



ASLIA National
Annual Report
2021-2022

Thanks to our 2021-2022 Corporate Members

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Access Interpreting

Anytime Auslan

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Convo Australia

Creative Access Interpreting

Deaf Connect

Deaf Australia

Echo Interpreting

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NABS –National Auslan Booking & Payment Service

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The Deaf Butterfly Effect

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Visual Communication Consultants

Vital Interpreting Personnel



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Chairperson's Report

Belinda Roberts

I am very pleased to provide members with the Chairpersons report for 2021-2022 membership year. This past year has seen so many of our members contributing their time and skills in supporting each other and the interpreting profession in what has been an incredibly challenging time. Interpreters have continued to deal with changes in the way we work due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its lockdowns, and more recently due to a series of natural disasters hitting the eastern states. With the return to work orders given by the Australian Government, many interpreters are finding their way back to "normal work life" as we continue to adapt to the changing industry landscape. We thank you for your resilience and commitment to the profession and each other throughout this time.



Following on from the work of the previous board, ASLIA has been working to continue the move to one ASLIA seeking feedback from stakeholders on proposed constitutional changes. Pleasingly, there has been wonderful positive feedback and ASLIA National is excited to move into the second phase and share its draft constitution with its members and seek member feedback. This stage will lead to members voting to accept the constitutional changes. Keep your eyes peeled for the draft constitution coming soon.

ASLIA's policies and position guidelines are reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure our guidelines are in line with Industry standards and best practice recommendations. We thank Deaf Australia and Jen Blyth for their ongoing support and collaboration.

ASLIA National board has met every 4-8 weeks over the last twelve months working to continue the ASLIA association work ensuring projects are carried out effectively and efficiently and that our association aims and member needs remain core to any decision making. Updates to some of our guidelines will be released shortly, along with some newly developed guidelines.

The subcommittees have been working hard to deliver PD to support our members.

In June ASLIAs Interpreter Awareness Training IAT Subcommittee content was completed with members state wide submitting videos to contribute to the training package, and content being created on location on central Coast NSW. This IAT training was funded by NAATI and was created with the aim of highlighting to industries that engage with Auslan interpreters best practices when working with Interpreters. Train the Trainer sessions were had to skill facilitators in delivering this training to businesses and organisations. Thank you to all the wonderful members who contributed to this Project.

The ASLIA Mentoring program was delivered to a cohort early in the year with wonderful success, and work is underway to clarify the mentoring options for both mentors and Mentees.

The IT Subcommittee has also been working in the background to improve the functionality of our website. This means it now requires less navigation to find the item on the website when you have clicked a link to an ASLIA page.

ASLIA was asked to join the Technical Advisory Committee working with Skills IQ to review and update the Training Packages for Translating and Interpreting. This review process was extensive in nature and produced vigorous discussion around what is needed to support learners entering the field of interpreting and translating. Acknowledgement of the changing industry landscape and discussion on how technology has impacted our delivery of service was taken into account, balanced with ensuring the quality of content was maintained. The proposed Training Package has been reviewed by state and territory Training Authorities and has been submitted to AISC for final approval in October.

The ANC was delivered in September online. This was the result of a herculean effort of our ANC organising committee, with particular mention of David McQuiggin, Sheree Murray and Kylie Scott for their dedication and effort in seeing this event succeed in such challenging times. This event was well attended with engagement from members all over the country.

The board met to discuss the timeline of events for the next ANC. The ANC for 2020 was postponed to 2021 and delivered online due to Covid. This meant that to continue the 2 year cycle, the ASLIA ANC would have fallen at the same time as other industry events such as WASLI conference and WFD events. With this in mind, the board has decided to create a "Mini ANC" for 2022, being a one day event full of Professional Development and Industry engagement. We Will then fall back into the regular 2 year cycle for our ASLIA ANC from 2023 onwards.

Thank you to all who have served on the ASLIA board over the last 12 months.

Below is a summary of ASLIA board activities in the last financial year.

