

## ACAL Executive report

Welcome everyone and thanks for participating in the ACAL AGM.

As the co-presidents we thank the ACAL committee and the wider membership of ACAL for their continued engagement and interest in the field of adult literacy and numeracy. Throughout the last year we have worked with the committee through the following

- Membership of the Education IRC. Which has involved a number of meetings regarding the TAE and FSK training packages. Ongoing work has been undertaken to engage and educate the SSO about Foundation Skills in Australia.
- FSK working party –provided input and feedback throughout the year. This has involved a number of meetings and review of critical documents. There will be public consultation and review of draft training products at the end of this year
- Move to develop our online reach through the use of social media. Thanks to those who have been active in the online space. It is an additional means that is useful in connecting with our members.
- Advocacy – thanks to the input of committee members, ACAL has been active in writing letters and responses over the past year and have received varying responses to these. A significant event was the publishing of our joint position statement with ALA, AIG and the Reading, Writing Hotline. We have also published a position paper on the TAE80113 which is available on the ACAL website.
- We have signed an MOU with ALA to work together on joint issues where there is common ground to lobby with stronger voices.
- In 2018 we have started a process to stimulate discussion about key issues in the literacy and numeracy field. Our state representatives are going to write a piece to share with members of ACAL, this is not going to be a formal piece of peer reviewed writing, but a way to encourage dialogue and perhaps spark the interest for further reading for members.
- Involvement in the final stages of an ARC research project by Federation Uni with Erica Smith. This research is now available on the Federation University website and discusses the role of qualifications in the VET sector.
- ACAL Conference in Melbourne involved a wonderful group, headed up by Kathrin Colgan and the VALBEC team. This very successful conference, held in the Victoria was a significant event and my heartfelt thanks go to all those who were involved in the preparations.
- ACAL Aims – still much work to be done such as PD for Adult Literacy Numeracy teachers; coordinated state and federal approach to community and family literacy and numeracy education pathways; positive change for Indigenous literacy and numeracy as well as consideration of the youth who engage in Adult LLN programs.
- Thank you to:
  - The ACAL Executive Committee, ACAL State Representatives. Thank you to Don (ACAL Executive Support); to Anna and to all who support this organisation.
  - ACAL 2018 Conference in Melbourne.

It has been an honour to serve as ACAL co- president this year. Thank you for opportunity to be involved in ACAL.

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