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NAFEA NEWS



Upcoming Events

2017 Events have concluded.

2018 Events - TBA

News from our State Chapters

Victorian/Tasmania: The Victorian/Tasmanian Chapter meeting was held on November 20th at Victoria University, Flinders Street, and had 21 members in attendance. During this meeting the Chapter determined meeting dates for 2018, and also elected a new Secretary, Hanna Maxwell (VU). Unfortunately the Chapter did not have any nominations for Meeting Chair for 2018, and nominations are encouraged. Following on from the meeting the Chapter had lunch at Platform 28, where they continued conversations, and built relationships with fellow NAFEA members.

Queensland: The Queensland State Chapter will meet again in 2018. Please keep an eye out for the forthcoming online meeting invitation.

NAFEA Membership

Unlimited Institutional Membership offer access to the NAFEA website; discounted conference registrations; funding for professional development opportunities; bursaries for students to undertake WIL in rural and remote areas and/or indigenous settings; funding opportunities to undertake research or projects that focus on WIL administrative issues.

Full Institutional Membership (limited members) offer access to the NAFEA; discounted conference registrations; funding for professional development opportunities; limited funding to undertake research or projects that focus on WIL administrative issues.

Individual Membership offer access to the NAFEA website that allows members to interact and exchange ideas etc. with other members; discounted conference registrations; funding for professional development opportunities.

Membership Enquiry? Contact treasurer@nafea.org.au or visit <http://nafea.org.au/membership/>

A message from the President



How time flies! Another year is almost done and dusted, with 2018 only around the corner. We're sure that many members are looking forward to a slight reprieve over the holiday season. 2017 has certainly been a hectic year for all. It's been a busy year for NAFEA too with the implementation of several new schemes. Thanks to the sub-committee members (Katherine Theobald, Wendy Harris, Ina Kotze, Clair Richards, Ray Leung, Nathan Turville and Sharon Davis) for their work in providing recommendations for these schemes.

Congratulations to Cheryl Hough from Curtin University on becoming the first recipient of the NAFEA Outstanding Award. Congratulations also to Ondine Bradbury from Monash University and Dr Annie Venville from the Australian Catholic University on receiving funding to undertake a project over the next 12 months. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of the projects at a future NAFEA event. NAFEA also awarded six scholarships to students to assist with the costs of undertaking a rural or remote placement. The six scholarships were awarded to students from the following universities: Australian Catholic University, Griffith University, James Cook University, La Trobe University, Monash University and the University of Southern Queensland.

Thanks also to Michelle Kennedy and Deb Hannemann from the University of South Australia for hosting the 2017 NAFEA Conference and to the many members who were able to attend, making it a great success.

2017 also saw the commencement of the NAFEA Wellness and Wellbeing study. We look forward to hearing more about this in 2018.

On behalf of the NAFEA Executive Management Committee, thank you for your support throughout 2017. A special thanks to the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank for their continued support of NAFEA. Happy holiday season to everyone and we hope everyone gets to enjoy a well-deserved break.



MARGARET McBURNEY
Placements Officer - Medical
Radiation Sciences, QUT

Tell us how you first got involved in with Work Integrated Learning (WIL)? My involvement with WIL started in the mid-1990's when I organised the insurance letters for the clinical sites placing our Medical Radiation Sciences students amid other administration support for the discipline. In 2008, I assumed the role of the Placements Officer when the coordination of clinical placements was transitioned from the academic staff to a newly created "dedicated" Placements Officer for the Medical Radiations Sciences discipline.

What was your first impression of NAFEA? My first impression of NAFEA was that it was a forum for sharing ideas and solutions for the challenges and complexities of placements. The conference at Perth in 2009 was the first NAFEA conference that I attended and it reinforced my understanding that the challenges with placements seemed to be similar across many disciplines.

What do you find most challenging about WIL? Juggling the needs and expectations of all parties involved, the students, the facilities and the university. The increase in student intake numbers

What do you wish other people knew about WIL? It would be appreciated if other people knew how time-consuming the WIL process is negotiating with placement providers and students' requirements. The process looks very simple on the surface but there is a lot of activity behind the scenes.

What has surprised you most about working with Professional Experience Placements / Work Integrated Learning? The increasing variety and extent of students' expectations has surprised me and adds to the increasing demands of WIL tasks.

If you could change one thing about WIL, what would it be? Every aspect of WIL seems to be synonymous with change and a continual process of evolution. If I could change one thing about WIL, it would be the concept that coordinating placements is "simple".

What is the most interesting thing you have encountered since working in WIL? The most interesting thing I have encountered since working in WIL is the diversity of personnel with which I deal, including the academic staff from several Medical Radiation Sciences programs; the clinical supervisors from public and private hospitals, and private facilities; as well as the students.



What might someone be surprised to know about you? People might be surprised to know that I am an identical twin.

How would someone describe you? I would like to think that I would be described as an organised, friendly, empathetic and approachable person.

What do you do when you aren't working? When I am not working, I like to travel and spend time with my family. I am also a choir member and this has proved very beneficial for reducing stress.

What would you say is the biggest achievement of your career to date? The biggest achievement of my career to date is presenting a poster at an international conference in Toronto, Canada in 2012.

Do you have a funny WIL/Professional Experience story/anecdote? On return from their very first clinical placement, our first year diagnostic radiography students submit a reflection on their placement experience. One of the students wrote "You did not say that we would see sick people". We have since modified the pre-clinical session for our first year students to include this statement.



*The Executive Committee
would like to wish all Members
a joyous Festive Season
and a prosperous
New Year.*



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