

# CAUTHE Newsletter



## Update from the Chair

by Professor Erica Wilson

2022 has remained another challenging year. When I wrote my first report as CAUTHE Chair back in February, we had just experienced a series of dramatic weather events here in Australia, and were starting to slowly emerge from lockdowns, coming back onto campus and into our offices. As I write this now, there is significant flooding again in the SE of the country, and I do hope all of you are safe and well.

Across this year, we have also witnessed the relaxation of both domestic and international borders and other COVID-related constraints. Many of us have been able to see our colleagues, families and friends, in some cases for the first time in more than two years. The social and economic impacts of the pandemic are still with us, and will continue to unfold. The higher education sector – including in TH&E disciplines – is seeing some uptick, and new programmes are emerging, but we are waiting to see the full return of international students to Australia. At the same time, many of our institutions remain challenged by funding and travel restrictions.



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## Chair's update, cont...

Yet there are many things to celebrate, and encouraging opportunities ahead for CAUTHE and TH&E. The Association remains in a strong position, both financially and in terms of our member base. In what will be the first time in 3 years, we will host a face-to-face CAUTHE conference (look forward to seeing you in Fremantle, WA, in February 2023!), and there has been great interest shown many around the world in attending.

In July, CAUTHE hosted a successful Mid-Year Meeting and 30th birthday celebration, at Southern Cross University's Gold Coast campus, with 60 people joining both f2f and online. There, the Executive met to discuss a new revised strategy for CAUTHE. In New Zealand, colleagues are also looking forward to getting together: on the 8-9 of November, the University of Victoria, Wellington, in conjunction with CAUTHE, is hosting a PhD Symposium for TH&E students. This in-person event is open to all PhD students currently based in New Zealand whose research topic relates to the field of tourism, hospitality and events. A big thank you to Ina Reichenberger and Karen Smith, for co-organising this important symposium.

### Executive Committee changes

I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and sincerely thank a number of colleagues who have recently advised their departure from the CAUTHE Executive:

- **Paul Whitelaw** has stepped down from the role of Treasurer, and
- **Edmund Goh**
- **Anastasia Yeark and**
- **Julia Albrecht** as co-opted members.

In their different ways, each has made a significant contribution to CAUTHE and will be greatly missed.

- **Naomi Dale**

has generously stepped up into the role of Acting Treasurer until the next AGM, and will simultaneously retain her elected position as Secretary.

We are also delighted to welcome

- **Aaron Tham** (University of the Sunshine Coast), who has been co-opted as a member of the Executive.

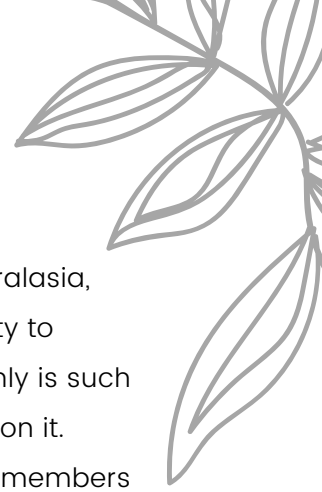
### Panel Chair:

#### ABDC Journal Quality List review

We are pleased to announce that the ABDC Executive Committee has appointed CAUTHE Fellow, Professor Sara Dolnicar, as the Chair of the Marketing and Tourism panel for the 2022 ABDC Journal Quality List review. Panel Chairs play an important role in ensuring that the review process is conducted with integrity and rigour. Terms of reference, outlining the guiding principles, timeline and milestones for the review are available on the ABDC website. Congratulations Sara!



# *Take the CAUTHE PLEDGE!*



CAUTHE is the leading academic tourism, hospitality and events association in Australasia, representing many providers, universities and organisations. We have a responsibility to ensure our position on diversity and inclusion ensures the human rights of all. Not only is such a commitment the right thing to do but the reputation of our organisation depends on it. We want CAUTHE to be an organisation that attracts membership and of which our members continue to be proud.

