



Dear ISANA Member,

As 2024 comes to a close and we prepare to embrace the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this year.

Together, we've achieved milestones, overcome challenges, and strengthened the bond that makes ISANA so special. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm have been the cornerstone of our successes, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the ISANA Council for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment throughout the year. Your leadership and hard work behind the scenes have been instrumental in driving our association forward and supporting our shared mission.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express my deepest appreciation and best wishes to Sharon Cook, as she concludes three remarkable years of dedicated service to ISANA as a National President. Her vision, leadership, and passion have significantly shaped our association, leaving a legacy that we will continue to build upon.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the 2024 Conference organising committee, and everyone involved in bringing this event to life. Your hard work, dedication, and attention to detail ensured its success and made it a highlight of the year for so many. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated, and I couldn't be prouder of what we achieved together.

For those lucky enough to attend the recent conference in Adelaide, I hope you found it both inspiring and rewarding. For those who couldn't make it this time, please don't worry—our team is already hard at work planning an exciting and enriching professional development calendar for 2025. We're committed to ensuring that everyone has opportunities to grow, learn, and connect in the year ahead.

The holiday season is a time to pause, celebrate, and cherish the moments that matter most—with family, friends, and loved ones. I hope this festive period brings you joy, peace, and the chance to recharge for the exciting opportunities the New Year will bring.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with optimism and confidence in what we can accomplish together. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas, a joyful holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,

Annette Kalczynska  
ISANA National President

**34th ISANA Conference | 4 - 5 December 2024 | Adelaide**



### "Freshen up your toolkit to support international students and refresh yourself"

What a great week of sharing, learning, catching up with old friends from across Australia and making connections with like-minded professionals who work hard to provide the best international student experience.

Thank you to [The Koala News](#), the Conference's Media Partner, for their support in the marketing, promotion and comprehensive summations of the conference. Please find more information about each day at [The Koala News](#)

- Day one: <https://thekoalanews.com/isana-conference-day-1/>
- Day two: <https://thekoalanews.com/isana-conference-day-2/>

*"This conference provided an incredible opportunity to connect with inspiring peers, stakeholders, and senior professionals across the international education sector. At this stage of my journey, I focused on learning from the insightful stories and experiences shared by diverse teams and accomplished leaders. I also felt so welcomed being able to share my concerns and questions in such an open and collaborative space. Connecting with like-minded individuals and engaging in meaningful conversations truly brought me so much joy! 😊* Angela (Yanchen) Zhang, Dec

2024, <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7270040796983111680/>

Also a special **THANK YOU** to our amazing **SPONSORS** whose support ensured the Conference was an event beneficial to the delegate's professional development and networking.

## Congratulations to the Conference Award Winners

### ISANA Award for Outstanding Support Program

✦ UNSW Water Safety Program

### ISANA Council Award for an Outstanding Individual

✦ Sarah Cruz, Past President ISANA SANiTy Branch, nominated by Kathy Matthews, ISANA SANiTy Branch Treasurer

### ISANA Member's Award for an Outstanding Individual

✦ Param Arputhanathan, VIC TAS President, nominated by Judith Little and Peter Keel

### ISANA Office Hours

The office will be closed for holidays on Thursday, 19 December and re-open Tuesday, 7 January 2025.

Take care,

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ISANA Office

