



Ron Cox – Convenor ACCARNSI

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Associate Professor Ron Cox has had extensive experience in water, coastal, groundwater and environmental engineering, working with industry and government, (local, state and federal) both within Australia and overseas. In 2008, Ron was awarded Engineering Australia's prestigious Sir John Holland Award for Civil Engineer of the Year, in recognition of his long standing and continuing contribution to the profession and community, particularly in the field of coastal engineering. In January 2009, Ron became the Convenor of the Australian Climate Change Adaptation Research Network for Settlements and Infrastructure – one of 8 Networks established within NCCARF and funded by the Commonwealth Government Department for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Qualifications

BE Hons 1 & University Medal (Civil Engineering), UNSW

PhD, UNSW

Affiliations

CP Eng, FIE, Institute of Engineers, Australia

Member, International Advisory Committee, COPEDEC

Member, Editorial Board, Coastal Engineer Journal, Japan

Member Editorial Board, Maritime Engineering Journal, UK

Member, National Committee Coastal & Ocean Engineering, IEAust

Board Member, PIANC Australia

Professional History

1967-1970: Trainee Engineer – Metropolitan W S & D Board

1970-1973: Postgraduate Fellow – CSIRO

1973-1975: AWRC Research Engineer, UNSW

1976-1983: Engineer/Projects Manager – WRL, UNSW

1987-1996: Manager/Director – Australian Water & Coastal Studies

1988-2001: Chair – Institution of Engineers Australia, National Committee Coastal & Ocean Engineering

1993- : Associate Professor – School of Civil & Environmental Engineering, UNSW

1993-2006: Director, WRL, UNSW

2007-2008: Director – Academic Finance & Marketing, School of Civil & Environmental Engineering, UNSW

2009- : Convenor – ACCARNSI, UNSW

Specialist Fields

- Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Coastal Management
- Sediment Transport, Fluvial and Estuarine Processes
- Engineering Hydrology, Flooding and Stormwater
- River and Estuarine Hydraulics
- Environmental Engineering (including water & wastewater systems design and impact assessment)

- Field Data Collection and Interpretation
- Power Station Water Cooling Systems
- Numerical & Physical Modelling
- Groundwater & Geohydrology
- Climate Change Assessment & Adaptation (for coastal, water resources, water security, flooding and stormwater)

Relevant Experience

Coastal Processes

1999-Ongoing: Manly, Collaroy, Brooms Head, Byron Bay

1976-Ongoing: Gold Coast beaches, Queensland

Water Security – Water & Wastewater Services

1985-Ongoing: Sydney, Hunter & Illawarra sewage disposal, NSW

2004-Ongoing: Desalination intakes & outfall, Perth & Sydney

Hydrology, Flooding, Stormwater

1982-Ongoing: Nepean/Hawkesbury River NSW

1983-Ongoing: South Esk River, Tamar Estuary, Launceston City

Climate Change Adaptation

2007-2008: Coastal impacts, coastal management plan, climate change adaptation strategy, Clarence City, Tasmania

Selected Relevant Publications

Coastal Engineering Guidelines for Working with the Australian Coast in an Ecologically Sustainable Way (2004) – Gourlay, Harper, **Cox**, Webb and Stone, Engineers Australia, ISBN: 085 825 819 6, Australia (previously published by Commonwealth Department of Environment, ISBN: 0 642 54547 2, 1998)

More than 1500 copies distributed Australia wide

Guidelines for Responding to the Effects of Climate Change in Coastal and Ocean Engineering (2004 update) – coordinated by BA Harper, **RJ Cox** and MR Gourlay for National Committee Coastal & Ocean Engineering, Institution of Engineers Australia, ISBN: 085 825 750 5, Australia
Available online: EA National Committee Coastal and Ocean Engineering