



NSW CHAPTER

Annual General Meeting

4.00 pm, 14 November 2017

MC Newth Auditorium, St Andrew's Cathedral School

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

Last year I opened the President's Report with the statement: "The past twelve months have been challenging for the Chapter on a number of levels", and I have to repeat that statement for 2017. Sadly, Robert Horton passed away the day before the start of the 2017 Annual Conference. Robert served as the President of the NSW Chapter of ANZELA, stepping down from that position only when his health obliged him.

Robert was a compassionate person with a wry sense of humour.

It is a mark of the man that no matter your relationship - friend, colleague, acquaintance - contact with Robert was personal. He was your friend no matter how deep the nature of knowing him.

Robert was a marvellous, marvellous, gentle man and he will be greatly missed.

The all-consuming task for the Chapter over the past year has been the planning, organisation and execution of the 2017 Annual Conference. It was an outstanding success. There were:

- 158 delegates who attended both days
- 15 additional delegates who attended one of the two days
- 9 additional delegates who attended a presentation only
- a total of 172 delegates.
- 124 people attended the Welcome Reception
- 144 people attended the Conference Dinner

Sixty-three people commenced the evaluation questionnaire but only 42 of these completed it. The information provided by this process will be passed on to the 2018 Conference Committee, who will be holding the event in Cairns in October.

Highlights from the feedback include:

- 91% rated the Conference good or excellent – "I've been to ANZELA five times, I think. This was the best"
- 94% agreed or strongly agreed that the topics presented were relevant to their work

- 81% agreed or strongly agreed that the information covered was presented in sufficient detail
- 61% were members of ANZELA

Many complimented the event venues and catering.

A final financial report will be provided when all accounts have been settled, hopefully by the end of this month, but a healthy profit is expected which can be used for future NSW Events and support for Conference scholarships.

The Chapter will continue its work to increase membership and make links with others. We acknowledge we still have much work to do in this area. The plan is to have at least two seminars in 2018.

On behalf of the Chapter, I acknowledge the continued support and assistance provided by St Andrew's Cathedral School, where the 2016 AGM was held.

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

Margaret Baker
John Boesenberg
Nathan Croot
Richard Ford
Gerry Gray
Sue Hammond
Carol Howard
Jacquie Seemann
Joanne Worrad

Deborah Vitlin
President
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