- Regular meetings with NAATI
- Quarterly meetings with NAATI AUSIT and Professionals Australia
- Worked with AUSIT to organise and sponsor the Keynote Speaker at the Ausit Conference in November 2022
- Feedback on the ACCAN Community Position Statement on the Public procurement of accessible Information and Communications Technology, ICT
- Liaised with Deaf Australia
- Technical Advisory Committee for Skills IQ working on the Translating & Interpreting Training Package updates.
- began work on updating the ASLIA constitution
- Shared and promoted requests from universities researching specific elements of interpreting
- Annual general meeting held 7:00pm AEST Friday 10th September 2021 Online via GEMS

I encourage you, ASLIA members, to contribute to your profession as your input is needed and valued. ASLIA runs on people contributing a diverse set of skills and knowledge, whatever your area of interest and skill, there is a way it can be applied to help ASLIA support its members and grow and strengthen the interpreting industry.

I wish to thank the board and members nationwide for their contributions and dedication to ASLIA and its vision. These roles are voluntary and acknowledge that the contributions of time and skill from our committee members is what drives the success of ASLIA, in turn adding to the strength and cohesiveness of our industry.

With sincere gratitude, I thank all who have contributed to date. There is no ASLIA without you!

Board Directors for 2021-2022

On behalf of our members, ASLIA gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the people that have served on the Board in the last financial year.

Executive Directors 2021-2022



David McQuiggin
ACTING CHAIRPERSON
until September 2021



Belinda Roberts
CHAIRPERSON
from September 2021



Carla Anderson
VICE CHAIRPERSON
from September 2021



Kirri Dangerfield
SECRETARY
from September 2021



Sheree Murray
TREASURER

State and Territory Directors 2021-2022

ACT



Sheree Murray
ACT Representative

NSW



Belinda Roberts
Acting NSW/ACT
PRESIDENT
from September 2021



Nikki McGowan
NSW REPRESENTATIVE
until May 2022



David McQuiggin
NSW/ACT PRESIDENT
until September 2021

QLD



Duke Moolenaar
QLD PRESIDENT



Danni Walker
QLD REPRESENTATIVE

SA



Christabel Cresdee
SA PRESIDENT



Maddison Inglis
SA REPRESENTATIVE

WA



Christy Filipich
WA PRESIDENT



Alana Wiekart
WA REPRESENTATIVE
from November 2021

VIC



Kirri Dangerfield
VIC PRESIDENT



Carla Anderson
VIC REPRESENTATIVE

NOTE: The Representative Positions for Tasmania and the Northern Territory were vacant throughout 2021-2022 financial year.

ASLIA NSW/ACT Report

Belinda Roberts

ASLIA NSW/ACT committee has been busy working to ensure ASLIA works effectively and efficiently for its state members. NSW/ACT has had a challenging time the last few years, and this financial year was no different. With interpreters beginning to return to “business as usual” with the end of Covid-19 lockdowns and stay at home orders at the end of 2021, we then had a series of natural disasters that affected most parts of the state in February. We all have no doubt been affected directly or indirectly by these events and ASLIA acknowledges the impact it has had on interpreters. Again, we have seen the interpreting community come together and support each other, your towns and regions who have been affected by these events demonstrating the attributes of a community ASLIA is proud to support.

Some of these external struggles have meant we have needed to postpone some events, particularly some of the PDS. ASLIA NSW/ACT looks forward to delivering these in the near future!

Excellence

Excellence through professional development is a priority for ASLIA NSW/ACT as it supports our members to continue to not only be competent in their profession, but also excel in it. Actively pursuing professional development ensures that knowledge and skills stay relevant and up to date. It also allows our members to be more aware of changing trends and directions in an industry. Throughout this year we have provided a many opportunities:

- ASLIA NSW/ACT AGM 13th August 2021
- PD Planning Days—10th October 2021 and 13th February 2022
- Sydney End of Year Event—12th December 2021
- Northern Rivers End of Year Celebration—17th December 2021
- ACT End of Year Catchup—19th December 2021
- Listening Differently—“Listening” for Interpreters—12th February 2022
- Tax Tips—19th May 2022
- Interpreting in Educational Settings—Ask Us Anything—14th June 2022
- Interpreter Awareness Training Content Creation Day– 12th June 2022

SATURDAY 12TH FEB 2022
Online
1PM - 4PM
NSW AEDT

LISTENING DIFFERENTLY
"Listening" for Interpreters

Presented by Megan Blytheway and Paul Marshall

ASLIA



Sustainable

Sustainability continues to be a focus for ASLIA NSW/ACT as we explore ways to meet the needs of today without undermining the focus of strengthening the future economics for the maintenance and growth of the association. ASLIA NSW/ACT has investigated ways we can better invest monies, to grow the interest, ensuring a more financially sustainable future.

