



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

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### Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of CAUTHE was held at 9:00 (AEDT) on Friday 9 February 2024 in the Ian Potter Recital Hall, The Hedberg, University of Tasmania. The AGM was followed at 10:30 (AEDT) by the Chapter Director meeting and voting of the 2024 Executive committee office-bearer positions.

#### Minutes

#### Ordinary business

#### Present

	<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>University</b>
1	Prof	Erica	Wilson (Chair)	Southern Cross University
2	Professor	David	Airey	University of Surrey
3	Assoc. Prof.	Charles	Arcodia	Griffith University
4	Dr	David	Beirman	University of Technology, Sydney
5	Dr	Richard	Buning	The University of Queensland
6	Assoc. Prof.	Anna	Carr	University of Otago
7	Mr	Andrew	Carruthers	Holmesglen Institute
8	Dr	Sandra	Cherro Osorio	Melbourne Polytechnic
9	Assoc. Prof.	Glen	Croy	Monash University
10	Prof	Naomi	Dale	University of Canberra
11	Dr	Margaret	Deery	--
12	Professor	Sara	Dolnicar	University of Queensland
13	Dr	Futu	Faturay	University Of Queensland
14	Dr	Simone	Faulkner	University of Technology Sydney
15	Ms	Farima	Fehrest	James Cook University
16	Assoc. Prof.	Joanna	Fountain	Lincoln University
17	Assoc. Prof.	Elsbeth	Frew	La Trobe University
18	Dr	Mireia	Guix	The University of Queensland
19	Dr	Songee	Hahn	Southern Cross Institute
20	Assoc Prof	Anne	Hardy	University of Tasmania
21	Assoc. Prof.	Tracy	Harkison	Auckland University of Technology
22	Professor	Candice	Harris	Auckland University of Technology
23	Dr	Wendy	Hillman	Central Queensland University
24	Prof	Kirsten	Holmes	Curtin University
25	Emer. Prof	Leo	Jago	University of Surrey
26	Mrs	Penny	Jose (notes)	CAUTHE Secretariat
27	Assoc Prof	Andris	Klepers	Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences
28	Dr	Diane	Lee	Murdoch University
29	Ms	Line	LindgaardAndersen	University of Tasmania
30	Ms	Mahdis	Madani	University of Otago
31	Assoc. Prof.	Judith	Mair	The University of Queensland

32	Dr	Anita	Manfreda	Torrens University Australia
33	Prof	Alison	Morrison	William Angliss Institute
34	Prof	Peter	O'Connor	University of South Australia
35	Dr	Yohei	Okamoto	Murdoch University
36	Dr	Joanna	Pearce	Edith Cowan University
37	Assoc. Prof.	Christof	Pfarr	Curtin University
38	Prof	Girish	Prayag	University of Canterbury
39	Dr	Joanne	Pyke	Victoria University
40	Prof.	S. Mostafa	Rasoolimanesh	Edith Cowan University
41	Professor	Lisa	Ruhanen	University of Queensland
42	Assoc. Prof.	Mondher	Sahli	University of French Polynesia
43	Prof	Marianna	Sigala	University of Newcastle
44	Dr	Jennifer	Small	University of Technology Sydney
45	Prof	Karen	Smith	Victoria University of Wellington
46	Dr	Effie	Steriopoulos	William Angliss Institute
47	Dr	Aaron	Tham	University of the Sunshine Coast
48	Professor	Michael	Volgger	Curtin University
49	Dr	Oscar	Vorobjovas Pinta	University of Tasmania
50	Ms	Michelle	Whitmore	Western Sydney University
51	Dr	Li	Xie-Carson	The University of Queensland
52	Ms	Anastasia	Yeark	Kaplan Business School
53	Dr	Tamara	Young	University of Newcastle
54	Assoc Prof	Chrystal	Zhang	RMIT University
55	Ms	Wanru	Zhou	The University of Queensland

#### Apologies

Title	First Name	Last Name	University
Assoc. Prof.	Carmen	Cox	Bond University
Assoc. Prof.	Tracey	Dickson	University of Canberra
Ms	Silvija	Dobson	Academies Australasia Polytechnic
Dr	Eliza	Kitchen	Flinders University
Dr	Cindy	Lee	Torrens University Australia
Ms	Kellie	Lumsden	International College of Hotel Management
Mr	Alex	Menge	Canterbury Institute of Management
Dr	Felicity	Picken	Western Sydney University
Dr	Ina	Reichenberger	Victoria University of Wellington
Professor	Brent	Ritchie	University of Queensland
Dr	Michelle	Thompson	Central Queensland University
Assoc. Prof.	Denis	Tolkach	James Cook University

#### Acknowledgement of Country

1. Welcome and apologies – Prof Erica Wilson
2. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes – Wednesday 8 February 2023 ([Report 2](#))

Proposed: David Beirman, University of Technology, Sydney

Seconded: Anastasia Yeark, Kaplan Business School

### 3. Reports from the Executive Committee

#### 3.1. Chair – Prof Erica Wilson

- Mid-Year Meeting – possibly to be online only due to accessibility / decreased funding for travel for many.
- Acknowledgement of Country – now posted on the website and an important addition to the Strategy and for the organisation.
- Strategy – three key pillars: Leadership | Engagement (e.g. THRIVE network) | Support.
- Board and Executive Committee
  - Chapter Directors (34)
  - Public Officer – Jennie Small
  - Board – Chair, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Secretary and Treasurer (5)
  - Co-opted members (12)
- Executive Committee acknowledgments
  - Li Xie-Carson – standing down after 2 years and a great contribution
  - Dr Michael Hughes – longstanding member 15+ years and wonderful contribution in various roles including Chair and Conference Convenor
  - Dr Effie Steriopoulos – thanked for her energy and contribution since 2021
- Chapter Director welcomes and acknowledgements
  - Thanks to Assoc Prof Laurie Murphy who has retired after 13 years as Chapter director (JCU) and a long-standing CAUTHE member

