – Queensland is a large state, and this helped to increase committee participation in meetings.

We have a preapproved budget limit for the IEEE activities. This helps us to avoid requesting budget approvals for smaller expenses.

Introduced a special spreadsheet for budget requests which aligns with IEEE budget reporting.

C.6 Problems anticipated and suggestions for solutions, if any

Industry engagement in IEEE activities is limited. It is expected to increase the number of activities held in industry locations, which may help to increase our visibility in the industries.

PART D - GOALS AND PLANS

D.1 Continuation of project/activity in progress and their implementation plans

The section is planning number of events to celebrate 40 years of Queensland section. We have already nominated a Chair to lead these activities. Activities are planned to execute in 2025.

The section is planning to organize a site visit for its members. We have identified a couple of potential locations, and the section committee is currently working on arranging logistics for these visits.

D.2 Goals and Future Plans

Goals:

Promoting at least 5 qualified members to apply for senior membership

Supporting up to 3 student members to attend at least one conference

Organizing at least two events at industry premises.

D.3 Any innovative ideas to make IEEE more creative and value added for sustaining the membership retention and recruitment goals.

A membership fee scheme which reduces the membership fee when the consecutive number of years of the membership is increased. This can be on 5 years or 10 years steps. To receive this benefit members should retain the membership continuously.

D.4 Business Plan for Sustainable Growth and Financial Stability.

Queensland section is promoting student activities, and provide 50-% of membership fee to get a new student membership. This allows us to attract more student members who may continue the membership after graduation.

Our current financial status is healthy with 3 fixed deposits. We are helping the chapters to organize conferences that would provide us some financial benefits. When supporting such events we discuss potential risks and try to minimize the effect of those risks.