With clear roles and responsibilities we have been able to provide new committee members with firmer grip on ASLIA NSW/ACT processes and structure. This leads to committee members having a clearer induction into ASLIA NSW/ACT and its relationships.

Professional development continues to be predominantly online which reduces the global footprint of delivering this service and also allows us to reach more of our members. ASLIA NSW/ACT has made a commitment to continue online PD where possible/appropriate in order to support these outcomes.

ASLIA NSWACT has also consolidated its filing system into one easy to use platform. This has reduced the amount of multiple logins required and given us more storage space for our work.

Presence

ASLIA NSW/ACT continues to build and strengthen its professional presence with stakeholders, members and new professionals entering the field. We currently have 105 members and 10 associate members. We have continued to grow our online presence using social media to actively engage with members, helping to improve our connections with existing members and build a wider brand recognition with the wider community.

ASLIA QLD Report

Duke Moolenaar

Excellence:

With COVID restrictions easing it was finally time to host an in-person PD again which saw Neil Wood presenting “Context is everything” Providing an opportunity to step back or step into the language we use every day, how can we improve our understanding of Auslan to improve our interpreting practice. Our second in person PD was a theatre interpreting workshop hosted at Sunnybank Theatre. A highlight was seeing P-Platers evolve from a networking event into a safe space providing fantastic support to new and emerging interpreters.



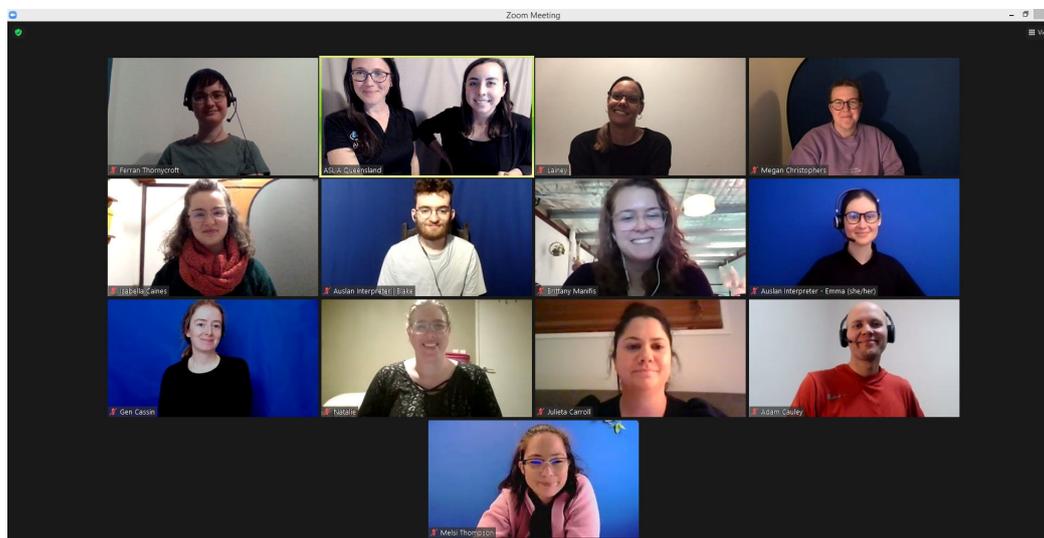
On communication, our primary sources of communicating with membership was via Mailchimp and social media. We continued to work on our social media presence ensuring content is relevant and posted regularly, sharing the fantastic work from the other ASLIA associations. We continue to try and respond to member queries as promptly as possible, acknowledging that we are all volunteers.

Presence

We continue to issue committee members ASLIA Qld branded shirts, we also purchased two new branded banners to display at events such as the ANC Watch party at Deaf Connect Moorooka and our ANC after party event.