CAUTHE represents a broad group of members who differ by culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability status and their intersections. We want these groups to be equally visible and their perspectives actively sought and heard.

While it may not always be possible to ensure balance amongst the different groups of members, CAUTHE commits to doing all that we can to achieve this. As Elizabeth Broderick (former Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission) said of gender imbalance, 'One of the things I've learnt is that if you don't intentionally include, the system unintentionally excludes'. The same can be said for all forms of diversity. Giving voice to those who may previously have been invisible, may, in some cases, mean rearrangement of the ways that business is usually done.

CAUTHE Executive commits to and supports the Pledge, and calls on its members to do likewise, to work towards these goals and be vigilant, to 'call out' instances of sexism, ageism, racism, ableism, etc, encountered.

## **The pledge**

For all CAUTHE events, activities and initiatives, I commit to:

- Advocating for and including the voices of diverse groups, recognising that difference makes CAUTHE stronger.
- Offering the names of suitable colleagues from within CAUTHE, or my own networks, to ensure diversity in events, forums and conferences.
- Building trust in an environment free of derogatory comments and discrimination.
- Advocating for the principles of the CAUTHE Be Kind Campaign, recognising the power of kindness and constructive feedback.
- Encouraging my fellow members and colleagues to participate in the CAUTHE Pledge.

Click here to take the [CAUTHE Pledge](#).





# Mid-year meeting and Fellows' panel session

By Penny Jose, Secretariat

The CAUTHE mid-year meeting and associated activities were well attended in Coolangatta, Queensland both in-person and online on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July 2022. After two-half years, members were pleased to catch up socially again, for dinner on Thursday evening at the North Kirra Surf Club.

The program on Friday morning, attended by around 50 participants (including 16 online), began with an engaging panel presentation by the Fellows on **Building Researcher Identity of PhD Students and ECRs**. The panel was ably chaired by Professor Betty Weiler. Professors Judith Mair, Kirsten Holmes, Bob McKercher and Noel Scott presented a range of ideas on the theme and participants online and in person were able to engage in further discussion.

The **Mid-Year meeting** was well attended, with around 45 participants. There was valuable discussion about the future of CAUTHE, its finances, future conferences and the recent PhD/ECR mentoring program. Participants enjoyed celebrating CAUTHE's 30th birthday, with Professor Bob McKercher, having been at one of the first meetings of CAUTHE in the early 1990s, honoured to cut the cake.

To end the day, the Executive Committee met to discuss the **Strategic Plan** and develop a timeline for future work.

Thanks to Professor Erica Wilson and Southern Cross University for generously providing the lovely venue, technical support and equipment to host our first hybrid Mid-year meeting.

Participants were well fed and felt thoroughly spoilt after being connected online only since February 2020.

Links to view recordings are available at:

- [CAUTHE 2022 Mid-year meeting and Fellows' Panel](#)
- More photos are on [Flickr](#)



# 2022 Mid-Year HDR Conference

By Li Xie-Carson, PhD Student Representative

The 2022 Mid-Year HDR Conference was co-hosted by CAUTHE and SMAANZ on 1 July at Griffith University, Gold Coast. The one-day event offered an interactive on-campus sport tour, a panel discussion on priority management in PhD, a networking event and lunch break, student research presentations, and social activities.

There were 29 registrations and 17 presentations delivered by student members from CAUTHE and SMAANZ. The student presentations covered a wide spectrum of research topics including gender equality, leadership, e-sports, corporate social responsibility, commensality and virtual influencer marketing in the tourism and leisure context. From the CAUTHE Executive Committee, Professor Erica Wilson (chair), Jess Sanggyeong Je (former student representative) and Li Xie-Carson (current student representative) attended the conference in person. Erica and Jess provided valuable insights as panellists on the topic of managing competing priorities during the PhD journey. Li chaired student presentations, in which Jess and Li presented their PhD research.

Overall, the Mid-Year conference was well-received by attendees, providing an opportunity to share research outputs, receive constructive feedback and network with colleagues and academics.