Welcome to:

  - Assoc. Prof. Denis Tolkach, James Cook University
  - Prof Alison Morrison, William Angliss Institute who has replaced Dr Effie Steriopoulos
  - Prof Peter O'Connor, University of South Australia who has replaced Dr Aise Kim
  - Dr Songee Hahn, Southern Cross Institute who has replaced Dr Andrew Le
  - Andrew Carruthers, Holmesglen Institute who has replaced Laurin Fortune
  - Assoc Prof Carmen Cox, Bond University who has replaced Dr Edmund Goh
- CAUTHE Pledge – please sign <https://cauthe.org/about/cauthe-pledge/>
- Membership – stable and growing
- Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management – continues to grow under the leadership of Marianna Sigala, with an 8.3 impact factor, 1868 submissions and 165 papers published in 2023.

### 3.2. TH&E Standards (College of Peers) – Assoc Prof Glen Croy

The Tourism, Hospitality & Events (TH&E) Learning and Teaching of Academic Standards (LTAS) project is lead by Assoc Prof Glen Croy and Dr Mieke Witsel.

Two workshops a year are held to assist with implementation of the Standards and focus on quality education and leadership. The leaders plan to conduct a survey to seek input about the focus of future workshops.

### 3.3. Treasurer – Prof Naomi Dale ([Report 3](#))

- The move to the new centralised model of services to Leishman Associates has required investment however finances are predicted to stabilize in 2024 and beyond.
- Finance – modelling or strategic goals for next 3 years?
  - Not as such but expenses will be consolidated with projected savings from the combined PCO and Secretariat services with Leishman Associates.

### 3.4. Secretary – Dr Aaron Tham

- Rekindling Kindred associations
  - Memos of Understanding with SMAANZ & ANZALS have been renewed
- Newsletter
  - Two issues per year. Propose to feature alumni in future editions.

## 4. Membership & social media (Penny Jose) ([Report 4](#))

## 5. Conferences

### 5.1. CAUTHE 2024 Conference – Assoc Prof Anne Hardy

- All going well!!
- ‘Come down for air’ – industry day Friday, an unexpected outcome of conference hosting, sponsored by Tourism Tasmania followed by panel.
- The Chair acknowledged thanks to Leishman Associates for their excellent support and conference management all round.

### 5.2. CAUTHE 2025 Conference bid – Prof Lisa Ruhanen ([Report 5](#))

- Conference theme ‘Leveraging opportunities’ (Brisbane Olympic Games)
- Conference committee – Prof Lisa Ruhanen & Assoc Prof Sheranne Fairley (co-convenors)
- Venues
  - PhD/ECR workshop – The University of Queensland, Brisbane City
  - Welcome Reception – UQ Customs House
  - Conference Venue – Brisbane City Hall
  - Conference Dinner – Brisbane City Hall
- Timelines – standard paper submission and early bird registration deadlines

### 5.3. Future conferences – Prof Erica Wilson

- EOIs from two providers for 2026 and 2027 in Australia
- Potential interest from a NZ provider for 2028.

6. PhD/ECR Workshops and mentoring program – Dr Anita Manfreda & Michelle Whitmore ([Report 6](#))

- PhD/ECR annual workshop
  - 2023: 40 PhD/ECRs + 20 mentors
  - 2024: 60+ PhD/ECR attendees + 30+ mentors
- Joint conferences with ANZALS/SMAANZ – to be held mid-year 2024.
- Facebook group - growing
- Mentoring programme – to be offered again from March – December 2024

7. Special Interest Groups – Dr Wendy Hillman ([Report 7](#))

- Information and Communication Technologies – call for interest for a new co-convenor

8. Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management – Prof Marianna Sigala ([Report 8](#))

- Call for another Associate Editor forthcoming
- Citation per volume has decreased. As publications have increased, citations have decreased. Niche journals which publish fewer papers see higher citations.
- Desk rejection rate high, most rejections from Pakistan, India and China, less from EU/US – need to maintain. Submissions from AU/NZ have decreased.
- Call for ideas/hosts for JHTM Scholarly activities:
  - JHTM Research Symposium
  - JHTM Best PhD Award
  - JHTM Paper Hackathon

9. Fellows' Report – Co-Chairs Prof Candice Harris and Perry Hobson

The Chair and current co-chairs thanked Professors Betty Weiler and Bob McKercher as past Co-Chairs, who were unable to attend the conference and Penny for her support of the Fellows.

The Fellowship was created in 2008. There are currently 23 active Fellows who support CAUTHE and contribute to the conference. Activities include: mentoring, 'Ask a Fellow' and contributing at panelists at various workshops/meetings.

Other ideas may include peer support for resilience at higher levels e.g. leadership. Keen to look forward and contribute in the future.

10. Other business – Prof Erica Wilson

10.1. DFAT Smarttraveller Advisory Group

It was noted that CAUTHE is represented on the DFAT Smarttraveller Advisory Group by Dr David Beirman.

10.2. Secretariat transition and Leishman services

Erica noted that Penny will retire from her role as CAUTHE Secretariat after 16 years and thanked her for her huge contribution in managing the Association. Leishman Associates will assume the role of Secretariat. Penny received a standing ovation from members following this announcement.

Meeting closed: 10:25am

Reports are available at [2024 Annual General Meeting](#)