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REPORT TO THE ANZELA QLD CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CAIRNS 2 OCTOBER 2018

Chapter Committee for 2018

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<i>Secretary</i>	Andrew Knott
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It gives me great pleasure to present this report of the activities of the ANZELA Queensland Chapter for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2018 which extends beyond the usual twelve month period because of the Committee's decision to move the date of the Annual General Meeting from March 2018 to coincide with the ANZELA Annual National Conference being held in Cairns.

During this period, the Committee of the Queensland Chapter of ANZELA has been seeking new ways to address the objectives of ANZELA in the light of current issues and developments.

The Chapter has noted the emergence of many new players which are commercial enterprises delivering professional development around education law with costs that are often beyond the reach of educators unless they can source funding from their employers.

Traditionally, ANZELA has delivered high quality services such as these at a vastly reduced cost relying on ANZELA member volunteers to develop and deliver in-service programs in a face-to-face mode. While we intend to maintain a presence in this mode, the reality now is that time pressure and competitors make it more difficult for our volunteers to provide these events.

Therefore, the Queensland Chapter is taking steps to deliver professional development in an online mode. We are looking forward to the enhancement of the ANZELA website to facilitate this and, aside from that, we are taking steps to better engage with social media platforms.

ANZELA Queensland Chapter has convened the annual Legal Studies Teachers Conference at Parliament House since 2012 and, each year, this conference becomes more and more successful and attracts in excess of 120 participants.

The conference helps teachers to maintain their currency of knowledge of the law and benefit from networking with teachers from around the state. Participants are drawn from Cairns in the North to the Gold Coast in the South and as far west as Stanthorpe. These teachers are now key clients of ANZELA Qld.

The conference on 5 May, 2017 aimed at assisting teachers to prepare for the new Queensland syllabus to be introduced in 2019, and was opened by Honourable Di Farmer MP standing in for the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The Honourable Chief Justice Catherine Holmes provided the keynote address which highlighted the legal processes to ensure a fair trial.

The remaining program consisted of:

Street Law in South East Queensland - Bringing Law Students and High School Students Together -

Zoe Rathus AM Senior Lecturer, Director of Clinical Legal Education Program Griffith Law School

Australian Human Rights in the Global Context - Dr Melanie O'Brien, Post-doctoral Research Fellow,
TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland

Tort Tales: Negligence in 21st Century Australia - Dr Kylie Burns, Senior Lecturer, Griffith Law School

Legal Studies Syllabus - Christine Dowd, Principal Education Officer, Queensland Curriculum and
Assessment Authority

Governance, - Professor John Kane, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith
University

The conference on 11 May, 2018 was opened by Honourable Scott Stewart MP standing in for the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Honourable Justice Glenn C Martin of the Queensland Supreme Court provided the keynote address *How far has technology invaded the justice system?*

The remaining program consisted of:

An Overview of the Education Programs Offered by the Supreme Court Library – Kirsten Murray,
Community Education Co-ordinator, Supreme Court Library.

Human Rights – Aimee McVeigh, Campaign Co-ordinator, A Human Rights Act for Queensland

The Changing Nature of Civil Dispute Resolution in Queensland – Kieran Tranter, Associate Professor,
Griffith Law School

Australia's National Integrity System: Priorities for Reform – Professor Janet Ransley, Director,
Griffith Criminology Institute

Interesting cases I have been involved in - Joseph Crowley, Barrister

Committee members Kerrie Anglin and Kathy Sawtell deserve congratulations for the planning and staging of these conferences and we are deeply appreciative of the support of the judiciary and universities. The speakers' preparedness to give up their time and present on the day ensures their success.

The very attractive Queensland newsletter is ably produced by Editor Ross McSwan. Members are urged to take advantage of this excellent production and you are invited to view a recent edition at <http://anzela.schoolzineplus.com/r/kl6/5b68d30a3e2b8>

We have continued our support for the Queensland Parliament's Annual Secondary School *Youth Parliament* Program and the *Indigenous Parliament Program*. Financially we are in a sound position and we are indebted to our Chapter Treasurer, Kathy Sawtell, for her very efficient and effective management of our finances.

While reassessing the way it has been seeking to address the objectives of ANZELA at state level, the Queensland Chapter has also considered the way in which these objectives are being met at national level in the light of current issues and developments.

The Qld Chapter is pleased to note that, following some struggle to publish regular editions of the ANZELA *International Journal of Law and Education* (IJLE) over recent years, an electronic journal has recently been published.

Sadly, we note the decisions of Alison Jeffries and Elizabeth Dickson to step down from the Queensland Chapter committee.

In particular, Elizabeth's departure brings to a conclusion a period of outstanding service to ANZELA which includes editor of the ANZELA International Journal of Law and Education, Chapter committee member and regular presenter at Chapter events throughout Queensland.

At the October 2018 AGM Andrew Knott and I will step down from our respective positions of Secretary and Chair of the Committee but will nominate to be members of the Committee for 2019

Andrew and I agreed to take on these positions ten years ago when the Chair and Secretary at that time resigned simultaneously.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work with Andrew whose contribution to ANZELA at many levels over many years is well known but we are especially appreciative of his service over the last ten years on the Queensland Chapter Committee.

Now it is time to stand aside for younger and more enthusiastic persons to take on these leadership roles. Our successors are already busy in the background developing fresh initiatives for 2019.

For ANZELA Qld, 2017 - 2018 was a relatively quiet time in terms of activity but full of reflection and discussion on the future of ANZELA. We look forward optimistically to a very productive year in 2019.

Mike Wilkinson
Chair