



ANZELA NSW Chapter

President's Report 2020

It gives me considerable pleasure to provide this report on behalf of ANZELA NSW Chapter and review our activity in this challenging year.

Although many of our usual activities were frustrated due to Covid-19, the Committee remained engaged through online communication and our regular Committee meetings which were moved to zoom in March. The Chapter embraced the new format and we have held five Chapter meetings on zoom this year.

In February, The Committee was delighted to welcome a new member, Mr Tryon Francis, who is currently undertaking a PhD in Education Law at Notre Dame University in Sydney. Tryon is also on the new editorial team of the *International Journal of Law and Education* with Professor Joan Squelch. This publication has been revived and is now freely accessible on AustLII, including back issues of the Journal 2009 - 2017. It is an exciting development and we look forward to further enhancing this valuable publication.

Sadly, our annual seminar planned for 24 March had to be cancelled following government Covid-19 restrictions. The topic planned for this seminar was 'Responding to damaging social media behaviours' based on an authentic hypothetical scenario. We had more than 40 audience members registered and hope to be able to offer this session onsite in 2021.

In the months that followed, the annual conference in New Zealand, originally scheduled for 28 – 30 September, was also cancelled. Subsequently, we had to put on hold our projects to expand the NSW Chapter's range of scholarships and offer further assistance to participate in annual conferences. We look forward to resume this project in 2021 and offer scholarships to a wider range of professionals, academics, students and regional practitioners.

I would like to thank all the NSW Chapter Committee members for their dedication and continued engagement with ANZELA this year, despite all the challenges and limitations we have experienced in 2020:

Jacquie Seemann, Vice-President

Carol Howard, Secretary

John Boesenberg, Treasurer

Lucy York, Editorial Board

Sue Hammond, Nathan Croot, Jenny Moses, Paul Robson, Margaret Baker and Tryon Francis
– Executive Members

The NSW Chapter would also like to express its thanks to Ms Sue Hammond for her outstanding contribution to ANZELA. Sue served as an executive member and NSW Treasurer before becoming President during 2019, and was NSW's representative on the ANZELA Board of Directors serving as Treasurer and Secretary. Sue is continuing as an ANZELA member and we look forward to seeing her at future events.

Joanna Ernenwein

President

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