Our presence on social media is slowly growing with 1,415 Facebook followers up from 1,398 last financial year with an average post reach of 1083 people. We also added Instagram to our Social Media suite.

Danielle Ferndale continued to attend each NAATI RAC Meetings. It is important for ASLIA to be involved in these meetings, so we are kept apprised of any developments with NAATI as well as any developments in the interpreting space at a state level.



Collaborative

ASLIA Qld continued our collaboration with Deaf Connect as the largest employer of interpreters in QLD. They expressed an interest to continue sponsoring our events and have sponsored several PDs and events in 2021/2022. We thank them for their generous support. As a committee we are developing a sponsorship policy to guide our interactions with all organisations that wish to support ASLIA Qld in our activities whether that may be in-kind or direct financial supports.

Sustainable

As usual, the start of the year our committee reconvened after a long Christmas break for our annual PD Planning meeting to plan the next 6 to 8 months of PD. This is also a valuable time for the committee to work together to set out what will be expected of us for the coming year. The theme of this year's PD planning was "taking it slow". The past few years has seen ASLIA Qld produce a substantial number of PDs/events. This year we decided to focus on one event/pd every two months, and at the same time trialled hosting our general meetings every two months. The aim of this was to recover and prevent further burnout as well as give the new committee members time to understand ASLIA Qld hopefully leading to longevity on the committee.

Recruitment on to the committee and Exec succession continue to be a challenge for the sustainability of ASLIA Qld, we are not unique in this challenge which is faced by most if not all ASLIA committees. We continue to focus on succession and encourage all members to attend our general meeting to get a feel of the committee and the work we do.

I would like to end this report with a thank you to all our members. We are here because of and for all of you. Your support guides us in the work that we do to ensure we continue to enhance your skills as interpreters and raise the profile of our profession.



ASLIA SA Report

Christabel Cresdee

For the 2021 – 2022 year we had a record number of memberships including 35 members and 2 corporate members. We are pleased to have welcomed newly certified interpreters to ASLIA South Australia.

Recruitment on to the committee continues to be a challenge. South Australia is a small state with a small membership base, and the sustainability of our association is always at risk. The committee has met 4 times over the past year, due to the committee consisting of 4 members who each have had an increase of competing personal and professional commitments.

We recognise the importance of continued pursuit of professional development to ensure knowledge and skills remain up to date. Provision of professional development has been an arduous challenge this past year. Unfortunately, our planned opportunities were unable to go ahead for several reasons including presenter change of circumstances and travel implications, or loss of contact due to delays in 2021, and the committees ongoing competing commitments.

A survey was sent to our members in May and saw minimal engagement with 2 responses. We have heavily relied on the professional development opportunities provided by ASLIA National and the other state committees. Where possible we have communicated these opportunities to our members by email and social media.

As we move into a new financial year, we aim to gain insight into what our members want ASLIA SA to provide. We hope that our members attend our upcoming AGM to discuss the future of ASLIA SA.

ASLIA WA Report

Christy Filipich

Auslan: <https://youtu.be/FFYtKJTFLzQ>

Excellence

We have been providing a PD or social event at least once a month for members nationally for the past year, as well as regular opportunities for WA members to get together face to face. Our online events have included regular online forums for certified interpreters to discuss case studies in specific settings; purely social cross border chats to connect with members nationally, and even internationally, as well as other online PD such as tax tips delivered by the Australian Tax Office and quizzes for fun and ethical knowledge. Our face to face events have been social events that include the Deaf community such as bowling and Mexican Fiestas; and PD that has focused on getting back to basics. We have also continued to run NAATI test preparation workshops to prepare candidates by replicating test tasks and giving on the spot feedback.

Collaborative

ASLIA (WA) have continued to work with NAATI WA, holding a position on the WA Regional Advisory Committee, and attending Career Expos alongside NAATI WA staff to increase awareness of Auslan interpreting as a career choice. We have also been working with NAATI WA to translate information sent to Deaf interpreters and stakeholders.

We have been providing regular feedback to the Office of Multicultural Interests on issues such as the impact of Covid-19 on Auslan and Deaf interpreters, supply-demand concerns, market disorder, and interpreter awareness training.

