



THE COUNCIL FOR AUSTRALASIAN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY EDUCATION INC (CAUTHE)

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Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of CAUTHE was held at 16:30 – 18:00 (AWST) on Wednesday 8 February 2023 in the Admiralty Gulf Room at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA. Reports are available at [2023 Annual General Meeting](#).

Minutes

Present

	Title	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Professor	Erica	Wilson (Chair)	Southern Cross University
2	Professor	David	Airey	University of Surrey
3	Dr	Richard	Aquino	University of Canterbury
4	Dr	David	Beirman	University of Technology Sydney
5	Dr.	Sandra	Cherro Osorio	Melbourne Polytechnic
6	Professor	Sara	Dolnicar	The University of Queensland
7	Dr.	Joanna	Fountain	Lincoln University
8	Assoc. Prof.	Tracy	Harkison	Auckland University of Technology
9	Dr	Anja	Hergesell	University of Technology Sydney
10	Dr.	Michael	Hughes	Murdoch University
11	Mrs.	Penny	Jose (notes)	CAUTHE Secretariat
12	Dr	Eliza	Kitchen	Flinders University
13	Dr	Diane	Lee	Murdoch University
14	Dr	Clifford	Lewis	Charles Sturt University
15	Prof.	Leonie	Lockstone-Binney	Griffith University
16	Dr	Erwin	Losekoot	NHL Stenden University
17	Dr	Niki	Macionis	The University of Queensland
18	Assoc. Prof.	Judith	Mair	The University of Queensland
19	Ms	Anita	Manfreda	Torrens University
20	Prof.	Bob	McKercher	University Of Queensland
21	Prof.	Laurie	Murphy	James Cook University
22	Mr.	Glenn	Murray	International College of Management Sydney
23	Prof.	Peter	O'Connor	University of South Australia
24	Mr	Yohei	Okamoto	Murdoch University
25	Dr.	Lizette	Olivier	University of Newcastle
26	Dr.	Joanna	Pearce	Edith Cowan University
27	Professor	Christof	Pforr	Curtin University
28	Prof.	Girish	Prayag	University of Canterbury
29	Professor	Bruce	Prideaux	Central Queensland University
30	Assoc. Prof.	Joanne	Pyke	Victoria University
31	Dr	Ina	Reichenberger	Victoria University of Wellington
32	Prof	Marianna	Sigala	m.sigala@aegean.gr
33	Dr	Jennifer	Small	University of Technology Sydney

34	Dr.	Effie	Steriopoulos	William Angliss Institute
35	Dr	Michelle	Thompson	Central Queensland University
36	Dr	Craig	Lee	University of Otago
37	Dr	Aaron	Tham	University of the Sunshine Coast
38	Dr	Oscar	Vorobjovas-Pinta	University of Tasmania
39	Dr.	Kim	Williams	William Angliss Institute
40	Ms.	Li	Xie-Carson	The University of Queensland
41	Mrs.	Anastasia	Yeark	Kaplan Business School
42	Assoc. Prof.	Chrystal	Zhang	RMIT University

Apologies

Title	First Name	Last Name	University
Assoc. Prof.	Carmen	Cox	Bond University
Professor	Marg	Deery	
Assoc. Prof.	Tracey	Dickson	University of Canberra
Ms	Silvija	Dobson	Academies Australasia Polytechnic
Dr	Simone	Faulkner	University of Technology Sydney
Ms	Laurin	Fortune	Holmesglen Institute
Dr	Anne	Hardy	University of Tasmania
Dr	Wendy	Hillman	Central Queensland University
Emeritus Prof.	Leo	Jago	University of Surrey
Dr	Aise	Kim	University of South Australia
Dr	Diane	Lee	Murdoch University
Dr	Mirrin	Locke	International College of Management Sydney
Dr	Felicity	Picken	Western Sydney University
Professor	Karen	Smith	University of Victoria Wellington
Dr	Aaron	Tham	University of the Sunshine Coast
Assoc. Prof.	Tamara	Young	University of Newcastle

Acknowledgement of Country

- Welcome and apologies** (Prof Erica Wilson)
- Confirmation of previous AGM minutes:** Friday 11 February 2022 (Prof Erica Wilson) ([attachment 1](#))
Proposed: Judith Mair
Seconded: Ina Reichenberger

All in favour

- Reports from the Executive Committee** (Prof Erica Wilson)
 - Chair** (Prof Erica Wilson)
 - 2022 Executive Committee:** The Chair extended thanks to the Board and Co-opted members for their support of the Executive in her first year as Chair.
 - Pledge:** 22 members have signed the Pledge. All are encouraged to sign.
 - CAUTHE/SMAANZ HDR workshop:** Held on 1 July 2022 at Griffith University
 - Mid-year meeting & 30th birthday celebration:** Held on 29 July at Southern Cross University, around 60 participants f-2-f and online
 - PhD New Zealand workshop:** 8-9 November 2022. A face-to-face PhD Symposium was hosted at Victoria University of Wellington, co-funded by the Wellington School of Business & Government and CAUTHE. The workshop aimed to support

the personal and professional development of Covid-impacted NZ based PhD students.

