

Sydney, November 14th & 15th, 2019

Congratulations, Welcomes and Departures

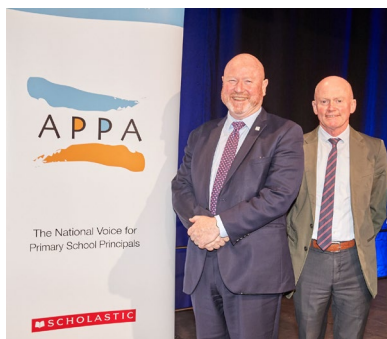
Thanks

The NAC thanked Executive Officer and Company Secretary Michael Nuttall for his outstanding service. Michael will retire following a period of long service leave. Michael has served APPA as Executive Officer for nine years. His knowledge and experience have been wonderful assets, as has his skill as a writer. He has been a quietly driving force within APPA. His acumen has strongly supported the development of APPA's stature and connections with all sections of the education community while his work and counsel have been invaluable to each of the four presidents with whom he has worked.

The NAC thanked Matt Egan-Richards for his service to APPA and ACPA. Matt's presence, contribution and leadership have been great assets along with his personal warmth and collegiality.

The NAC also thanked ACTPA representative Liz Bobos whose service to APPA and AGPPA has been outstanding. Australian education is fortunate indeed to have the services of people of this calibre.

The NAC welcomed Queensland IPSHA representative Sandra Hawken to her first meeting.



**Malcolm Elliott (APPA President) &
Michael Nuttall (APPA Executive Officer)**

Conferences

Conference reports reflected the high level of organisation, collaboration and success of our 2019 Adelaide Conference. These characteristics are strongly evident in the [2020 Trans-Tasman](#); while planning is well underway for 2021's conference for Darwin being jointly organised by NT and ACT colleagues.

NAC members and associations are strongly encouraged to attend the [NATSIPA conference](#) to be held in Sydney in March next year.

NAC members who attended the International Confederation of Principals Conference in Shanghai reported. Amongst many highlights, including wonderful presentations in the performing arts, was the work of Professor Steve Munby (UK) on "imperfect leadership". We hope to be able to invite professor Munby to present in June, 2020.



16th – 20th March 2020, Sydney

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NAC outputs

This meeting was working towards three outputs: a Federal Pre-Budget Submission; a rebuttal of media negativity towards Australian education; and informing our overall strategic plan and actions.

Working groups addressed the following:

- **Principal health and wellbeing** – including the impact of students, parents and teachers presenting, and dealing with, issues with anxiety; principal work intensification; principal as instructional leader; nature, frequency and effects of mistreatment or abuse of principals.
- **Reconciliation** - including cultural competency;
- **Students with disability** – including reference to proceedings of the *Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability*.
- **The mission of teaching and school leadership in the geographic and socio-culturally diverse nation of Australia** – including the school staffing standard; school facility standard; a notional resource guarantee to stabilise staffing, teams of teachers and outcomes for children. This was considered from the perspectives of “principal at the centre”, “student at the centre”, and “teacher at the centre” and what it is that our principals need and should have to effectively do their work.
- **Mid-leadership standards and profiles** – We have received a letter from Minister Tehan regarding his support for this work which will be led by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

Reconciliation

The NAC welcomed Carly Jia and Dianne Jickell from AITSL. Carly is leading the Cultural Competency Project and provided a briefing which will inform our planning and action.

Student Mental Health

Michael Hawton briefed the NAC regarding factors impacting on anxiety in children. The presentation centred on locus of control (internal and external) and the factors affecting those loci. A very brief survey will be circulated to NAC to provide some data to inform and support further actions.

Principals Australia Research Foundation

The submission process for research grants has now closed. Successful applicants will be announced shortly.

Federal Parliamentary Friends of Primary Education

The programme for this group is under discussion and will be announced shortly.

MoneySmart Grants

The successful applicants for these grants were decided by a panel. Recipients will be notified shortly.

Malcolm Elliott, APPA President



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