This year saw the review of the Translation and Interpreting qualification training packages, which involved extensive meetings and discussions with T/I industry bodies and training institutions in WA.

Our biggest ongoing partnership and project is with the WA Association of the Deaf (WAAD). As well as including each other in responses to enquiries and submissions, we worked together to put together an inaugural exhibition 'Auslan: Now and Then', which took place at Boola Bardip, the WA Museum, to coincide with National Week of Deaf People in September 2021. We are currently working on the 2022 exhibition which this year has been extended to include visits by school groups. This project has a longer aim of building a repository for WA Deaf history that will be beneficial to the Deaf community, interpreters, and Auslan students.



9 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Auslan: Now and Then

Three days of WA Deaf Community history at
Boola Bardip WA Museum.
Friday 9 September - School visits
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 - Open to general public



f AuslanAtBoolaBardip

Presence

WA committee members are representatives on other ASLIA committees, such as the Interpreting in Educational Settings sub-committee, IT committee and Interpreter Trainer Network. Committee members are also active in the wider interpreting community with involvement on the AUSIT In-Touch magazine editorial committee, and Professionals Australia Translating and Interpreting section WA advisory group.



Members also attended events hosted by AUSIT, Professionals Australia and WAITI.

A Parliamentary Friends of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing group has recently been established and we look forward to working with this group to improve awareness, understanding and opportunities for the Deaf Community and the WA Parliament to work together.

Sustainability

The committee have been meeting by Zoom most months, with an occasional face to face meetings, including our yearly planning weekend get-away. Our financial position is reasonable for a small branch, with a move to online events due to combat increasing venue hire costs.

As a volunteer run committee, we face the same challenges in the sustainability of the association as our fellow state branches, with our work limited by the availability of our committee members. We continue to work on developing a strong governance foundation, as well as policies and procedures, walk-through guides and video tutorials, to support committee members in their roles and reduce the workload on individuals.



ASLIA VIC/TAS Report

Kirri Dangerfield

The effects of the pandemic have lingered, but ASLIA Vic Tas and our members have found resilience with ever changing rules, restrictions, and freedoms. Even though members have been stepping out with trepidation, we are responding to our members' requests and needs by providing our Professional Development with a hybrid style where possible. Refining how we provide relevant PD catering to both on site and online provision to our members is more inclusive to our colleagues across states and countries.

Our committee have adapted well to using the Discord platform as our communication channels, helping us all to connect easily and engage in discussions and planning of upcoming PD, while keeping us all abreast of the latest industry news.

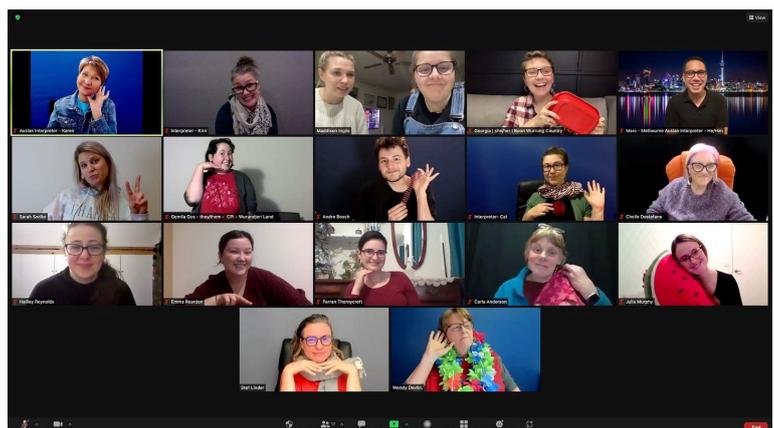
We have continued our relationship with Deaf Victoria and engage in monthly catch ups, as well as a regular industry engagement meet with our local key interpreting agencies, Auslan Services, Expression Australia, and Echo Interpreting. These engagements are a great way to discuss industry issues and wins. It is pleasing to report that the agencies are reporting a greater percentage of interpreter bookings being filled onsite, which is pleasing to see improvements in this area since our incredibly trying time of continual lock downs.