- 21 participants from six universities and provided nearly exclusively positive feedback on the event, highlighting the importance of building connections and engaging with stakeholders from outside their universities. Feedback clearly demonstrates the need for ongoing New Zealand based engagement for our doctoral community.
- Thank you to our NZ Exec members, Ina, Karen, Richard, Li for driving this excellent initiative; and Penny was also able to attend, fortuitously!
- **Online Mentoring Programme**
 - Designed to connect 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. To be continued in 2023.
- **Activities and advocacy**
 - Mid-year SIG Meetings (inaugural) – Dr Wendy Hillman and SIGS
 - ABDC Journal Quality Exercise – Professor Sara Dolnicar
 - Tourism Jobs Summit, August, Canberra – A/Prof Naomi Dale, A/Prof Richard Robinson (Visitor Economy, Austrade)
 - White Paper Submission (to Federal Govt Treasurer) - Addressing Structural and Cultural Workforce Issues in the Visitor and Hospitality Economies
- **Challenges and opportunities ahead**
 - Membership – our CAUTHE base!
 - Finances & Budget
 - Conference and events – Aus/NZ
 - PhD Scholar support – 1/3 of our membership
 - Diversity and Inclusivity
 - Ongoing relevance of standalone TH&E programs
 - Expertise, advocacy, advice – CAUTHE's role

3.2. Treasurer (Interim) (Assoc Prof Naomi Dale) ([attachment 2](#))

- Total funds as of 31 December 2022 were \$ 111,778.11. This amount reflects a decrease of \$2,984.88 from the opening cash balance as of 1 January 2022
- Overall, year-on-year performance indicates that in 2021. Income (\$51,950.80) was higher than in 2021 (\$82,273.15) and 2020 (\$78,689.39). Expenditure (\$54,935.68) decreased from 2021 (\$72,795.84) and 2020 (\$99,959.30)
- The decline in income was attributable to:
 - Reduction in membership fees received
 - CAUTHE 2023 conference registration fees monies being collected by PCO
- Expenditure decreased due to:
 - Conference management expenses were reduced in 2022, the full amount will be paid in early 2023
 - Delayed PCO/conference management fees
 - Under-utilised bursary and carer support budget

The proposed income is projected to exceed expenditure in 2023 by \$32,848.35. CAUTHE will continue to provide support to members and invest funds to develop the conference and digital platform during 2023 in line with our purpose and values.

It was proposed that the report be accepted.

Proposed: Anastasia Yeark
Seconded: Marianna Sigala

All in favour

3.3. **Secretary** (Assoc Prof Naomi Dale)

- The Secretary thanked contributors to the two newsletters published in 2022 and welcomed any suggestions for items for 2023.

4. **Membership & social media** (Penny Jose) ([attachment 3](#))

- The Chair noted that whilst membership numbers, which correlate strongly with conference attendance, had declined in the past twelve months, that the CAUTHE 2023 conference had exceeded delegate no. expectations.

5. **Conferences**

5.1. **CAUTHE 2023 Conference** (Prof Kirsten Holmes)

- Registrations: 193 registered, 5 pulled out, 3 were complimentary, 185 fee paying registrations
- Papers: 141 submitted, 136 accepted for conference, 10 full research papers, 116 working papers. Of these 10 presented as posters
- Sponsors: Business Events Perth, Channel View, Elsevier, Goodfellows, Springer, William Angliss Institute, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University
- The Chair acknowledged the hard work of Kirsten and the WA Consortium in organizing CAUTHE2023, our first f2f conference in three years.

5.2. **CAUTHE 2024 Conference** (Dr Oscar Vorobjovas-Pinta) ([attachment 4](#))

- Dates: 6-9 Feb
- Team: Anne Hardy, Can-Seng Ooi, Oscar Vorobjovas-Pinta
- Venue: The Hedberg Building, School of Arts, University of Tasmania (Hobart)
 - The Recital Hall: CAUTHE AGM, Keynote addresses, and the Great Debate
 - Morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches will be held in the open spaces located within the Hedberg and Theatre Royal co-located space.
- Proposed theme: *Diverse Voices: Creating change in tourism, hospitality and events.*
- Program:
 - Day 0 – PhD/ECR and MCA workshops (full day)
 - Day 1 – 3 Conference
- Social events
 - Dinner: MONA (TBC)
 - Welcome drinks at the Hedberg

It was proposed that the UTAS 2024 Conference Bid be accepted.

