

# ANNUAL REPORT – QUEENSLAND BRANCH

ISANA International Education Association Inc.



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# 2019

# EDUCATE – ADVOCATE

ISANA – International Education Association:

- Provides a means for the exchange of information and networking;
- Facilitates the professional development of members;
- Builds links with associated organisations both locally and overseas; and
- Liaises with government and other agencies on policy matters relating to international students in Australia and New Zealand.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before I begin with this report, I would like to introduce the Queensland Branch Committee:

- Sam Hilbig: President
- Janet Flanagan: Secretary
- Andy Ng: Treasurer
- Livia Tramontina: Communication Officer
- Louise Myers: Regional Representative
- Kiri Bishop: Professional Development

I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and support throughout 2019. It is not always easy juggling full time work commitments and tasks associated with being on a Committee, particularly when workshops or PD sessions coincide with busy periods.

Sadly, Livia has stepped down from her position as Communications Officer due to work commitments and other ventures. Thank you for all of your input and experience.

## *Activities*

It has been a relatively busy year in Queensland with a Critical Incidents professional development session in Townsville, Child Protection training, All Things Orientation Presentation, Cross Cultural Competency and Best Practice in Student Advising.

Our committee and members have been busy promoting ISANA and the many positive aspects and resources that the association brings to the sector.

Discussion for future professional development sessions is underway and will focus around providing new members with essential training in the basics for International Education. We will be drawing on our long term members to provide guidance and resources for the many new individuals who have taken up roles in the International Education Sector. There will also be continued collaboration with Government departments, Trade Investment Queensland, Study Brisbane, Study Gold Coast and Study Cairns. These connections will provide opportunities to promote ISANA to both local and regional sectors.

Thank you to the National Council for the support through 2019 and especially Phoebe and the secretariat for all the additional time and work they contributed to make ISANA a great association and a leader in International Education.

I would also like to thank the trainers and professionals that we engage to conduct our workshops most of the time these are volunteer presenters and we can never really compensate them for all of their additional time and engagement.

As the two-year term for currently elected office bearers end, 2020 will bring in new faces and opportunities for ISANA Queensland to focus attention on professional development workshops

catering to schools and establishing better links with the community and regional members of Queensland especially with the appointment of the Regional Representative.

Our workshops for 2019 included the following and were well received by both members and non-members

- Child Protection Training
- All things Orientation
- Critical Incidents
- Cross Cultural Competency
- Best Practice in Student Advising

**Future Topics for 2020**

- Accommodation
- Under 18 students and welfare arrangements
- Mental Health Best Practice
- Social inclusion for Students and their families
- Gambling

**Sam Hilbig**  
**QLD President**

# QLD SECRETARY REPORT

This year there has been an adjustment of the state committee accounts to under the National team. The state committees are no longer required to provide financial reporting.

*Membership:*

*November 2019*

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