ASLIA Vic Tas continues our collaboration with our key stakeholders. We enjoy ongoing support from JPC who so generously house our documents and belongings, and allow us to use their community space, with flexibility when we have needed to reschedule events. We are also continuing our conversations and support with Tamara Pearce from VDEI and look forward to the future of supporting educational interpreters.

Our NAATI RAC representative Tarcia DeWit keeps us updated with all the latest news from NAATI and is always willing to table our questions and comments at the regular meetings. We appreciate this close relationship and look forward to continuing our contact into the future.

Deafblind Australia, Able Australia, and ASLIA (National and Vic Tas) have regular meetings to discuss community concerns, issues, and training opportunities. We are grateful for this collaboration.

A future affiliation we are currently in discussion with is with Monash University T&I studies. We look forward to working in conjunction to support and promote relevant T&I training and topical short courses to our membership.



Professional development achievements through the year where ASLIA Vic Tas focused on health and wellbeing:

- VRI 201, an online session that discussed all the VRI tech, lighting, seating and much more. A wonderful turn out of participants and many questions answered that helped us be prepared to work on the screens during lockdown.
- Partnered event with Auslan Services, Breaking down the barriers of mental health. Two presentations by Christine Nanson (Beyond Blue) and Kellie Jasper (Psychologist) giving their personal and professional perspectives of living and working with mental health. We also thank Malthouse theatre for giving us a venue space to run this face-to-face event.
- A presentation by Chris Cheers focusing on skills in emotional agility, boundaries and self-care. This session was so well received by members, that due to popular demand, we are having a part two scheduled for mid-October 2022.
- Our first Hybrid PD session was a great success on Healthy eating tips for interpreters on the go, presented by Deaf Chef Ross.
- Deafblind Victoria all day workshop, where we had a fantastic turnout both onsite and online. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen, as we were faced with so many postponements, it was a true miracle we were able to make this happen! We also thank the interpreting team on the day, having 10 interpreters working in one room, is not an easy feat!
- We have also enjoyed more interpreter stories partnering with Auslan Stage Left and are looking forward to the next episode at our AGM on 29 October 2022. More information to come.

At our AGM, Kirri Dangerfield will be formally stepping down but will continue as a support as we bring in a new president of ASLIA Vic Tas. Kirri is honoured to be part of the ASLIA Vic Tas committee over the last two years and wishes the future committee all the best.

We will also farewell Laura Quinnell as secretary, who has been a great asset to the committee and so dedicated to the role, and always making sure communications go out to members with sophisticated flair and excellence. You will be missed on the committee, but ASLIA Vic Tas wish you happiness for your adventures ahead.

It is a great pleasure to work with such a dedicated committee, and we hope that with the strong support of our members, and some new committee members joining the team moving forward, we will continue to flourish and achieve exciting new partnerships and collaborations with stakeholders and key supporters.

ANC 2021



STRENGTH IN ADVERSITY

ASLIA

Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association
NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

Due to take place in Newcastle, NSW 10th – 13th September 2021, the ANC OC showed true “Strength in Adversity” with transitioning to an

ANC ended up being held 100% virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This created extra challenges to find appropriate technology support, which we engaged GEMS to help us provide. With the platform provisions as well as the ANC app, attendees were able to interact throughout the conference with each other online.

Friday night saw the ASLIA AGM, the JW Flynn Oration given by Meredith Bartlett and a Roll the Dice networking event, where groups were randomly generated for speed dating style networking. Saturday had Professor Alys Young present the first of two keynotes for the weekend “Strength in Adversity: Gaze, vision and language” and Sunday saw Dr Robert Adam and Professor Jemina Napier present the second keynote on “The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on deaf signers in the UK: Lessons learned”.

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“Without attention to the structural inequalities of opportunity, resources, power then the uniqueness of Deaf contribution to the 'solutions' will not be realised.”

— Professor Alys Young
Keynote Speaker



“Government prophylactic language use to prevent spread of Covid backfired with deaf BSL users, by becoming a prophylactic in itself - preventing access to public health information content.”

Dr Robert Adam and Professor Jemina Napier
Sunday Morning Keynote

The ANC saw a team of ten interpreters including two Conference Interpreters, three Deaf interpreters and five Auslan-English Interpreters. The team were all very professional and supportive of each other, and we think we all agree they did an amazing job.