Proposed: Naomi Dale

Seconded: Jennie Small

All in favour

5.3. **Future Conferences** (Prof Erica Wilson)

- 2025 The University of Queensland – an EoI has been received for UQ to host CAUTHE2025 in Brisbane; a bid will be formally presented at the CAUTHE mid year meeting.

6. **PhD/ECR Workshops and mentoring program** (Dr Richard Aquino) ([attachment 5](#))

The PhD/ECR cohort has been an integral part of the CAUTHE community. In 2022, CAUTHE has supported several PhD/ECR activities as outlined below, and will continue its support in 2023.

Activities have included:

- **Bill Faulkner PhD/ECR Workshop 2022** - Online | 7 February 2022
- **CAUTHE Student Member Group** - created on Facebook in May 2022
- **SMAANZ/CAUTHE Mid-Year HDR Meeting** - Griffith University | 1 July 2022
- **Mid-Year Meeting Fellows' Panel Discussion** - Southern Cross University | 29 July 2022
- **New Zealand PhD Symposium Event** - University of Wellington | 8-9 November 2022
- **CAUTHE Mentoring Programme** - September 2021 to August 2022, to be continued in 2023.

7. **Special Interest Groups** (Dr Wendy Hillman) ([attachment 6](#))

CAUTHE currently supports five Special Interest Groups which meet at various times during the year, including at the annual conference for activities such as workshops, (publication) discussions and/or social dinners. All CAUTHE members are welcome to join a SIG. The SIGs are:

- Critical Approaches in Tourism and Hospitality | Co-ordinators: Erica Wilson, Jennie Small and Candice Harris
- Event Studies | Co-ordinators: Effie Steriopoulos and Faith Ong
- Information and Communication Technologies | Co-ordinators: Marianna Sigala, Ian Yeoman
- Teaching and Learning | Co-ordinators: Niki Macionis, Aaron Tham, Sandra Cherro Osorio and Anastasia Yeark
- Tourism, Risk, Recovery and Resilience | Co-ordinators: Joanna Fountain, Joanne Pyke and Kerrie King
 - The SIG changed its name to better reflect the interests of the group.

All SIGs welcome new members. Proposals for the formation of new SIGs are also warmly invited.

The report was accepted as read.

8. **Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management** (Prof Marianna Sigala) ([attachment 7](#))

- The SSCI IF has increased to 7.629 from 5.959
- 12th (from previous 17th ranking) of journals in hospitality, leisure, sports & tourism
- 45th (from previous 60th) of journals in management

CAUTHE is one of three tourism journals which is owned by an Association and is performing well in comparison.

The Editorial Board 2022 departures and appointments included:

- Emily Ma who stepped down in May 2022. The Editor-in-Chief thanked Emily for her valuable contribution.
- The position was filled by two new Editors
 - Dr Xi Y. Leung, University of North Texas (technologies & services management)
 - Dr Ching-Hui (Joan) Su, Iowa State University (events)
- Dr Aaron Tham, University of the Sunshine Coast – book editor
- Hassan Salehi, Social media engagement officer
- CAUTHE support is sought for 2023 JHTM Scholarly activities.
 - 2022 JHTM Online Research Symposium: 7 – 8 December 2022, recordings are on the CAUTHE YouTube channel

- 2022 JHTM Best PhD Award: 30 submissions; 1 accepted, 11 under review
- 2022 JHTM Paper Hackathon: two submissions
- JHTM was promoted in 10+ International conferences and/or meet-the-editors' sessions in 2022

9. Fellows' Report (Prof Bob McKercher) ([attachment 8](#))

- The Co-chair thanked the Fellows for their support during the year.
- The Fellows awards have been offered in four categories, to include early-career and mid-career researchers in teaching and research categories.

10. Other business

10.1. CAUTHE 2023-2026 Strategy (Prof Erica Wilson) ([attachment 9](#))

Suggestions from the meeting are noted in *italics*.

VISION

CAUTHE is the peak body (*representative body, leading organisation / authority*) for Australasian tourism, hospitality and events (TH&E) research and education. We lead, unite and grow an outstanding and diverse TH&E community.

MISSION

To support our members through a sharing culture of collegiality, expertise and scholarly inquiry.

STRATEGIC PILLARS / GOALS

1. **LEADERSHIP:** Advance the needs of Australasian TH&E educators, researchers, *scholars* and providers
2. **ENGAGEMENT:** Provide a forum for sharing, connection and dialogue among TH&E scholars, *industry and government* in Australasia
3. **SUPPORT:** Promote opportunities that support the aspirations of members.

The importance of the inclusion Indigenous and First Nations acknowledgement and perspectives in CAUTHE Strategy was noted.

Meeting closed: 5:50pm