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Upcoming Events

2018 NAFEA Conference

28 – 30 November 2018
Vibe Savoy Hotel, Melbourne

News from our State Chapters

Victorian/Tasmanian Chapter meeting 9 May 2018

The meeting was attended by 13 members from 4 universities. Our guest speaker was Matthew Fong who presented a wonderful reflection of his experiences of placement during his Master of Speech Pathology (Melbourne Uni). Matthew spoke highly of the work of placement officers and assured members that the experiences he had gained as a result of his placements greatly contributed to his current employment and the way he works daily. It was very reaffirming for those attending to hear of his experiences.

Two interesting issues were raised. The LaTrobe University representatives talked about concerns over data retention, how long it should be saved and problems of potential hacking when it is stored in the Cloud by the university itself, as well as outside vendors (e.g. Quantum) and the agencies used for student placements. This could be a topic for our November conference.

The other issue was about Early Childhood settings policy of 'no jab, no play'. Do universities need to ensure that pre-service teachers are immunised to prevent the transmission of diseases in these centers? This raises considerable administration issues for placement offices.

Queensland Chapter

Next Meeting TBA

A message from the President



Many of our members will be aware that the 2018 NAFEA Conference has been set for November 28-30. NAFEA is delighted to announce that the Conference will be held in Melbourne at the Vibe Savoy Hotel. Registration is now open.

And of course, NAFEA financial members receive a discount on the Conference fee. Details can be found on the NAFEA website.

Members are also encouraged to present at the Conference in a workshop, break-out group or paper presentation. To encourage members to get involved, funding has been made available for members who present at the Conference. Applications for the Professional Development Program are currently open and close on the 3 August. The deadline for abstract submissions has also been extended to the 3 August so don't be shy and submit now!

The NAFEA Strategic Sub-Committee has also been busy this year with the continuation of the Student Scholarship Program, Project Grant Program and the Professional Development Program. The programs have continued to be well-received by students and staff. The scholarship program ran for a second time in the first half of the year. 20 students have been made scholarship offers to undertake a placement in a rural area. This is a dramatic increase from the 6 offers in 2017. NAFEA is determined to increase the program in future rounds so that more and more students are able to access funding to undertake placements in rural settings, where costs of placements are often a deterrent. In fact, \$43,000 has been allocated to Student Scholarships in 2018, which is a significant proportion of the NAFEA budget.