The app was quite successful. The app had 269 registered users, engaging with the app over 66,000 times, spending a total of 15,000 minutes in the app, since launching in June 2021. Most people have mobile phones with colleague phone numbers and connections in existing social media platforms allowing them to connect to each other at any time. So, it was interesting to see that app users viewed each other’s profiles 1,100 times, connected 333 times, started 75 conversations, and engaged in 17 video calls since June; and over the Conference weekend, viewed each other’s profiles 554 times, connected 190 times, started 39 conversations, and engaged in 17 video calls. These statistics clearly show ANC delegates needed to feel connected to their colleagues and were able to do so through the event app, despite being physically distanced from each other.

The ANC2021 saw an amazing number of registrations—412 in total including 345 full paid registrations for the entire weekend. Of course, it would not be possible without our amazing sponsors. We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors:

Conference Partner: NAATI

Interpreting: Auslan Services

Keynote presentation 1: Deaf Can: Do

Keynote presentation 2: Deaf Australia

Virtual Platform: Deaf Services, The Deaf Society

Accessibility: Convo Australia

Welcome Reception: Access Plus

Conference App: Auslan Connections

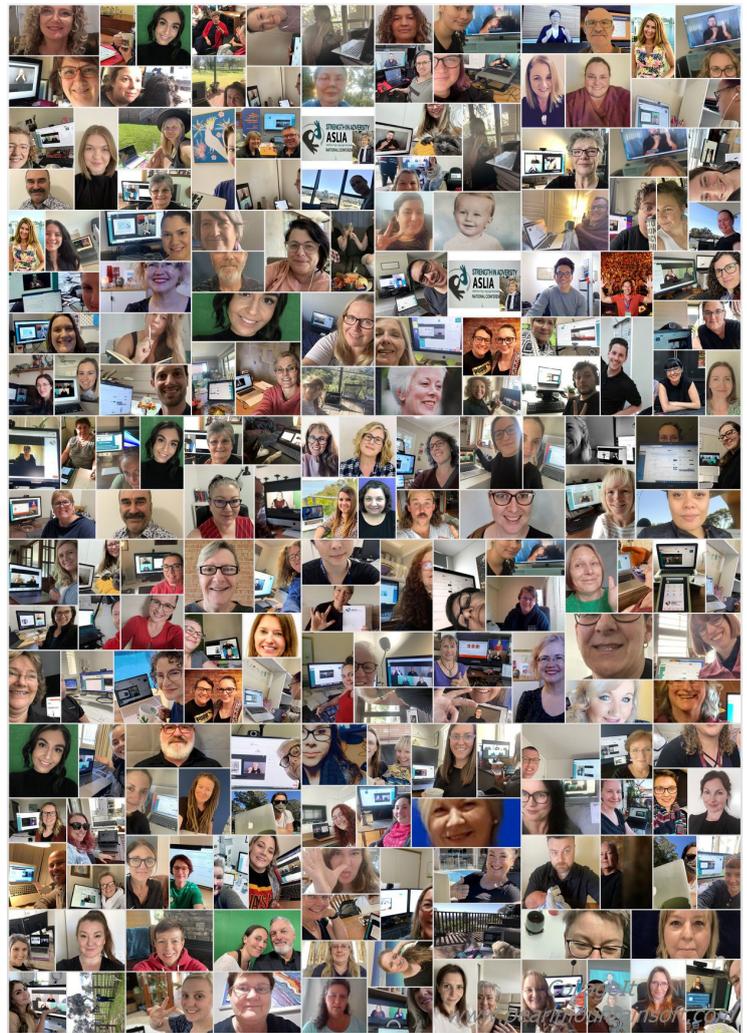
Auslan Translations: Sweeney Interpreting

Entertainment: Vital Interpreting Personnel

Welcome to Country: Deaf Indigenous
Community Consultancy

Session Sponsors: NABS; Translationz, Echo
Interpreting, Communication Extra, Auslan
Challenge, Signpedia, Expression Australia, Sign
Language Australia, Vital Interpreting Personnel,
The Deaf Butterfly Effect, Macquarie University
Department of Linguistics

Supporters: Captioning Concierge, PAH!, @Auslan



With our first virtual conference, feedback provided by sponsors indicated that they were generally happy with their experience sponsoring the ANC2021 conference, and were pleased with the additional promotional opportunities offered through the online conference platform.

