

ASID EVENTS COMMITTEE

ASID Board recognises the importance of events. This reflects our commitment to forge interaction between intellectual disability research, policy and practice.

Our Events Committee meets every month by teleconference. On behalf of the Board, we

- Develop guides and branding and oversee the implementation of procedures
- Help set Board agenda for event themes and facilitate the agenda of events
- Develop and oversee appointment of ASID Event Management
- Ensure ASID events promote and demonstrate inclusion of persons with lived experience of intellectual disability
- Develop a policy and template for Divisional event budgets.

As you can see, our role is not to run events for ASID, but to build a stronger infrastructure so that quality events can occur across our Divisions and Australasian.

Who are we?

Sharon Brandford, NZ Director (Chair Events Committee)

Christine Bigby, Victoria Director

Angus Buchanan, West Australia Director

Ruth Firstbrook, South Australia Director

Darryleen Wiggins, Tasmania member (seconded)

Morrie O'Connor, Queensland Director and 2018 Conference Convenor

Convenors 2019 Conference (Denyse Wharldell and Ian Pearce, South Australia)

1. *The future of Conferences*

We recognise events are important to us all for different reasons. This year the Board has reviewed what it seeks from Conferences and divisional events. We welcome ideas and contributions from across divisions. Tell us what works best for you as our sectors undergo significant changes.

2. *Long term Conference organiser*

We are very pleased this year to have secured a long term Conference organising company to provide continuity over three years, as the conference location moves around the regions of Australia and NZ. We have had great support for the past couple of years from Leishman Associates. In Adelaide 2019, you will get to meet our new partners in conference organisation, Conference Design. Planning for 2019 conference in Adelaide is already underway. We always welcome enthusiastic members with skills to assist planning the event.

