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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I would like to thank you all for supporting the recent Australian and New Zealand Conference for Educators of the Deaf. I am sure you will all agree that the conference was a huge success. The ANZCED 2018 committee has had lots of positive anecdotal feedback which is great. A survey will be going out to all delegates from the ANZCED 2018 committee.

End of Year Function

I would also like to congratulate Claire Loades, once again, for her latest achievement of being awarded the **Des Power Memorial Teacher of the Deaf Award for Exemplary Service to the Education of Deaf Children.**

Des Power Award

This award is named in honour of Emeritus Professor Des Power AM, he was one of Australia's leading educators of the deaf. Professor Power established and became the Director of the Centre for Deafness Studies and Research at Griffith University in Queensland, and pioneered innovative strategies that allowed many DHH students to access university education for the first time. He was a Teacher of the Deaf, Mentor, Researcher and Lobbyist for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. So, well done Claire!

Nicola's Award

Recommended Reading

In the last report I mentioned the CEASA World Teachers Day awards. At the moment I am waiting to hear back from CEASA (Educators SA) about this event. I will let you all know as soon as I hear what will be happening this year. In the mean time I would still like you all to think about the amazing people we all work with.

Past PD Event

Upcoming professional learning opportunities

- RIDBC
- Victorian Deaf Education Institute
- CEASA

Congratulations to those teachers who have finished their Master of Special Education (Hearing), well done. It is hard work to study and teach at the same time, especially when you are bringing up a family too. Good luck with your graduation ceremonies. To all the teachers who are continuing their studies, keep going, you can do it. I am sure you can call on your colleagues who are qualified ToD's for advice and support.

In the last report I also talked about the change of government in SA and that the new ministers would be looking into their portfolios to see what changes they feel need to be made. AATD (SA) has been made aware that the Department for Education is in the process of conducting a review into the Early Intervention Service for Deaf and Hard of Hearing babies and young children, based at SERU. This review is in regards to service provision under NDIS. AATD (SA) was not sought to offer any feedback or comment in the review process. AATD (SA) does not know when the review outcomes will be published.

Trudy Smith, President NAATD talked about the CRIDE report from the UK which collects data from a number of fields relating to DHH children. Trudy's talk included how we, in Australia should be doing the same thing, how we need a National consistent collection of educational data for all DHH children so we can see where and how achievements are made by children in both mainstream and specialist centres. As an Association we should be supporting this notion and await any implementation strategies from NAATD with open minds.

I would like to remind all members that Claire and I tried on numerous occasions during consultations with Ian May to find out academic outcomes of DHH children in mainstream public education. For those of you who attended ANZCED2018 and saw some results it is obvious that DHH children are not achieving as well as they should in comparison to their hearing peers. I would like to try and keep the dialog with Ian May going for as long as we can. We also learned from the conference that DHH children attending mainstream schools need ongoing support from specialist Teachers of the Deaf. This is nothing new and something I know Teachers of the Deaf feel strongly about. We know children make progress in early intervention programs but once they go to school, we know they are struggling with more complex vocabulary, linguistic and social pragmatics.

However, currently the SA Department for Education provides only two Special Educators (Hearing) within the metropolitan area of Adelaide. I ask you, members, is this enough to support the hundreds of DHH children/students attending mainstream schools across Adelaide? The support across the rest of the State varies as Special Educators (Hearing) struggle to provide a service from birth to year 12 across huge geographical areas. This is an area of concern and we need to be keeping up to date with any issues in these areas.

Again, I would like to point out what I said in my last report about a world-wide decline in teachers wanting to become ToDs. I will leave you with this.....Greg Leigh stated, in his closing address of ANZCED 2018 when he commented on Michelle Brown and Kara Passi's presentation ***Growing the next generation*** *this is something we have to do [Grow the next generation], but it is what the system has to do, and if we don't do something about the system DHH children and students will be taught by teachers who are not qualified or experts in the field of deaf education.*

On behalf of AATD (SA) I would like to thank the ANZCED 2018 organising committee for all their hard work and dedication in providing a fantastic conference and worthwhile professional learning program for ToD's and colleagues working in the field of Deaf Education from across Australia and New Zealand.

On a personal note, I for one, would like us all to stand together and do something about the system.

Once again, I would like to remind all members that the people on this committee are volunteering their time to organise and run this association, without them there would be no AATD (SA). So, thank you all for your continued support and dedication that you show working with and teaching Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and students throughout South Australia.

Thank you.
Sandra Kelly
President. AATS SA

PLANS TO RETIRE OR LEAVE THE FIELD?

