

## **ANZELA 2018**

### **Chairperson's Report**

**Membership:** membership at the end of 2018 had demonstrated the upward growth and member retention of recent years. Membership has reached 65 and it is particularly encouraging to see the significant membership of key stakeholders among the organisational members.

**ANZELA Update:** Three *Updates* had been published this year. A fourth, shorter, one would be circulated before Christmas. Alan Knowsley was acknowledged for his continued editorship and several committee members who had contributed during the year were thanked for their work.

**Seminars:** There was one seminar presented this year – at Orewa College organised by Kate Shevland.

**Conference:** The annual conference this year was held in Cairns and was run by the ANZELA Board rather than a local Chapter. The NZ chapter made a significant contribution in terms of the organisation of the conference (directorial input of Virginia and Alan, creation of promotional material, managing the paper submission process and development of the conference programme). Particular acknowledgment was made of Jane Battersby and the excellent support she provided to the conference and to her Australian colleague, Jo Spencer.

There were a number of NZ speakers (Jeni Fountain, Kate Shevland and Anna Kenny, Dr Gaye Greenwood, Mary Redmayne, Fiona McMorrان, Julia McCook-Weir, Denise Evans and Kristine Brown). The chair noted that the NZ papers were amongst the best attended. The conference attracted some 120 participants, and was well run. The secretary/treasurer attended the conference and assisted Jo Spencer for the duration of the programme. The ANZELA Board as a whole expressed appreciation of the role the NZ Chapter played in putting together the programme and papers for the conference.

The NZ chapter will host the 2020 conference.

**Strategic planning day:** NZ chapter committee members met in Wellington in February 2018, and are due to meet again on 27 February 2019 in Wellington.

**Directors:** There was a directors' meeting in Cairns in February 2018. Alan and Virginia were re-elected to the international board.

**Education grant:** The chair noted at the last AGM that the NZ chapter was one of the few which didn't currently provide a grant related to ANZELA aims for education or a research project. In 2018 the chapter initiated a grant of up to \$2,000 and two grants of \$1,000 were awarded – one to Mary Redmayne and one to Genevieve Brown.

**Virginia Goldblatt**

**Chair of NZ Chapter of ANZELA**