

## **PESA FEDERAL CHAIRMAN REPORT**

### **Year Ended 31 December 2023**

PESA is about promoting professional and technical excellence in energy geoscience. Last year we launched the new PESA logo, replacing Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia with PESA - Energy Geoscience. The board is keen to adapt to the changing environment in which our members work by broadening our gambit to include all energy geoscience whilst at the same time keeping our well recognised brand. Although the legal entity is still named Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Ltd, our brand awareness is PESA – Energy Geoscience.

The backbone of PESA is our state-based monthly technical meetings but we have grown that to include fortnightly virtual webinars and even national conferences. The fostering of forums to communicate technical innovations and lessons learnt to individuals on a national basis via Special Interest Groups (SIG) has been extremely well received by members. Presenting views and facilitating discussion of technical and professional matters pertinent to the upstream energy industry have been successfully achieved via the publication of the quarterly PESA News, expanding of the technical library and adding access to Knowledgette recordings on our website. All of this will evolve with time and as the industry changes and your Board is aimed at making sure PESA remains relevant to those working in energy geoscience.

I especially want to thank all members for maintaining a high standard of professional conduct. We are the personal face of the energy geoscience industry, and it is a real pleasure to be associated with our members who show such professional integrity. I love being part of an industry that is helping people at a global scale move out of energy poverty.

Your board continue to review the various elements of our strategy, “Towards 2024.” With this being the second of our Strategic Plans one of its key aims is to allow current and future Federal Boards and State Committees to work towards defined goals across the nation by creating value and communicating that value to the broader community. The Plan documents how we aim to build agility to keep pace with our evolving and volatile industry as well as member’s needs, together with developing the financial fluency as a board in order for PESA to be clear about how finances are serving members. I emphasise that the Plan is built on our Society’s values: integrity, professionalism, technical excellence, innovation and accountability. All of us should continually strive to follow our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics which embrace these values.

One of the unique features of PESA is that it is a volunteer organisation with a continuously changing Federal Board, Federal Committees and State Committees. These groups of volunteers have achieved tremendous results throughout the year. I will leave it to our Federal President to discuss these, but I want to congratulate them on and thank them for their efforts. Their ability to deliver benefit to members together with disciplined capital allocation will, we believe, continue to generate value.

My term as Chairman comes to a close at our Annual General Meeting in May 2024. Serving on the PESA Board for 15 years has been a highlight of my career. It’s been a real blessing to be of service to members and give back to an industry that I love being part of. It has



afforded me the opportunity of working with and developing relationships with brilliant and dedicated people – its people who make our industry great. Thank you for providing me this marvellous opportunity.

On behalf of the board, I thank all members for their support as the Society continues to grow with a focus on generating value for you, our members.

**Steve Mackie**  
**Chairman**