# Mentoring Program

By Dr Richard S. Aquino, PhD/ECR Liaison

The CAUTHE Mentoring Programme was designed to connect our PhD and ECR members with senior colleagues to establish a mutually beneficial long-term relationship, promoting career as well as personal development through connectivity and support. Launched in September 2021, the first round of the CAUTHE Mentoring Program successfully concluded last August 2022.

In total, 17 mentoring groups participated in the program. The groups comprised 33 mentees (PhD and ECR members) matched with 17 mentors (senior academics) based on their backgrounds, interests and goals. Over 10 months, most of the mentoring groups run sessions online as frequently as once per month, while some met at least once every two or three months.

Each mentoring group was free to define the structure and topics of their mentoring sessions. Career advancement, research development and wellbeing were the most popular topics discussed by the mentoring groups.



Overall, positive feedback on the program was received from the participants. Mentees indicated the most useful aspects of the programme were career advice from experts, networking opportunities, acquiring useful skill sets, and the social and supportive atmosphere of the mentoring sessions. Mentees also highlighted the value of connecting with academics outside of their supervisory team for career advice and with others who are on the same career stage, as one of the notable benefits of the program.

Given this round's success and the benefits of mentoring for our PhD and ECR members, the CAUTHE Executive Committee decided to offer the program again in 2023.

Watch out for this space!

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# Blue Skies, Keith Hollinshead

CAUTHE was very saddened to hear last month of the passing of Professor Keith Hollinshead. Keith was a much-loved colleague, a regular attendee and presenter at CAUTHE conferences, and a trailblazer in tourism research over several decades. So many tributes have flowed in about Keith and the mark he made upon people's lives and work. Here, two of our colleagues reflect on Keith and his significant contributions.

**by Dr Jennie Small (University of Technology, Sydney)**

Keith will be remembered for his intellect and original thinking, his enthusiasm, cheerfulness and kindness. Whether student or professor, he treated each alike, with interest, respect and generosity. He had a good memory for each individual, always personalising his greetings, and humour. When I think of his conference presentations, I am aware of a 'special' atmosphere in the room, noticeably warm, friendly, relaxed and familiar, as we settled in to work our way through Keith's colourful handouts. His positive outlook on life was reflected in his email signature - 'Blue skies'. Receiving his emails always made me smile and brightened my day.

My colleagues at UTS (previously Kuring-gai CAE) have described him as 'such an interesting person; one of a kind - a real character, a lovable larrikin, a very larger than life individual'. It is hard to believe Keith is no longer with us. Thank you, Keith, for your ongoing contribution to tourism studies and to the lives of those who knew you. Tourism studies will not be the same without you. May you rest in peace.



**by Assoc Prof Shelagh Mooney (Auckland University of Technology)**

When reflecting upon what Keith represented for critical tourism scholars, Toni Morrison's words delivered during her Nobel lecture seem to encapsulate Keith's essence. Toni observed that 'We die. That may be the meaning of life. But we do language. That may be the measure of our lives.'

Keith did language, with courage, intellect, vision and, frequently, with wit. More than that, he forged an original language to communicate deeper understandings of what tourism research could- and should- achieve. He was a passionate advocate of adopting post disciplinary and postcolonial approaches in tourism research to disrupt the prevailing traditional orthodoxies. He expanded both the ontology and epistemology lexicons of tourism studies, coining original words such as 'contrarities' or combinations of words which were seldom paired, such as 'critical multilogicality' and 'promiscuous methodologies' (my favourite) to frame his conceptual advances.

# JHTM symposium

by Prof Marianna Sigala, Editor-in-Chief

The 2022 Online Symposium brings together editors, researchers and industry professionals to share their expertise, network, foster conversations between researchers and the industry, with the aim to advance research in the field of tourism, hospitality and events.