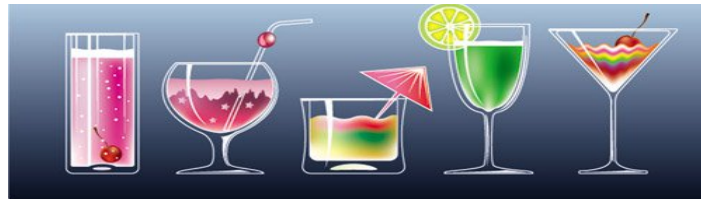
If you, or someone you know plans on retiring or leaving the field at the end of 2018, please be sure to let Ros Senior know, so that AATD SA can organise a farewell.

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Australian Association of Teachers of the Deaf
(South Australia) Inc.

*2018 End of year get together
For
AATD (SA) members
And
Teachers of the Deaf*



An opportunity to celebrate the end of the teaching year
with new and familiar friends involved in Deaf Education....
to thank the ANZCED Committee for all their hard work....
to thank the ANZCED attendees and volunteers for their
support....
and to farewell colleagues who are retiring or moving on to
other 'things'

***Friday 16th November
From 6.00pm
In the Southbank Room of the
Lakes Resort Hotel***

141 Brebner Drive
West Lakes SA 5021 Ph: 8356 4444

***A buffet meal will be provided, and
drinks can be purchased from the bar.***

To register attendance or for more information contact Ros Senior. Hannah King or Nicola Capon
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RSVP Friday 9th November

DES POWER AWARD

At the ANZCED dinner South Australia's own Claire Loades was awarded the **Des Power Memorial Teacher of the Deaf Award for Exemplary Service to the Education of Deaf Children.**

We would like to say congratulations to Claire once again and also thank you for the many years of work you have done for Deaf Education in South Australia and nationally. We were proud to see your efforts recognized in this way.

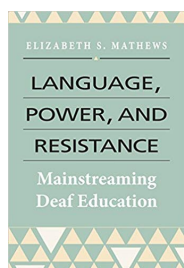


CONGRATULATIONS NICOLA

AATDSA Committee member, Nicola Capon continues to show dedication to her community, volunteering as a leader with Scouts SA. Her years of dedication were recognised recently, as she earned a well deserved scouting award, the Silver Koala Award. Congratulations to Nicola.



RECOMMENDED READING



Dr Elizabeth Matthews gave an inspiring presentation at ANZCED on Language, Power, Resistance: Mainstreaming Deaf Education in Ireland. If you are keen to learn more about her findings, or want to catch up, having missed the presentation her book is available and recommended by the AATD SA committee.

SUCCESSFUL PD EVENT

On September 6th the AATD SA PD Committee hosted a successful professional learning opportunity. Attendees heard from Sandra Kelly, who spoke passionately about the successful strategies she observed when visiting Deaf Education facilities in the United Kingdom. This was followed by Kim Adams, who eloquently summarised the models she visited in Sweden. We thank the presenters and the PD committee for providing members with this opportunity to reflect on our current practices and consider how we can continue to strive for excellence for our students here in South Australia.

AUSLAN ASSESSMENT PD

Save the Dates. Further information will be available shortly. Adam Schembri, developer of the Assessing Auslan Assessment tool is returning to Australia to run a two-day program on the tool. The PD is being organised by VDEI and is expected to run on the 11th & 12th of December.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sign Bilingual Workshop: Michelle Stark & Michelle Baker, two day workshop	VDEI	15 October 2018
Noise in Classrooms: Managing for Auditory Processing Disorder- Twilight	VDEI	18 October 2018
Living and Learning with Assistive Technology	Renwick Centre	5 November 2018
Growing Small Talk into Big Ideas: Advanced Listening & Spoken Language Outcomes Through Family-Centred Practice	Renwick Centre	8 November 2018
SCIC Preserving Residual Hearing Seminar	Renwick Centre	20 November 2018
When Sally Meets Harry: Audiological Testing of Complex Children	Renwick Centre	30 November 2018

UPCOMING CEASA EVENTS

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Audience</i>	<i>Time</i>
New presidents' meeting	18 October	Presidents	5:00 to 6:30 pm
World Teachers' Day Award Ceremony	26 October	Associations and nominees	7:00 to 9:00 pm
AGM and Council Meeting	31 October	Councillors/Members	5:30 to 7:15 pm
Data and Privacy Workshop	1 November	Association Executives	5:00 to 6:30 pm
Treasurers' Meeting	1 November	Treasurers	5:00 to 6:30 pm
PL2 funding 2019 workshop	21 November	Association Executives	5:00 to 6:30 pm
Board Meeting	22 November	Board Members	5:00 to 8:30 pm
Xmas Drinks and Celebration	17 December	Association Presidents, Committees, Delegates	4:30 to 6:00 pm

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?

Please feel free to send any articles, news or professional opportunities through to Sarah, so they can be included in future newsletters.

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