All in all, ANC2021 was a success. There is always room for improvement and we captured feedback through a post-conference survey and lessons learnt from the organising committee, all of which has been captured in an ANC2021 report and passed on to the ASLIA Board and the next ANC committee.

Finally, we can't conclude the ANC report without a massive thank you to the ANC organising committee whose herculean effort meant that ANC could go ahead despite the adversities. THANK YOU!

Interpreting in Educational Settings Subcommittee

Katie Eales

The IES is a subcommittee comprised of eleven ASLIA members who represent Tas, Vic, NSW, Qld, SA and WA. We meet virtually once a month offer updates on what it is happening in our respective states, discuss upcoming opportunities, plan PDs and share their experiences in the educational interpreting industry.

Our members have a diverse range of experience and expertise which reflects the diversity of educational interpreters around Australia. All our members have a passion for educational interpreting in all its complexities, while supporting each other as professionals to strive towards best practise for interpreting in education.

During the ASLIA 2021-2022 cycle, our major projects have included increasing educational interpreter engagement, resource working party, forming a partnership with the Victorian Deaf Educational Institute and hosted two successful PDs.

Educational Interpreter Engagement

The IES public Facebook group has been steadily growing in numbers since its inception. We currently have 335 members. Our Facebook group has been successful in its aim to bolster peer interactions and facilitate a safe networking environment. IES members carefully monitor all activity on the page and regularly update members on PD events both nationally and internationally and any news regarding educational interpreting.

Resource Working Party

This initiative is an ongoing project that includes Nat, Roey and two other IES members. The aim is to create a database of educational interpreting resources. We have found that EI resources, though plentiful, are scattered and can be difficult to find. Cultivating resources will help all EIs, those who and recently entered the field and especially those who work with Deaf students with limited experience in deaf education (mainstream school teaching staff and itinerant support staff) who wouldn't know where to look for reliable and correct information.

Partnership with VDEI

The IES has recently welcomed a new member to the subcommittee. Traditionally, our members have represented their state, but our new member will function as a stakeholder for the VDEI. Having a shared aim of improving educational equality and access for D/HoH students by strengthening the knowledge and practice of the professionals and communities means that our partnership is mutually beneficial. It also increases our networking amongst both Deaf lead and educational organisations.

Professional Development

The IES has hosted two successful PDs and has received glowing feedback from the EI community.

Our first PD “IES PD Series” webinar was a presentation from Queensland based Deaf teacher, Cam Miller, who has over 20 years’ experience, educated attendees how we can best provide crucial educational access for Deaf students. We received very positive feedback from our attendees and our PD is still available for purchase and download.

Our second PD “Ask Us Anything” had a panel of six educational interpreters who answer anonymous questions regarding educational interpreting. With over 100 attendees, this PD generated over \$500 for our subcommittee. This PD is also available for purchase and download.

We are currently organising further PDs focusing on social engagement.



Deaf Interpreting Subcommittee

Julia Murphy

The Deaf Interpreting subcommittee has met through the year on a few occasions which has been strongly supported by Robert Adam. We thank Robert for sharing his knowledge and experience with us. We would also like to thank Danni Walker for her work on this subcommittee, and since Danni has stepped down from her role on the ASLIA Board, we are looking for a new enthusiastic person to chair our meetings.

There is a small number of us working together. So, if you are interested in joining us or offering your thoughts over potential future workshops or events, such as professional development or any questions, or want to get in touch with us - in an email or a video message, please do.

One highlight through the year has been having Deaf interpreters on our screens and seeing them in action across the country particularly during the pandemic. Another highlight was seeing Deaf interpreters in action at the ASLIA National Conference (ANC) in September 2021 online. Seeing familiar faces, colleagues, newbies and friends from our community on the screen was truly warming as it was another year of COVID and lockdowns. Well done to all who were involved and the sponsors. Your hard work did not go unnoticed.