



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This IDA report is about lots of endings, but with endings there are always new beginnings and I'll cover some of those too.

Firstly, this is the last edition of IDA that Dr Hilary Johnson will be the Editor for. Hilary has done a stellar job editing IDA for the past 4 years and we've seen it go ahead in leaps and bounds under her leadership. She leaves big shoes to fill, but we will be recruiting soon for a new editor that will take the magazine in a new direction again. More details on this shortly.

Our November Board meeting was also the last for retiring Directors, Ruth Firstbrook, Ben Crothers and Prof Angus Buchanan.

Ruth has completed a 3-year term, and contributed extensively to work on communications, conference evaluations and raising the profile of rural and remote Australia. Thank you, Ruth.

Ben has been a Director since 2011 and has contributed much over this time including holding the role of ASID Treasurer, chairing the Finance committee, and generously sharing expertise and knowledge of governance, policy and procedure through reforms and restructures. Thank you, Ben.

Angus has been a Director since 2007 and has held many roles including President and Vice President and has acted as chair of numerous Board Committees during this time. Angus' exceptional skills in change management, strategic and operational management were invaluable as he led our organisation through the major reform to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Many thanks Angus, you have contributed so much to ASID over many years and I wish you all the very best as President Elect for IASSIDD.

At this stage the Director positions for Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia vacated by these 3 retiring Directors haven't been filled. Moving forward for the foreseeable future we have 11 Board Directors.

Another ending was the resignation of Dee Sidhu (Executive Officer). Dee joined ASID in 2017 in a new role which had been created to support Board business, provide a conduit between the Board and Divisions and to grow the reach of ASID. Over the past 3.5 years, Dee has contributed substantially to the work of ASID across all areas of our business. Dee has much to be proud of, her scope of impact is broad ranging from her work on governance adherence to social media, communication and support of the Board. As President, I will particularly miss the support Dee has provided to this role over the past 3 years

As I mentioned, with endings come new beginnings. Moving forward I'll be working closely with the ASID Executive and Association Design (ASID Secretariat) to streamline and strengthen ASID business. COVID-19 has made us far more competent in the use of technology and I look forward to 2021 bringing a variety of ways for the ASID community to connect and share, both online and in-person. Our Divisions have many plans and ideas for 2021, some will be available locally and some will be available to everyone online.

As you'll see in this edition of IDA we also have plans afoot for what ASID conferences might look like for the next little while. I personally felt a big hole in my calendar this year without an ASID conference, so I'm excited for what 2021 might bring.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to 2020 and a good start to 2021. I do hope borders open soon as those of us separated from friends, family and loved ones can reconnect during or soon after the festive season.

As always, I would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for ASID, you can reach me at: president@asid.asn.au



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