This year the symposium's theme is 'Rethinking Tourism & Hospitality Research: Refreshing agendas and approaches', and the program features:

- Two eminent keynote speakers, one well-established scholar and one worldwide tourism professional expert, sharing their knowledge on their specific area of expertise.
- Two discussion panels will elaborate on contemporary issues in research & publications:
  - Editors of top ranked journals will discuss 'How can we conduct research with real world impacts? What journal editors are looking for when judging about the practical implications of a study?'
  - Distinguished researchers and industry professionals will feature in 'Sustainability in tourism, hospitality and events: a refreshed research agenda'.

Eight interactive workshops delivered by internationally known scholars. Each workshop focuses on a specific aspect of research. The workshops will present and explain to participants how to design, implement and publish research studies from conceptualisation, research design, to data analysis, paper writing, submission and revisions. These workshops are great professional development opportunities to both early career and mature researchers.

## Bookmark your calendars!!

- 6 Dec-2022: 16:00 – 21:00 (London)
- 7 Dec-2022: 14:00 – 19:00 (Sydney)

For more see [2022 JHTM Online Research Symposium](#).

## Blue Skies, Keith , cont..

If language was Keith's currency and a measure of his immense contribution to tourism studies, his words were equally valuable in a humanistic sense within his academic tribe. His was an unfettered mind, and he was kind, honest, as well as perceptive (and mischievous!), when advising both emerging and experienced researchers at the pivotal conferences, where we share, debate, and develop the ideas that bind us together – CTS, CAUTHE, CHME, and the joyful and disobedient Tourism Postdisciplinarity conferences.

It was in Copenhagen in 2015 where we met. We spent hours during that and successive conferences discussing and contesting ideas, ideologies, and methodologies. He was extraordinarily generous with his time, and the wise advice he gave me became a lodestar for my research. In this, I am undoubtedly just one of the hundreds, if not thousands, of students and graduates that he guided to a fulfilling research career.

From now on, there will be an empty central place where Keith used to sit at our conferences and panels. We feel a deep sense of loss for the comradeship, intellectual heft and humour that departed when Keith left us. Yet, we can take solace in the rich legacy he gifted us, a new 'Hollinshead' language of tourism. Go well, Keith, we will miss you.





## CAUTHE 2023 update

Join us in 'Fortress' WA – now we're open, come and see what we got up to behind those closed borders.

With working paper submissions closing soon, we wanted to update you on what's happening at the first face to face CAUTHE conference since 2020.

Come and help us with our new directions!

Our two keynote speakers are locked in:

- Dr Nisha Barkathunnisha, an academic, consultant and tourism practitioner and Co-Founder of World Women Tourism.
- Professor Anne Poelina, a Nyikina Warrwa Custodian and the Co-Chair of the Indigenous Studies Nulungu Research Institute and the University of Notre Dame.

We will announce our panels soon! We have planned the PhD and ECR workshop on Day 1 of the conference with CAUTHE's bespoke small group mentoring session. These will be held in a venue with the latest, state of the art new direction in teaching technologies. We will have all the usual CAUTHE conference elements including discussion panels, SIG meetings and the Great Debate!

### Social activities

We are excited to offer our planned social activities, including:

- Early morning beach walks for those of you coming from a different time zone
- Join us around the pool at the Esplanade Hotel for welcome drinks and nibbles
- Watch the sun set over the Indian Ocean from Fremantle Sailing Club as we sit down to a conference dinner and then boogie the night away to the usual conference tunes...

### Extra time?

While you're here, enjoy some extra time in and around Fremantle – one of Time Magazine's 50 Greatest Places for 2022

- Hop over to Rottnest Island for your close encounter with a quokka
- Pop down to Margaret River for the wineries, surfing and arts and crafts (direct flights back to the East Coast from Busselton)
- Enjoy Perth International Festival and the Perth Fringe Festival – both are running during CAUTHE 2023

Find out more at [This is Fremantle](https://www.thisisfremantle.com.au/).

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[CAUTHE 2023 conference](https://www.cauthe.org/)  
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