

# ANZELA

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION LAW ASSOCIATION LTD

NSW Chapter

## President's Report 2019

This year the NSW Chapter has continued with its Seminar Series with the March Seminar held on Tuesday 26 March at Sydney Grammar School. The panel format is an interesting and successful process to present an approach to dealing with difficult situations within schools. The panel consisted of a Facilitator - Michael Waterhouse, Director Legal Services NSW Department of Education; School Principal - Julie Ross, Kogarah High School; Lawyer – Jacquie Seemann, Partner, Thomson Geer; Senior School Counsellor – Anna Ponnudurai, PLC Croydon and Youth Liaison Officer – Senior Constable James Bottalico, Burwood.

The panel were provided with an authentic hypothetical scenario relating to the complex situations that school staff face when dealing with challenging student behaviours. More than 30 audience members joined in the discussion and it was a very successful Seminar.

Thank you to Sydney Grammar School for providing the facilities, and to Joanna Ernenwein for organising the venue.

At the 2018 Annual Conference, NSW provided three Scholarships. The Robert Horton Memorial Scholarship to Joanna Ernenwein, and two Chapter Grants to Vicki Fitzgerald and Alex Walker. It is pleasing that Joanna has joined the NSW Committee and gave a presentation at the March Seminar about her experiences at the 2018 Conference.

The Chapter will continue its work to increase membership and make links with others. With Joanna's help, we have set up a LinkedIn page to increase communication between members and interested people. We are currently planning a Seminar/AGM which will take place on 26 November at Sydney Grammar School.

I would like to thank all the NSW Committee members for their time, support, fine efforts and contributions throughout the past year:

Margaret Baker  
John Boesenberg (Treasurer)  
Nathan Croot (Vice President)  
Joanna Ernenwein (Vice President)  
Sue Hammond (President)  
Carol Howard (Secretary)  
Jenny Moes  
Paul Robson  
Jacquie Seemann (Vice President)  
Joanne Worrad  
Lucy York

The NSW Chapter would also like to express its thanks to Deborah Vitlin for her outstanding contribution to the NSW Chapter as President 2015 – 2018 and prior for many years as a Committee member.

Sue Hammond  
President  
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