



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2018 has kicked off in a positive and productive way in the world of ASID. Hilary Johnson (Editor & Board Director) and Dee Sidhu (Executive Officer) have been working very hard with our new IDA publishers to produce a modern, user-friendly interface for our online magazine. I hope our readers are as pleased with the new look as we are!

I'm writing this report from Sydney airport, a place I am growingly familiar with as my work takes me places far and wide across Australia and soon to Southeast Asia. However this trip is for ASID. I'm travelling to Hobart with my colleague and fellow ASID NSW/ACT division member, Dr Angela Dew. We're co-delivering a workshop in Hobart 'Living the life I want': a guide to planning. The workshop is part of a 12 month plan by the ASID Board to increase the profile of ASID in Tasmania and engage with new or lapsed members. If you are in Tasmania and reading this report, I would love to hear from you about any ideas you have for work that ASID does in Tasmania, remember that we are all about 'Research to Practice'. My email address is president@asid.asn.au

One of many reasons for my positive anticipation for the new look IDA is that it forms yet another building block in ASID's new strategies to connect and engage with our members and stakeholders. Another example is the recent commencement of a topical podcast www.asid.asn.au/publications/podcasts and webinar series at www.asid.asn.au/members/members_area/webinars available via our website. Connections was a strong theme through our strategic thinking day in February and 2018 holds great promise for strengthening current connections, reconnecting with lapsed ones and building new ones. A fantastic example of this is the our ASID Conference www.asid.asn.au/conferences/asid-2018-conference-lets-shake-it-up-human-rights-for-everyone which will be in Queensland this year. We extend the challenge to come together and connect as researchers, practitioners, service providers, governments, families and people with a lived experience of intellectual disability to debate, discuss and collaborate on better ways to make inclusion and equal rights a reality. I hope to see you there!



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